



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2024
Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Ms. Mandi Brink, Semo Port
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO RPC
Mr. Jay Knudtson, Cape Girardeau County
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit (CTA)

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

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Jake Garrard, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mike Henderson Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – III Division (via Zoom)
Mr. Dan Weitkamp, Federal Administration – MO Division (via Zoom)

Others Present:

None

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Interim Chair Mr. Christian called the meeting to order at 11:01 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 May 1, 2024, meeting was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bollinger, the minutes of the March 6, 2024, and notes from the April 3, 2024, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved.

Communications from the Vice Chairman

Mr. Christian stated he had no communications at this time.

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

- **Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2025** - Mr. McElroy clarified that this is a one-year term, and the chair runs concurrent with the fiscal year, so it begins July 1. The responsibilities are to go through the agenda and in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair goes through the agenda. He also noted that the rotating terms switch this year with the Special Road District taking the Board position over from Cape County and SEMO taking the position from Cape County Transit. Upon a motion by Mr. Knudtson and seconded by Ms. Smith, Mr. Ryan Shrimplin's nomination for chair and Mr. Drew Christian's nomination for Vice Chair were unanimously approved.

- **2024 MoDOT Unfunded Needs List** - Mr. McElroy referred to a handout in the packet. He explained that the unfunded needs list is a prioritized list of needs with no funding but identified as a need should funds become available. He referred to the road and bridge section noting that this was the list carried over from last year. He noted now is an opportunity to review, add projects, remove projects, and re-rank Tier 1, 2, and 3. He said that MoDOT wants a final list by the end of the month so as a result, the committee needs to make a recommendation to the board based on this list. He clarified that Tier 1 are projects that have had some scoping with a defined solution and could be accomplished in a 5-year time frame. These are close to ready to move forward should funds become available. He reviewed the projects under Tier 1 on the list. This includes US 61 and Shawnee intersection improvements, and MO 25 additional shoulder work. He went on to review the Tier 2 I55 and Exit 93 interchange and Tier 3 I55 additional lanes 3 phased projects. Mr. McElroy noted that he has had a number of inquiries about the width of the Bloomfield Road bridge over I55 and the need for better pedestrian access. Mr. Brandon noted that inflation will negatively impact the estimates on these projects. Mr. McElroy explained that the Tier 2 projects are 5-10 years out with little scoping and not fully developed. He said Tier 3 projects are further out than 10 years with no defined solution requiring more work to finalize. He noted that the list is used as a communication tool with legislators to show that even though there has been a lot of dollars dedicated to transportation, there are more needs that are not yet funded. And if unexpected funds become available, there is a prioritized list to draw from. Mr. Crocker added that the list also assists in supporting cost share project requests, although those projects are not required to be on the list. Mr. Brandon clarified the history of the list, noting that originally there was more money to take projects off the list and that it also has to do with how the money is distributed and what will fit within the budget. Mr. Knudtson asked, and Mr. Brandon noted that the projects on the list come directly from this process with SEMPO although MoDOT may rearrange the order based on safety needs, etc. It was noted that there are a few projects

on the list that should be taken off as they are being done or in the STIP. After discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Knudtson, seconded by Mr. Christian, the committee unanimously agreed to moving the Bloomfield bridge project up to Tier 2 and recommending to the Board adoption of the list with the necessary changes. Mr. McElroy noted he would work with Mr. Brandon if some edits were needed.

Mr. McElroy opened the multimodal list discussion, noting that many of the projects were developed by the airport and port and the projects with budgetary numbers have been ranked for MoDOT. Mr. Bollinger noted that three of the projects in Jackson can be removed from the list. Mr. Crocker noted that because the volume percentage of roadway user fatalities is up, MoDOT is proactively working to incorporate projects that would help reduce that number statewide. Mr. Crocker noted that the Safety Action Plan might identify some projects that should be prioritized. Mr. McElroy noted that with the conclusion of the Trails and Safety Action Plan there will be more projects for discussion and that he would work with the airport and port to finalize those sections. Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Ms. Brink, the multimodal section was approved for submission to the Board.

- **SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study Discussion** - Mr. McElroy noted that he provided a handout from the kickoff meeting held last month that gives an overview of how the consultants are approaching the project. He said it is broken into five tasks with task one being the kickoff meeting and site visit. He said they are now in the discovery phase which will go on until the end of June. They are looking at existing conditions, developing a vision and goals and an online survey. After this, they will move into Phase 3, the routing analysis where they will identify 3 alignment options and an evaluation metric with steering committee meetings and a public meeting. This will run through July and August. He said in task 4 they will develop recommendations and an implementation plan with another public meeting. Task 5 will provide a draft and final report with comments and a final public meeting before final approval. He said that phase will run from December through February.
- **SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Discussion** – Mr. McElroy said the Oversight Committee meetings were held on March 7 and April 11 and just cancelled the meeting scheduled for tomorrow. He noted the consultants are actively working on developing an administrative draft for review by the end of July. This would give time for comments and to schedule a third community open house in October. He said that per the grant agreement, the plan has to be completed by the end of this year and formally adopted by the end of January 2025, and issue final report to Federal Highway by March 2025.
- **Intersection Studies Discussion** – Mr. McElroy said the Board accepted the Rte D study and he anticipates a final report for 621 and Perryville Road this month.
- **TIP Tool Selection Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted this is still in the implementation phase with Eko, but he said that the more he sees of the tool capabilities, the more he is impressed and looking forward to going live. He said he would share the link once it goes live.
- **Origin & Destination Analytical Tool** – Mr. McElroy said he has no update, but he is working on a demo for TPC and Board.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Garrard reported there are no changes on TTF5. He said that on TTF6, Lexington is underway, and they are working between Sprigg and Old Sprigg and noted that part of Lexington is shut down. He said it is an 18-month project, but they are moving forward at a good pace, so he does not anticipate it taking that long. He said on maintenance projects, they still have Clark underway and Perryville from Cape Rock north to do this year. He noted that the 2023 asphalt overlay is completed and they are closing it out and the 2024 asphalt overlay has been awarded to Lappe Cement and deadline for construction is late October. Mr. Garrard noted they are still working to get the concrete street repair project out. He noted that they are toward the end of the signal testing on Kingshighway, and the punch list is complete. He noted that the 74 / Minnesota cost share project will be going to council for award on the 6th with Fronabarger as low bidder. He said they are still working on design on Cape Rock drive sidewalks and later today they have a meeting on the Cape LaCroix trail project.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported they put in two applications to MoDOT last month with one being a TAP crosswalk and a governor's cost share program application for the lighting project between Center Junction and Wal Mart. He said Bacon Farmer Workman are finalizing the plans for the East Main Street sidewalk project and the archeological tests were done. Mr. Bollinger said right of way acquisition by MoDOT will begin soon on the Hwy 61/Deerwood roundabout project as the ROW has been prepared and they are awaiting A-Date from Central office. He went on to say that the initial concept design for the Central Signage Landscaping is being developed in house and Monday they will award the annual concrete pavement program to Putz Construction. He said staff is preparing documents for the annual asphalt program and the street department is now mowing right of ways, municipal lots, bridges, and doing street painting operations.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Jay Knudtson noted that they have received bids on the Cty Rd 516 project with eight contractors bidding.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted they had a bid opening for their bridge replacement project for the year. The project is at the intersection of Cty Rd 643 (Cape Rock Drive) and Cty Rd 645. The low bidder was C-Hill Civil Contractors out of Illinois. Mr. Phillips went on to say construction should start in June with completion by August 31.

CTA – Ms. Smith reported they were awarded the Thriving Communities Grant in conjunction with the City of Cape and United Way.

Semo Port - Ms. Brink reported they are still on hold. She said they are in the process of finalizing spending for FY 24 MoDOT funds to purchase ties for tracks 1 and 2 of the loops. She noted they had just started advertising with bids due on the 21st at 11 a.m.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian reported they are working on TIP updates received from MoDOT. He also said the RPC has the next Comprehensive Economic Development meeting today immediately after this meeting.

MoDOT – Mr. Crocker reported on the Rte 61 project through Jackson. He went on to report that the Rte 25/K roundabout work is ongoing with signals installed. He said they are working on replacing the pavement on 25 north to eastbound Rt K and will reconfigure the intersection. He said they held a public meeting that was well attended on the Rt K corridor improvements just west of Notre Dame. The project includes an additional center turn lane into town and five right turn lanes and intersection improvements at Rt K and Notre Dame. There were multiple options

presented and mixed opinions about whether a roundabout or a signal would be best. He said they will consider all comments before making a decision but hope to start ROW acquisition this fall. Mr. Crocker said they had the TAP call and applications were turned in this past week, receiving 18 applications with a total request two million over budget. Mr. Crocker said they are seeking members to be on the TAP committee and the members need to be identified asap.

Mr. Brandon said the Commission approved projects today including bridge on Indian Creek. He said he will be working to update the estimates and will get them back out for discussion by May 17 with recommendations due in the Central office by the end of May. He said the STIP was approved today by the Commission and draft will be sent out soon. Mr. Crocker noted that Rte 74/Minnesota Ave was also approved as part of the commission meeting today.

FHWA IL Division – Ms. Tracy had nothing 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 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills