



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 4, 2026  
Jackson Civic Center  
381 E. Deerwood Dr., Jackson, MO 63755

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

Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Jake Gerrard, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Jay Knudtson, Cape Girardeau County (via Zoom)  
Mr. Jared Brown, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission

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

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

### SEMPO Board of Directors Voting Members

Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit

### SEMPO Board of Directors Non-Voting Members

Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Adm. – MO Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

### Others Present:

Mr. Shawn Straite, Olsson  
Mr. Brian Praeuner, Olsson  
Mr. Vincent Matheney, Jack Faucett Analytics  
Ms. Cheryl Baugh, Jack Faucett Analytics  
Ms. Ashley Kaltenbronn, CBB  
Mr. Shawn Leight, CBB

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Janice Collier, KLG Engineering

### Call to Order

Mr. Shrimplin, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 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. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bollinger, the Agenda of the February 4, 2026, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

### Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Phillips and a second by Mr. Christian, the minutes of the December 3, 2025, and the January 7, 2026, Technical Planning Committee were 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**

**Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** - Mr. McElroy stated he did receive the draft. He will be asking the committee to release the draft for public comment. Mr. McElroy stated the current MTP expires April 21, 2026. We have March and April to have the draft approved. Ashley Kaltenbronn and Shawn Leight with CBB consultants, joined the meeting via Zoom to answer any questions regarding the draft. Mr. Leight discussed the draft and asked that everyone read through the draft and forward any questions to them. Mr. McElroy stated they are still working on the revenue and expenditure tables, for some agencies. Mr. McElroy, shared Page 26 provides an overview of the infrastructure Investment Jobs Act. It breaks down what we were able to capture in our area. After brief discussion, Mr. McElroy asked if anyone had any questions and explained that this would need approval to be released for public comment. Mr. Bollinger made a motion to release for public comment and Mr. Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and would be presented to the SEMPO Board of Directors. Ms. Cochran asked about the public comment period, Mr. McElroy stated it is a 25-day public comment period.

**Transit System Planning** – Mr. McElroy introduced Mr. Shawn Strate, AICP and Mr. Brian Praener, of Olsson. Mr. Strate and Mr. Praener provided information and their progress on the SEMPO Transit Planning Study. They provided a handout and reviewed the Project Schedule. Mr. Strate stated this project is a 12-month process. They have collected most if not all the data needed to hold a couple of public meetings. Mr. Strate presented their project purpose, and their findings of the land use summary of both areas of the study. These include the City of Jackson and Nash Road, in Cape Girardeau. They reviewed the Task, which included data collection and

analysis. The provided a data example, multimodal connectivity, which used the walk density for the City of Jackson. The data for this area, included population density, transit propensity factors, walkability/walk density, and household transportation cost. Another data example reviewed employment and included job type by residence, jobs by workplace location, jobs by industry and job-based transportation flows. Mr. Praener provided an overview of the Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority. Other task included in the study are, Market analysis and ridership forecasting, Service alternatives development, financial and operational analysis, public and stakeholder engagement, draft, and final reports. Both Mr. Strate and Mr. Praener were seeking feedback have already met with the Cape Chamber, Semo Redi and were meeting with the City of Jackson later in the day. They have nine meetings scheduled with stakeholders, in the next few days. They will also be holding public open houses. Mr. Strate stated they will have draft recommendations in the fall.

**Multi Model Freight Plan** – Mr. Vincent Metheny presented on the status of their study, as well as provide a handout. Outreach and interviews, and assessments. Mr. Metheny provided the overview, schedule anticipated activities and assessments. He explained that GFT is also assisting with the project. He stated they received notice to proceed in December and recently submitted project management plan. Mr. Metheny anticipates wrapping the study up in late fall. They do plan to meet with SEMPO at least 3 times. They plan to bring initial findings in April and review the assessments in June. Ms. Cheryl Baugh presented her role in the project and the stakeholder list and goals of the study. Mr. McElroy told the committee to review and get any comments back to himself or Jeremy.

Mr. Shrimplin thanked all the consultants that participated in the meeting today.

**FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** –Mr. McElroy provided one handout and made a recommendation in company with Maya Coupa. Mr. McElroy stated that we had currently scheduled the MTP to begin in Fiscal year 2025, with the understanding that it would go into Fiscal 2026. The transit study and multimodal freight study were included in the plan for fiscal year 2026 as well as updating the transportation improvement plan. The next MTP will need to begin in the fiscal year 2030, due to required projects. We will need at least one planning year, between now and 2030 where we don't plan or schedule a larger plan initiative, to replenish the reserve fund. It would make sense to use 2027 as the year where we don't add additional studies. Mr. McElroy recommended to finish what we have in process now and the schedule FY 2028 in the winter of next year. Mr. Shrimplin stated he would support that plan. Mr. McElroy stated he didn't need a formal motion but would like the approval of the members.

**Transportation Improvement Plan Update -** Mr. McElroy stated he did not have an update on the TIP and deferred to Mr. Christian. Mr. Christian stated he is finalizing the draft documents. Open houses are planned for March, for public engagement. The Tip will be finalized after the public has been given the opportunity to engage. It will then be sent to FHWA and MoDOT for their reviews. Mr. Christian stated he anticipates adopting a new TIP in May or June.

### **Member Reports:**

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported on TTF5 remaining projects, which include Main Street from Roberts to Cape Rock, finalizing contract documents and it will be let this year. The Independence Street project has been shelved and the money reappropriated to improving North Sprigg from Broadway to Lexington. Mr. Shrimplin reported that the TTF6 projects include the Sprigg Street watermain project, which is complete, still need to do testing. Bertling Street project is being designed in house. Lexington is complete and the Veterans Memorial Drive, Phase 6,

didn't include funding for construction, so they are doing all they are authorized to do. Acquisitions are being completed at this point. The city is working on the RFQ for TTF7, so we can establish the consultant pool. Grant projects, include Cape Rock Sidewalk project, Phase 1 and 2. They have finished the design and are working on acquisitions. Cape LaCroix Trail project will be constructed this spring. The 2025 concrete street repair is underway. The 2026 concrete and asphalt street repair projects are underway with work being completed on street selections.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported on the Hubble Creek Recreation Trail, #A and #B. A progress meeting was held to select professional engineering services. They are still waiting to hear from MDNR on the Phase 3D grant application. East Jackson Blvd., project between Cape and Jackson, is moving forward and they are working through a couple of last-minute items with Chris Crocker of MoDOT. They anticipate putting this out to bid that later this month. Jackson Middle school sidewalk and crosswalk are still ongoing, and the board approved a cultural resources study. The roundabout project on Deerwood is ongoing, closures were delayed due to the weather. They are looking at a Harmony Lane project, by working with Cape Girardeau County and property owners to look at two doglegs and they have hired an engineer to complete a study. An open house is scheduled for the Donna Drive, East Jackson Blvd project.

Cape County – Mr. Knudtson had no updates to report.

Cape Special Road – Mr. Phillips reported they are having bid opening for 8 miles of asphalt overlay and should have the bid openings in February. They continue working on routine maintenance.

Cape Transit Authority – Ms. Smith reported on the additional 5 million in statewide funding cuts that the Governor has just announced.

SEMO University – No report was given.

SEMO Port – No report was given.

Cape Regional Airport - No report was given.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian stated he had no additional report.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Brown reported they have received the permission to begin Safe Streets for All project in the City of Campbell.

SEMO Redi – No report was given.

MoDOT- Mr. Carlton reported on 4 job updates. the big project upcoming is the I55 overlay and was awarded to Apex paving. Jackson Deerwood project should continue until July, and will be night work, this year. The Emerson Bridge will be beginning with traffic control starting the end of the month. They will be painting the fence. Then they will move on with switching traffic, milling of pavement and alignment of cables. The last project is the Notre Dame/Route K project has been advertised. Mr. Killian reported that he is working on STIP development and updating safety projects. As always, he hopes to peel off projects from the unfunded needs list. He anticipates adding all the Tier 1 projects. The deadline to have it programmed is the first

week of March. Anticipate the draft STIP to be ready for comments the first of May. The 2027–2031 STIP to be approved by the commission in July.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated he had no report.

FHWA MO Division – No report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy advised that he had provided a handout with all of the meeting dates for 2026.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communication.

Adjournment Motion

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier