



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2024

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson

Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Ms. Stacy Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau (via Zoom)

Mr. Jeremy Tanz, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)

Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration - MO Division (via Zoom)

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering (via Zoom)

Call to Order

Chairman Tanz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves and Mr. McElroy introduced those participating via zoom.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the January 17, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Roach seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 20, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Roach seconded by Ms. Kinder.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Tanz had no communication at this time.

Public Comments

Chairman Tanz asked if there were any comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

New/Unfinished Business

- **SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted that at the Safety Oversight Committee (SOC) meeting, the team determined that there will be two open houses. One will be held on January 24, 2024 in the North Meeting Room at the Jackson Civic Center from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The second one will be held the following day on January 25, 2024 at the Shawnee Community Center from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The public survey and mapping tool were also discussed at the SOC. The consultant team is now refining the High Injury Network map. The consultant team is now scheduling stakeholder group interviews including schools, bicycle/pedestrian, human services, and public safety.
- **SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study** – Mr. McElroy stated that at the previous SEMPO Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved Mr. McElroy to enter into negotiations with the consultant, Planning Design Studios. He is working with the consultant to finalize the scope of work and hopes to finalize the contract this week.
- **Intersection Studies** – Mr. McElroy stated that two stakeholder meetings have occurred for the CR 621/Perryville Road Intersection and Rte D Corridor Studies. In addition, site visits and level of service analysis has been completed. An Open House is scheduled at the Jackson Middle School on February 6, 2024 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. There will be three different stations at the Open House that will include public comment forms. A short presentation will be given and a video will be playing as well. This effort is in anticipation for any future grant opportunities. The final reports for the CR 621/Perryville Road intersection should be completed in April or May. The Rte D corridor report may be completed in March.
- **GIS Audit** – Mr. McElroy reported that the SEMO RPC is incorporating Cape Girardeau and Jackson's existing land use maps on to SEMPO's website.
- **TIP Tool Selection** – Mr. McElroy stated that the committee made a recommendation to use EcoInteractive as the preferred TIP Tool. EcoInteractive's references were positive and the company was highly recommended. He will ask them to send a contract to review. He hopes to receive that in the next month.
- **Origin & Destination Analytical Tool** – Mr. McElroy reported that he watched a demo from Replica prior to this meeting. Replica uses transportation data and has some economic development tools. He will watch a Placer Ai demo later today. He stated that it seems to be more geared to economic development along with origin and destination. Mr. McElroy is working with the Cape Chamber, SEMO REDI, and CVB to see if there are any synergies and the potential of collaborations on an investment in a tool.

Member Reports

City of Jackson – Mr. Roach reported that the crews have been busy with pre-treatment efforts during the recent weather events.

Cape – Ms. Kinder reported on last year's activities. West End Blvd project completed, Sprigg St. between MO74 and Southern Expressway is in design and ready to be bid out, Sprigg St. between William and Broadway has been completed, College St. improvements have been completed, design

of Maria Louis Dr/Kiwanis Dr has been completed and construction is well underway, many stormwater improvements have been completed, and Lexington Ave construction is under contract.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated that he will talk with Alex later to discuss the budget template.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reported on a tentative LPA opportunity schedule for the year. The call for TAP projects will likely be in early March. It would be advantageous if the projects are thoroughly vetted with the community and for constructability and ROW needs. TEAP will likely open in early August. BRO and BFP cycle will likely open in early October. The utility work on US 61 is moving along. Next month, MoDOT will hold a public meeting for the Rte K and MO 25 intersection. More information will be forthcoming. Mr. Crocker is on a statewide committee for the April eclipse. The committee is discussing potential traffic issues because of visitors coming to the area to view the eclipse. Mr. Killian met with City of Cape Girardeau about urban boundaries that were not approved. He still needs to meet with Mr. Bollinger about these. MoDOT staff is estimating projects for the upcoming new STIP in early May. Mr. Killian was not certain if the TAP is a two-year program. He stated that MoDOT is anticipating more funding to be available for TAP. Ms. Kinder asked if MoDOT could pick up the garbage along I-55. Mr. Killian explained that MoDOT uses the incarcerated crews out of Charleston. They likely are not working this time of the year but Mr. Killian will bring this to Mr. Crocker's attention. Mr. Killian also mentioned that there is usually a volunteer program who pick up trash in the spring. Ms. Kinder thanked MoDOT on the coordination of the beautification of the Lexington/Rte W roundabout.

FHWA - Ms. Cochran reported that her team will review functional classifications changes.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy stated that at next month's meeting we will talk about FY25 projects and needs.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:21 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Ms. Kinder.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green