



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

January 21, 2026

Osage Center

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

### Board Voting Members Present:

Ms. Stacy Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)  
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson  
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, SEMO Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson

### Board Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Stephen Daume, Cape Girardeau County  
Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port (via Zoom)  
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration, MO Div. (via Zoom)

### Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Cary Harbison, Semo Port (via Zoom)  
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

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

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

### Others Present:

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Janice Collier, KLG Engineering

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson, Ms. Stacy Kinder called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **Introductions**

All those present introduced themselves.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hahs, seconded by Mr. Tanz, the agenda of the January 21, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting, was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hahs, seconded by Mr. Burner, the minutes of the November 19, 2025, Board of Directors meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Communications from the Chairman**

Ms. Kinder had no communication.

### **Public Comments**

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

### **New/Unfinished Business**

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan** – Mr. McElroy provided a handout that has been provided by the consultant. The handout which provided the consultant's update for the TPC earlier this month. During December and January, the consultant has been working on their planning partner project list and on finalizing the revenue tables. We expect a draft that can be submitted to the planning committee by the end of the month and, we anticipate having this ready for consideration prior to the April adoption deadline. This will also need to go to Federal Highway for their review.

**Transit System Planning** – Mr. McElroy stated the solicitation was issued in September, with proposals due in Mid-October. The transit study is looking at two specific areas for Transit service, Nash Road, and the City of Jackson. Ms. Smith and Mr. McElroy held a pre kick off meeting on December 5 with consultants where they reviewed the projects and have since executed a professional service agreement. A second meeting was held, with the consultants on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, to discuss stakeholders and upcoming in person meetings. The next meeting is planned for February 4, during this visit the consultants plan to meet with specific stakeholders, which have been identified. This project is planned to take 12 months, it is not under a specific timeline as it is not a required plan in the MPO and is expected to go into the next fiscal year. Mr. McElroy asked if anyone had questions, there were none.

**Multimodal Freight Plan** – Mr. McElroy stated the plan was issued solicitation in September and was due in October, A pre kick off meeting was held on December 22, and we are working with the planning committee on the stakeholder contact list. Mr. McElroy reminded the members that this is the project that we are having the Regional Planning Commission complete the contract administration and Mr. McElroy turned the discussion over to Mr. Tanz. Mr. Tanz stated that Jack Faucett Analytics, the consultant has completed and submitted the project management plan. They are working on the stakeholder public outreach plan. Mr. Tanz stated he had a draft list from the consultant of stakeholders for anyone could look over and make suggestions. The consultant has milestone dates in the PMP, by April the consultant expects to have early inventory findings and will be able to gather input on visions and goals, and regional freight needs, June review best practices report findings and by August a review of the fiscally constrained short term action plan should be available.

**FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. McElroy presented a handout of list of potential projects for Fiscal year 2027. The handout also listed the programmed projects for fiscal year 2026. Projects that will carry over into fiscal year 2027 include the Transit System Planning and the Multimodal Freight plan. Mr. McElroy explained that we are looking at selecting one or two planning initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year. The project examples suggested for fiscal year 2027 include:

- Downtown Mobility and Parking Management Study- (Cape & Jackson)
- Project Development-Consent to Grant Ready Package
- Corridor Operations & Signal Optimization Study
- Complete Streets Policy & Implementation Toolkit
- Roadway Safety Audit
- Intersection Studies
- Origin and Destination Study
- Access Management & Corridor Preservation Study Transportation Equity & Access Study
- Transit Stop & Accessibility & ADA Audit- Mr. McElroy stated this had been previously conducted by Ms. Smith with CTA.

Mr. McElroy has asked that the Planning Committee provide recommendations for the next fiscal year at the next planning meeting. This will allow Mr. McElroy to estimate how many planning funds are needed and develop a work plan. He will then present the plan to state and federal partners for approval. This will allow for final board approval prior to the fiscal year beginning July 1.

**Transportation Improvement Program Update** – Mr. McElroy stated this would transition to a two-year cycle from the current four-year cycle. Mr. McElroy turned the discussion over to SEMO Regional Planning as they had been working with the MTP. Mr. Christian stated that the TIP has two paths. Mr. Christian stated they were working on the first path which includes narrative updates for specific plans, which include projected income and performance measures. The other half of the TIP, which has the most views, contains the list of projects that get commitments. Mr. Christian will be contacting local authorities for information. He will be bringing the project list in. If anyone has projects that are not MoDOT and or Federal projects, now would be the time to bring those in. Mr. Christian is looking at a February timeline for open houses for public comment.

### **Member Reports**

City of Cape Girardeau – No report was given.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs stated they had finished their annual budget. They have initiated paving as much as they can of the six remaining gravel roads in Jackson. The City has contracted with Koehler to conduct a bridge study on the Main Street bridge. The East Jackson Boulevard lighting project will go out for bid next month, pending MoDOT approval. The Deerwood Roundabout will begin next week with utility construction and traffic restrictions with stop lights. Road construction will begin next Wednesday and run until May. The Middle School sidewalk, a grant project is ongoing with a cultural study being completed. The cultural study is required due to the federal funding. The city is working with the county and have contracted with Koehler Engineering to conduct an engineering study to see what will be required to straighten Harmony Lane. The city has been approached by a citizen requesting this work and the resident has offered to donate needed right of way. Mr. Bollinger reported on the TAP grant awarded for trail project, Phase 3a, from Hubble Creek to the soccer park. They received approval from MoDOT on February 2, and will now get the

engineering portion underway. The project will include an underpass from the High School along west Jackson Trail. Phase 3b includes the trail from the High School to the soccer park, this is a land and water grant project and they are waiting on the approval on this grant.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Daume reported the county is working on their budget and planning to pave 5-6 miles of gravel roads to asphalt and overlay 5-6 miles in 2026. They have two bridge projects, one being at Allenville and the other County Road 226. Kohler is working with the county and completing studies to take bridges off the load limit list, by replacing the walls. And they are working with the City of Jackson on Harmony Lane.

Cape Special Road District – No report was given.

Cape Transit Authority – No report was given.

SEMO Port Authority – Mr. Harbison stated they have finished the airport project. They are now working on the track section of the project, and plan to start next month.

Cape Regional Airport – No report was given.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported nothing additional.

Bootheel Regional Planning – No report was given.

SEMO REDI – No report was given.

MoDOT - Mr. Carlton reported the update on the I55 overlay project, which was let on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Apex Paving submitted the low bid, and they assume will be awarded the contract. This is a two-year project. This includes three bridges, including the Bloomfield Road overpass. The Bloomfield Road bridge work will concentrate on the approaches to the bridge. The Route K widening project was let in February and will know by March, if the commission approves. Traffic control will begin end of February, beginning of March on the Emerson Bridge. The project will include painting work. Mr. Killian reported they are in the middle of the STIP season, programming their jobs. The information will be submitted by the district, the first week of March to the Commission. They will have their draft STIP completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and will be available for public comment. They will submit the STIP to the Commission in June and anticipate approval in July. The High Project Unfunded Needs list process will be coming in March, April and May and looking to get these lists updated. MoDOT will need to submit these lists in May. The I55 project had some good bids and hope to have this approved at the February Commission meeting.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated he had not report.

FHWA – No report was given.

#### 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 adjourned at 2:33 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Tanz and seconded by Mr. Hahs, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Collier