



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

September 4, 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. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

### 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) via zoom

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

Mr. Jake Garrard, City of Cape Girardeau

Mr. Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) via zoom

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

### 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

Chair Mr. Shrimplin called the meeting to order at 11:02 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

With no quorum at the last meeting, notes were presented for review but there were no minutes approved.

### 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. McElroy reminded the committee of the two open houses on August 7 and 8 at the Osage Center and Jackson Civic Center. He went on to say the survey closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> with 218 responses. He said the consultants are working on aggregating and summarizing the survey and transitioning into stage 4 of the plan development which is developing recommendations and an implementation plan. He said consultants are currently working on a third route option and fine tuning the other two routes.
- **SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Discussion** – Mr. McElroy said the next oversight committee meeting is tomorrow at 2:00 pm. He noted the Safety Tool Kit has been finalized. He said the consultants are working on the GIS story map and completing the draft for review. He said that at tomorrow's meeting they will discuss logistics for the Open House in October.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted that he has a draft of an RFP and would like to form a small subcommittee to help with the solicitation. He said the committee would review the RFP draft and make comments. He would like to get the RFP out in the next month so the project can get started in November. He asked for volunteers and Mr. Bollinger and Mr. Christian volunteered. He noted that as a reminder, our current plan expires April 2026 so there is still time left for the update work. He noted that we were short on time with the last update and didn't want that to happen again. Mr. Caldwell commented that they are finding consultants are busy right now, so it is good to give as much time as possible.
- **Origin & Destination Analytical Tool** – Mr. McElroy noted that the only item left for this is a demonstration and he is looking at October for that. He noted that people can make requests to the RPC if there are any studies needed as the software can be used now.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Garrard reported that under TTF5, Main Street is still outstanding but should be under construction or at least out to bid by the end of the year. He said plans are under way for the reallocated money from Independence to North Sprigg and should be out to bid by end of the year as well. He said they are doing in house design with final plans underway on South Sprigg with a public meeting next Wednesday from 4-6 at Shawnee. He anticipates mostly residents along the project to be in attendance. He said Bertling will start after Sprigg is designed and Lexington is still under way with Nip Kelly working on the intersection at Lexington and Old Sprigg. He said everything from Sprigg to 177 is complete. He said they are still working on final plans for Veterans Memorial Drive Phase 6. As for maintenance projects, he said work is substantially complete for concrete 2023 and they are working with Fronabarger who got the contract for concrete 2024. He said the 2024 asphalt overlay project is ongoing and the CIST 2024 – 2025 is under way with Nip Kelly working on it. He said Fronabarger is working on the Rt

74/Minnesota cost share project and they have some traffic control out. He said the Cape Rock TAP project has design underway and they are getting ready for acquisition. Cape LaCroix TAP design is underway.

Mr. Shrimplin added that there were two open houses for TTF 7, along with an online survey. He said they have received quite a bit of input which will be shared with the committee and then projects will be selected for scoring which will determine the projects to share in open houses in October and then a final list will be developed. Mr. Shrimplin noted that there was a heavy response from the public.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the city is pursuing a contract with an engineering firm to complete the design on the TAP grant middle school cross walk project. He said MoDOT has made a determination on the DBE percentage and that agreement states that construction must be awarded by June 1, 2026. Mr. Bollinger noted that the city has a new part-time public works technical assistant. He said he is a senior construction management major at SEMO and is working with public works and engineering on the MS4 program for stormwater and is assisting with construction inspection on new subdivisions. The asphalt pavement improvement program has gone out to bid and is due next week. He said they are waiting for the consulting engineer's submission of plans and specifications for the Sunset Dr bridge replacement project. He went on to say that public works is working with the city of Springfield and MoDOT on the process of implementing a safer cross pedestrian safety program in Jackson. He said right of way acquisition for the roundabout at 61 and Deerwood continues. He said MoDOT's Hwy 61 bridge and roadway project is on schedule and the park entrance is still closed. Mr. Bollinger noted they opened bids for Jackson north industrial park improvement project under the CDBG program and it was awarded to Fronabarger. He said that Bacon Farmer Workman is still waiting on environmental clearances required by the MoDOT TAP grant for the East Main Street sidewalk project and once received the right of way can be pursued by the city. He said they extended the date to be under contract on the project. He said they are still waiting on a final decision on the East Jackson roadway lighting project from MoDOT which might be answered through the Governor's cost share. Mr. Bollinger noted that Jim Roach attended his last board of alderman meeting and will be with the city until September 20. He said on September 23, Matt Winters will take the City Administrator's position.

SEMO PORT – Ms. Brink has left, and Mr. Harbison will be the new representative.

Airport – Ms. Amos has left, and JoJo Stewart will be taking her place.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian noted that he has a transportation planners coordinators meeting tomorrow in Jefferson City.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian noted the director resigned effective September 17 and Chief Engineer Ed Hassinger is the interim director. He noted that the Commission will start a nationwide search for a new director and would like one in place by the end of the year. Mr. Killian went on to say the District Design engineer has retired and Tim Pickett will take his place, which will open a project manager position. He said the TEAP application cycle is open through September 13. Mr. Killian noted that the Hwy 25 and Rt. K project has a traffic camera to see real time progress. He asked if the TIP process platform can move forward to be used in a query process.

Mr. Crocker gave an update on the LPA taking applications for advisory positions. He said they need to fill five positions to be on the LPA advisory committee. Applications are due October 4. He said these are three-year terms and they meet quarterly. He said Rt K is anticipated to be

finished the end of October and the Rt. W contractor should be paving with work completed at night on the roundabout. Mr. Crocker noted that the Rt 61 project in Jackson is getting ready for a deck pour the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September and the project should be completed by November 1.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had nothing additional.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communication.

Adjournment Motion

Adjournment at 11:42 with no motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills