



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

August 7, 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 Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Jay Knudtson, County of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit (CTA)

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

Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Jake Garrard, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – III Division (via Zoom)
Ms. Melissa Rose, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Others Present:

Mr. Scott Emmelkamp, Planning Design Studio
Mr. Jonathan Corbett, Planning Design Studio
Mr. Kevin Neill, Lochmueller Group

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Shrimplin called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. without a quorum.

Introductions

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

Adoption of Agenda

With no quorum the agenda was not adopted.

Approval of Minutes

No quorum at the previous meeting so instead of minutes, meeting notes were presented.

Communications from the Chairman

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

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

- **SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study** - Mr. Emmelkamp noted that there is an open house tonight in Cape at the Osage Center and tomorrow night at the Jackson Civic Center. He ran through the logistics of the open house. He asked Mr. McElroy to give an overview of SEMPO at the meeting to be followed by the study overview, data summary and alignment analysis. There will be a live polling feature to make it interactive and time for discussion and questions. The attendees will be able to vote for their preferred alignment option. They have some display boards to assist with explanations. He anticipates the presentation to take 30 to 40 minutes. He said the online survey is still live with 176 respondents so far. They will be reminding people to take the survey, and he encouraged everyone to still promote the survey. It will stay open for another two weeks or so. Mr. Crocker noted some plans for sidewalks on the routes.
- **2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan Amendment No 4** – Mr. Shrimplin noted that there would be no formal action on the TIP Amendment, but he still wanted to review it. McElroy noted that following the TPC meeting the Amendment would be released for public comment and then he said he would ask the board for approval. He went on to review the amendment, noting it had 32 projects due to the transition of the TIP software. He said there were two projects within the city of Jackson and Cape for the two TAP grants the cities received. He said there are also five new projects added for MoDOT and 25 that require fiscal adjustments. Mr. McElroy noted there was a handout delineating each project and the changes. Mr. Shrimplin noted there were no comments from the committee, and it would go on to the Board for approval.
- **SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Discussion** – Mr. McElroy stated there was a progress report included with the agenda packet. He said the August 1 oversight committee meeting was cancelled as the safety toolkit was being finalized. He said consultants are working on the draft plan. He noted a copy of the draft safety toolkit was included with the agenda packet and sent to the committee. He noted that consultants asked that comments be submitted by next Friday, August 16. He asked that the committee review the draft and forward comments to him and that he would forward to the consultants. He said the next meeting is September 5 where there will be an update on the draft plan and a discussion regarding the open house in October. He said the draft plan should be complete by the end of September, with an open house in October, and one of the final products delivered will be the interactive story map to be integrated in the website detailing our crash and serious injury incidents. He said that according to the grant agreement, the plan should be completed by the end of this year with Board approval by the end of January 2025 and final report issued to Federal Highway by March 2025.

- **Intersection Studies Discussion** – Mr. McElroy reported a formal presentation is being planned for the 621/Perryville Road intersection study final report. He said this will be at the August 21 Board meeting. He asked for people to submit contact information of additional people who should be included or to invite them to the meeting as it is an open meeting, and anyone can attend. He said that will wrap up the study.
- **TIP Tool Selection Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted that the TIP tool is close to going live and should be up and live within a few months. Mr. Killian noted that the geospatial files he had received needed some editing and he would forward as soon as he could make the needed edits so it can be incorporated.
- **Origin & Destination Analytical Tool** – Mr. McElroy said he had planned to schedule a demonstration for the TPC and Board in August to see the functionality of the Placer AI software. However, it will be September or October as the SEMPO representative at Placer AI is no longer with the company and they need to make arrangements with the new representative.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Garrard reported on TTF projects noting that the preliminary plans are done and reviewed for the South Sprigg project and should be ready to bid out in the next few months with construction start by the end of the year. He noted they will begin on Bertling after the design of Sprigg is complete. He said Lexington is under way with the concrete work between Sprigg and Old Sprigg complete. He said they are currently working at the intersection of Big Bend and Lexington. He noted that regarding maintenance projects, they are working on the punch list for concrete 2023 and will get it closed out soon. He said the 2023 asphalt overlay work is being closed out. He said the concrete street 2024 will go to council on August 19 with Fronabarger as low bidder. He noted that work will be on Cape Rock between Kingshighway and Perryville and then Perryville from Lexington to Sherwood. He said the asphalt 2024 is underway with Lappe Cement working in the Southeast corner of Cape by the River Campus. Public works is working on CIST 2024-25 project at River and Forrest St. He said that not much has changed on the grant projects. He said Fronabarger is working on Minnesota/74 and trying to close out Kingshighway crosswalk projects. He said Cape LaCroix trail TAP project is in preliminary design still, working through flood plane and acquisition. Mr. Shrimplin noted that the City of Cape kicked off the TTF 7 committee last month. He said the goal for the committee is to get a recommended list by November so the council can have a vote ready in April. He said this is a very public heavy process.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported on MoDOT grant projects, noting that a contract with MoDOT has been signed on the Jackson Middle School crosswalk project and on East Main Street sidewalk improvement project the city is still waiting on environmental clearance before pursuing easement acquisition. He said that the roundabout project at North High and Deerwood, the MoDOT cost share project, staff is waiting on results of right of way negotiations by MoDOT. He said they are coordinating signage in the uptown area to make pedestrians safer. He noted they are also working with the Uptown Jackson Revitalization Organization in uptown on installing wayfinding signage. He noted there will be a lot of signage improvements in the uptown area. He said that the concrete program for the year is complete, and the staff is working on preparing the asphalt bid documents, but waiting on final design to incorporate an overlay in the Jackson soccer park off Rt D. He said it should be out to bid soon. He said they are also waiting on a bridge design on the sunset hills bridge. He noted that next Monday, the 12th, the Hwy 61 entrance to the pool

will be closed as part of the Hwy 61 project. He went on to announce that Matt Winters from Poplar Bluff has been hired as the new city administrator for Jackson, replacing retiring Jim Roach.

Cape County – Mr. Knudtson noted the commissioners were moving forward with connecting the Walden Park trail head with Meliana’s playground on the other side, just short of the interstate.

CTA – Ms. Smith noted that they had the kickoff meeting for the Thriving communities grant. She said they were one of 20 awardees and will be making a trip to Washington DC. This was a partnership between the CTA, City of Cape, and United Way.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian had nothing additional to report.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian noted the Hwy Commission approved the 25-29 STIP on July 10. He had a copy for review and noted it was available on MoDOT.org with an interactive piece. He said they just finished the pavement ratings and are starting work on the asset management plan. He said they had their high priority unfunded needs meeting last month. He said the Highway Commission met this morning at Poplar Bluff.

Ms. Rose reported that the TEAP call for projects opened on August 1 and applications are due September 13. She said there is \$120,000 available statewide so not many projects will be awarded. This is an 80/20 grant. She said the BRO call starts October 1st and goes through November 12.

Mr. Crocker gave an update on the Hwy 61 project. He said the widening and entrance work has been completed on the Rt K roundabout project. He said the Rt W paving project is anticipated to start later this month from 177 to the Lexington roundabout. He gave a brief update on the Chester bridge project as the water has receded and they have begun work again. He said there is a possible public meeting on August 27 for Exit 93 to discuss the existing project in the STIP, including reconfiguration of the intersection at Silver Springs with a dual lane roundabout as well as rehab on the fly over bridge and rehabbing the northbound bridge over the railroad tracks and 74. He said this existing project can all be incorporated in any future phases as previously discussed. He noted that the MINK conference is coming up in September in St. Joseph with registration open until August 23rd for their 2024 Highway Traffic and Safety conference. Mr. Knutson noted that he had a business interested in participating in improving landscaping on the Lexington roundabout. Mr. Garrard said he would forward contact information.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had nothing to report. He was interested to know if the TIP was in MoDOT’s TIP. Mr. Killian noted it was incorporated by reference, except in a few cases that were cost share projects.

FHWA IL Division – Ms. Tracy had nothing to report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy noted he started work on the RFP for the MTP and needs a subcommittee to develop, review, and rank the proposals. He asked for three or four volunteers. He will have a draft soon.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communication.

Adjournment Motion

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills