



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

July 2, 2025

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Jay Knudtson, Cape Girardeau County
Mr. Jake Garrard, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Steven Daume, Cape Girardeau County Commission

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Corbin Carlton, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration – MO Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)
Mr. Mike Brandon, MoDOT (via Zoom)
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Michael Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)
Mr. Jason Williams, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation
Ms. Anna Musial, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

Others Present:

Mr. Trey Scott, Missouri Department of Transportation

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Janice Collier, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman, Mr. Shrimplin called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Introductions

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

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Christian, seconded by Mr. Bollinger, the Agenda of the July 2, 2025, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger seconded by Mr. Christian, the minutes of the June 4, 2025, Technical Planning Committee was, unanimously 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

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Mr. McElroy stated that during the month of June the consultants were working on Task 2.3, Stakeholder engagement and 2.4, public engagement. Stakeholder engagement groups will take place July 7 through July 18, with the 8 identified stakeholder groups. Mr. McElroy stated public open houses will be held July 21 and 22. The meeting on July 21 from 4 to 6, at the Osage Center and July 22, from 4-6 at the Jackson Civic Center. Mr. McElroy encouraged everyone if you know someone in the stakeholder groups, to give them a friendly reminder and for everyone to feel free to share the open house flyers.
- **SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study** - Mr. McElroy stated that last month they were working on an alternate to the middle alignment. Mr. McElroy presented copies of the study and stated that the colored version shows changes to the middle alignment. The executive summary presented the alternate alignment in comparison to the middle alignment. Mr. McElroy stated that the final page is a recap of the public outreach, and he reviewed the dates of open houses held in 2024. Mr. Knudtson had questions regarding the funding. Mr. McElroy stated that the funding is not in place and that this group only gets funding for the planning.
- **FY 2026 Program Year and Transportation Projects – Discussion** – Mr. McElroy stated that this is a refresher of what we have planned for fiscal year beginning in July. These include continuing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which includes transit enhancement, TIF updates, multi-modal freight plan.

Member Reports:

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Garrard reported the remaining project for the TTF 5 is the Main Street project. Broadway to Lexington is ready to go out to bid. South Sprigg is underway with Fronabarger working on the water taps. Bertling project is being designed in house. Lexington and Perryville intersection has been shut down by the contractor, Lexington to Carolina will be the next section. Concrete work has begun with Lappe doing the work and the first street is Janet,

there will be 10 streets worked on overall, and work will proceed throughout the summer. Fronabarger is wrapping up the culvert replacements on Perryville Road. Mr. Garrard stated they are working on a sidewalk project with BFW Engineering. The city is working on the trail project with MoDOT.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger stated East Main Sidewalks bids were opened they received two bids, the lowest was Lappe Cement. They are ready to schedule preconstruction meeting. Sunset Hills Bridge replacement was awarded to Putz Construction and the work has started. Deerwood roundabout, Lochmueller has applied for the construction permit, and it has been approved by MoDOT. Middle School sidewalk project is proceeding with Smith and Co. Jackson Blvd. lighting agreement approved three lighting agreements with Strickland Engineering. Bids will be let in August, with construction starting in October. A TAP application was submitted for The Hubble Creek Trail project, Phase 3, extending the trail to the soccer park. The concrete street program will be out to bid July 18th.

Cape County - Mr. Daume reported that the bridge on County Road 501 is near completion, the bridge on County Road 401 is out for bid and County Road 516 is being paved for 10 ½ miles.

Cape Special Road – Mr. Phillips reported that Penzel Construction will begin work on County Road 637 next week and Pace construction is starting 8 miles of asphalt overlay.

Cape Transit Authority – No report was given.

SEMO University – No report was given.

SEMO Port – Mr. Harbison reported they have begun work on the airport project with JW Strack.

Cape Regional Airport – No report was given.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian stated they are working on the TIP update, assisting with the freight plan and administrator for MoDOT priorities.

Bootheel RPC – No report was given.

SEMO Redi – No report was given.

MoDOT- Mr. Killian reported they are finishing the HPUN cycle, with public meeting on August 28 at the Ozark Foothills RPC in Poplar Bluff. They will begin the next STIP cycle for 2027-2031, as part of that they are working on the asset management plan. The sale of excess land at Center Junction, should be complete next month. Next week they anticipate the commission will approve the 2026-2030 STIP.

Mr. Carlton reported that Route Y is set to reopen July 18th, MoDOT to continue work on the Emerson Bridge rehabilitation project, including cable alignment and anchor work. Route Y Bridge replacement, to reopen around the 18th of July. Putz construction has begun the construction on the Route K drainage project. Work has begun on the Bloomfield Road bridge repairs and Jackson 72 will begin paving in August.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated he had nothing to report.

FHWA MO Division – Ms. Cochran stated she had no report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy stated the July 16th board meeting would be held at the Cape Sportsplex.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communication.

Adjournment Motion

The meeting was adjourned at 11.39 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier