



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2024

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO RPC
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel RPC (via Zoom)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Ms. Mandi Brink, SEMO Port
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Mo Division (via Zoom)
Mr. Jake Garrard, City of Cape Girardeau (via Zoom)
Mr. Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – ILL Division (Via Zoom)
Mr. Jason Williams, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Others Present: None

Mr. Scott Meyer, Lochmueller Group

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Mr. Shrimplin filled in as chair in the absence of chair and vice-chair, calling the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

Each person introduced themselves and their organization and Mr. McElroy identified those participating by Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the agenda of the December 6, 2023, meeting was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

There were no official minutes of the December 6, 2023, Technical Planning Committee Meeting as there was no quorum at this meeting. Notes were reviewed by the committee.

Communications from the Vice Chairman

Mr. Shrimplin stated that Kelley Watson is no longer with the CTA. He noted she was serving as chair of this committee so a new chair will need to be chosen at some point.

Public Comments

Mr. Shrimplin 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 Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted that tomorrow the second safety oversight committee meeting will be held. He said two open houses are scheduled, Wednesday, January 24 at the Jackson Civic Center, and Thursday, January 25 at the Shawnee Community Center in Cape. Both open houses are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. He noted that the consultants are currently working on scheduling stakeholder interviews.
- **SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study Discussion** - Mr. McElroy reported that at its last meeting, the Board authorized SEMPO to enter into an agreement with Planning Design Studios. He noted he would engage them this week to start that process.
- **Intersection Studies Discussion** - Mr. McElroy noted that initial work is completed on this project. He said they had stakeholder meetings and onsite visits for both intersections. He said the consultants came back for a second on site on the Rt D corridor to make sure they got the bus traffic and pedestrian behaviors. He went on to say it will be April or May for final reports.
- **GIS Audit Discussion**– Mr. McElroy noted the new maps are on the SEMPO website and anyone can contact him if there are additional map ideas.
- **TIP Tool Selection Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted that the RFP was submitted, and two proposals were received. The subcommittee chose Eko Interactive as the preferred option, and he said he would be working to negotiate a contract with them.
- **Origin & Destination Analytical Tool Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted he will have more next month as he is still coordinating with the Chamber and SEMO REDI.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Garrard reported first on TTF5 projects, noting that West End Blvd. is substantially complete. He said they are finalizing the contract documents for Main Street, and it will go out for bid in the first or second quarter of 2024. Negotiations are still under way for the Independence project with a timeline to either finalize acquisitions or to reallocate the money. Mr. Garrard then reported on the TTF 6 projects, noting that in house design is under way for the Sprigg St. project, and it will go out to bid in the next few months. He said that once Sprigg design is complete, they will begin design for Bertling with a 2025 letting schedule. He said that both

Lexington projects will go to the council next Monday for award to Nip Kelly Equipment. There will be an 18-month construction schedule. He said that Veteran's Memorial Dr VI is still in final engineering. He went on to say that the 2022 CIST project is complete, and the 2023 concrete street repair is under way by Lappe Cement. He said the 2023 asphalt overlay project is on hold for the winter. He noted that the concrete street and asphalt overlay 2024 will go out to bid in early Spring. He reported on the grant projects, noting that that Kingshighway crosswalk is complete, and they are working on final design for the cost share at Minnesota. He said the preliminary design is under way for the Cape Rock sidewalk projects. He said the new Cape LaCroix Trail TAP project is getting underway.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported they are still working on plans for the East Main Street sidewalk TAP project. He said the BRO Sunset Dr Bridge replacement project is moving slow as they have to wait for the Hwy 61 project to be completed to start. He noted the Hwy 61 project continues with utility relocation and weekly progress meetings. He went on to report that the street department is starting to draw the maps and prepare in-house documents for the 2024 asphalt overlay and the concrete repair programs. He added that they are reviewing preliminary plans for the MoDOT cost share roundabout project at Deerwood Dr. He said that Strickland is finishing plans for the East Jackson Blvd lighting project and the city is working on permits and a municipal agreement with MoDOT. He said they are working on a new intersection study at S. Georgia St and East Elm to see if there are traffic control or engineering changes that need to be made to reduce accidents. Additional traffic on Georgia has increased accidents at this intersection.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported they are opening bids on their 2024 asphalt overlay project on February 13.

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported the Loop Track terminal project is at a standstill. She said the earthwork is completed and River Road is completed. She said they are going to fill in two gaps between the tracks and will be building an additional 500 ft on the crane track. She noted the National Guard will be coming in March to move 30 to 40 cars. She said the last component was a material handling portion which came in way over bid, so they have decided to build additional track instead. Final numbers are being reviewed to see if this would be within budget and timeframe. She said they also have a MoDOT grant to build a track. She noted that they are also allotted additional dollars through MoDOT next fiscal year which will also be used to build additional track. She noted that they have potential businesses wanting additional track.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian had nothing to report.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry noted that things are going well for them.

MoDOT –Mr. Williams reported that bids for the Rt. 25 and roundabout at Gordonville look good and commission will decide soon. He said that Gov. Parson appointed two new commissioners to the Commission, Daniel Hegeman from St. Joe, and Mayor Francis Slay from St. Louis. He said that a survey at Center Junction is scheduled and should be done by end of month. He added they are working on contractual issues to be ironed out and start transferring the road and disposing of excess right away.

Mr. Killian is meeting with Mr. Shrimplin on urban boundaries and needs to meet with Jackson about changes in original submission of new urban areas. He said it is STIP season and they are working on updating estimates. He added there is a planning partner meeting on February 29 in Jefferson City.

Mr. Brandon noted they had a big January letting with \$28 million worth of work on 32 projects. He noted they should get their STIP targets tomorrow. He said they are still feeling the impact of inflation.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell noted he will try to set up a meeting with Mr. McElroy to work on the budget template in preparation for agreement.

FHWA MO Division – Ms. Cochran, nothing to report but something coming soon.

Betsy Tracy – nothing additional to report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had nothing to report.

Other Business and Communications

Adjournment Motion

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills