



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

September 3, 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. 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. JoJo Stewart, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (via Zoom)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present

Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration – MO Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation

Others Present:

None

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. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Agenda of the September 3, 2025, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger seconded by Mr. Christian, the minutes of the August 6, 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

- **2024-2027 Transportation Plan Ad Mod B** – Mr. McElroy The TPC reviewed an Administrative Modification (Ad Mod) to our 2024 – 2027 TIP. This will be the second Ad Mod. The Ad Mod added \$200,000 to a pavement resurfacing project in Cape Girardeau County for a Strategic Highway Research Program. The addition of the funds to the project did not exceed the \$2,000,000 threshold requiring a formal amendment to be approved and was below 15% of the total project cost.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Mr. McElroy stated A consultant project update is attached. During the month of August, CBB Transportation Engineers + Planners worked on summarizing Tasks 2.3 – Stakeholder Engagement and 2.4 – Public Engagement. They are currently working on Task 4 – 2050 Transportation Needs Assessment and Potential Project List Update. We are looking to host our next Public Engagement effort in late October where we plan to hold two Public Open Houses. We are tentatively looking at October 29th and October 30th as potential dates as we attempt to reserve facilities for the events.
- **Transit System Planning** - Mr. McElroy stated ha has been working with Ginny and they have prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking consultants to submit proposals for a study evaluating the expansion of fixed-route transit service to two key employment areas currently without service in our region: 1) the Nash Road Corridor, a rapidly growing industrial and employment hub in Cape Girardeau County, and 2) the City of Jackson, Missouri, a regional employment center and residential community. We intend to issue the RFP this week and provide a four-week window for proposal submissions.
- **Multimodal Freight Study** - We executed a Task Order with the SEMO RPC to conduct contract administration and project oversight for the study. They will be working on developing a project scope and solicitation.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update**– Mr. McElroy stated that We are attempting to transition to a biennial TIP update schedule as recommended by MoDOT. We have a General Service Agreement with SEMO RPC to maintain and

update our TIP as necessary. SEMO RPC will be working on the TIP Update over the course of our FY26 planning year.

- **General Services Agreements** – There is no current activity.

Member Reports:

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Garrard reported the city is working on the 2 remaining projects for the TTF 5 is the Main Street to Cape Rock project. They are finishing design on the first one and then it will probably sit until other construction projects are phased out. The second is the North Sprigg project, it will be going out to bid as soon as they wrap up Lexington to Perryville project. Mr. Garrard stated the on the TTF 6 specific project, South Sprigg is underway between Hackberry and Walnut. They are about 1/3 complete on the street and ½ on the water main construction. The Bertling Street project construction will be phased out until North Sprigg is complete. Lexington is about to wrap up, with East bound traffic flowing. Maintenance projects are underway, concrete street repair with Lappe Cement working on that. They are currently working on Westfield Drive and Percy Drive. Then moving over to Themis, Ann Drive and Minnesota Street. Asphalt overlay is completed by Pace Construction. They received good prices and there are still funds available, so they are adding on some streets, for the project. A watermain broke at Spring and Sheridan and Good Hope and we are working to repair those. Concrete Street repair 2024, Fronabarger is working on Perryville Road, this should be complete on the street construction, by the end of the week and are also working on the sidewalk from South of Sherwood to Cape Rock. The road still may be closed due to box construction around Sherwood and Rotary Drive. Public Works project is changing out 5 box culverts along the creek, they have done Lisa Drive and Perryville box is constructed. The street still needs completed above the new boxes. Then starting Glen Ridge, then Westwood and Melrose. This is all part of the ARCA Grant. On the TTF7, we are working on RFQ for consultant pool. Grant projects, engineering working on Cape Rock Drive sidewalks. The PS&E is under review with MoDOT. Cape LaCroix Trail is out for bid from Bloomfield to Shawnee Park.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger stated East Main Sidewalks bids were opened they received two bids, the lowest was Lappe Cement. MoDOT has issued a notice to proceed on that project. Construction will begin this week and be completed by the end of November. The Sunset Hills Bridge replacement was awarded to Putz Construction, and they completed the project around August 16, a month early. Deerwood roundabout, at 61, MoDOT cost share, PS&E approved by MoDOT, and bids were opened on August 28th. Fronabarger concrete is the lowest bid, so everything sent to for concurrence and hope to award at the 2nd board meeting in September. Middle School sidewalk project is proceeding with Smith and Co. designing the project. Meeting with the School district to review and will then submit to MoDOT for approval. Water main upgrades on South High contract was awarded to Nip Kelly and they have begun construction in early August and will continue through January 2026. They are currently working uptown in the historic district and will be moving to Jackson Blvd. East Jackson lighting project approved three lighting agreements with Strickland Engineering. We were close to bidding this out, but MoDOT is requiring a cultural resources survey, which will delay the project. Lochmueller will complete the 106 as required. The concrete street program awarded to Lappe, and the asphalt program is out for bid. Waiting on Tap application from MoDOT on the Hubble Creek recreation trail phase 3, from Jackson High School to the soccer park.

Cape County – No report was given.

Cape Special Road – Mr. Phillips reported that Penzel Construction is under construction on County Road 637.

Cape Transit Authority – No report was given.

SEMO University – No report was given.

SEMO Port – Mr. Harbison reported they are continuing work with JW Strack.

Cape Regional Airport – Mr. Smith reported they have two, new hanger going up and working on second runway.

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 milling the deck on the Emerson Bridge project. Westbound lane is anticipated to be complete this year and the East bound lane work will be next year. The Route 72 project was pushed back by the contractors to the week of 09/15 and 09/22, at the intersection of 72/25 and 34. Putz Construction continues to work on the Route K drainage project. The Bloomfield Road Project will be combined with the interstate 55 project that has a January letting. Donny Brown is the new District Engineer. The HPUN meeting was held in Poplar Bluff on August 28, with approximately 21 attendees. They have received 3 comments, to date on the website. They are still working on the State Freight Rail plan and looking for more stakeholder engagement. TAP awards are anticipated to be announced next week.

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

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

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy stated no report.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communication.

Adjournment Motion

The meeting was adjourned at 11.29 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier

