



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2025

Osage Center

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Matt Winters, City of Jackson
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Trevor Pulley, City of Cape Girardeau
Ms. Stacy Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit (via Zoom)
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Stephen Daume, Cape Girardeau County

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Shad Burner, SEMO REDI

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

Mr. Corbin Carlton, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (via Zoom)
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)

Others Present:

Mr. Trey Scott, Intern, 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

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, in the absence of Mr. Tanz, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves.

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Burner seconded by Ms. Kinder, the agenda of the June 18, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Winters, seconded by Mr. Pulley, the minutes of the May 21, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications from the Chairman

Mr. Bollinger had no communication.

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

Public Hearing on the 2025-2027 Title VI Program – Motion to Open Public Hearing

Mr. McElroy explained that a motion would be needed, to open a public hearing for comments on the 2025-2027 Title VI Program. A motion was made by Mr. Burner and seconded by Mr. Christian to open the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bollinger then opened the hearing. Mr. Bollinger asked for public comments and hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 7, A Resolution adopting the 20252027 Title VI Program- Reading and Passage

Mr. McElroy stated that the draft Title VI program was released for public comment in May. There were no comments from the public. Mr. McElroy stated that they recommended conditional approval pending no additional comments from the public. Mr. McElroy stated that the Title VI program outlines how MPO's comply with the Title VI Act and Civil Rights in the 1964 Act for those receiving Federal financial assistance. The resolution is updated every two years. Mr. Bollinger asked for any additional comments, there were none. A motion was made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Pulley. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Election of officers for Fiscal Year 2026 – Motion to Elect Officers

Mr. McElroy stated that elections are held every year with the fiscal year beginning July 1. The chairperson serves a one-year tenure, vice chairperson acts as the chair in the absence of the chair. The current chair is Jeremy Tanz, he is a four-year tenure, and vice chair is Mayor Kinder. Ms. Kinder stated that if Mr. Tanz is ready to step down, she would be happy to serve as Chair. Mr. McElroy asked for any volunteers for Vice Chair. There were none and Mr. Bollinger asked for nominations. City of Jackson Mayor Hahs was nominated for Vice Chair, by Mr. Winters. Mr. Christian made a motion to elect Mayor Kinder as Chair and Mayor Hahs as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and passed unanimously.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update- Mr. McElroy reported they had an aggressive schedule in May attempting to coordinate stakeholder group meeting and two public open houses in June. They were not able to get the stakeholder meetings scheduled in the brief time and have pushed it out a month. They have scheduled the stakeholder group meetings on July 7 and July 18. We have 8 different stakeholder groups identified. Two open houses for the public have been

scheduled for July 21 at the Osage Center and July 22 at the Jackson Civic Center. Mr. McElroy stated that we do have a progress report from the consultants.

SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study – Mr. McElroy reported that we have a draft plan released in April, discussed the item again in May. We did receive comments in May that the consultants are working to incorporate. We originally thought we would be ready in June, but we need more time and are targeting July for consideration. There were no further questions or comments.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Kinder reported that Mr. Earl Norman had presented the Trans American Corridor (I-66) project, to the City Council at their last meeting. Ms. Kinder stated that Mr. Norman had discussed signs being placed to label the future I-66. Mr. Killian provided comments on this and stated it is premature to be placing signage, on the project.

Mr. Pulley reported that Perryville Intersection is closed until the end of July and Lexington is closed until the end of August. Once those are complete concrete repair work will then begin. Mr. Pulley stated that North Sprigg is out for bid. South Sprigg Street will see more movement with water and sewage taps under the street. Asphalt was finished, this week so we will see more movement on South Sprigg. The trail is on hold due to the presence of bats. The trees can only be cut during a certain time of year. The tree cutting can begin in November.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported Sunset Hills Bridge project, bid opening was held, and Putz construction was awarded the contract, and that work had begun the previous day. With this project, the Hubble Creek Trail has been rerouted. Mr. Bollinger reported the East Main Sidewalk project received funding from a TAP Grant with MoDOT and the contract was awarded on May 19, and a preconstruction conference is scheduled for June 25, work will begin in August. Highway 61/Deerwood project, proceeding with MoDOT Cost Share. Middle School sidewalk project and crosswalk is proceeding with design in progress, with Smith and Company. The North Industrial Park concrete improvements are complete. East Jackson lighting project is proceeding as a cost share project with MoDOT and Strickland Engineering is finalizing plans. Concrete projects are out for bid and are due July 8. They are working on bid specs for asphalt projects.

Mr. Winters had no further comments.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Daume reported the bridge on County Road 501 is progressing, as well as the bridge on County Road 401, across Apple Creek. Easements have been secured for County Road 226 and County Road 227 intersection. Route Z in Gordonville is in the hopper, the work could begin in 6 weeks or 6 years. The railroad is causing delays. The jail is close to completion and prisoners are expected to move in August.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported they are working on transportation priorities and surveys are out to the community. TAC meeting will be the 4th Tuesday in July, where they will be finalizing prioritization. The next Monday, they are going to Ironton and Pilot Knob, to walk the active transportation plan.

SEMO REDI – Mr. Burner stated they are still in communication on the Trans America Corridor. He met with Congressman Smith's office to get the Ozark Parkway study funded.

MoDOT - Mr. Carlton reported that the concern is the high level of grass that needs mowed. The Bloomfield Road bridge project will begin next week, shutting the road down between Mount Auburn and Siemers. The project includes a new joint on the east end and chip care on the bridge deck.

Mr. Killian reported on the Emerson Bridge project does continue. They will be working on Illinois side in a couple of weeks. Work will be done on the west bound lanes this year and the east bound lanes next year. Route Y bridge replacement is expected to reopen one month from today. Route 72 work has been pushed back to August by the contractor. Route K drainage project is to begin in July, with Putz Construction. The 2026-2030 draft of the STIP has been submitted and we anticipate the highway commission will approve on July 9. The STIP is on the MoDOT website, if anyone would like to see what projects are included. Public meetings will be held in late July or early August. Cost share applications are open until July 7. There is currently a TAP application cycle open with a deadline of July 11. The FLAT program application cycle opens July 1 and closes October 1. They are looking to hold a public meeting for comments on the High Priority Unfunded Needs List in either Dexter or Poplar Bluff, on August 28.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated he had not report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported no additional information to report.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:50 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Winters.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Collier