



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

March 18, 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. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Matt Winters, City of Jackson  
Mr. Trevor Pulley, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson  
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Girardeau County Transit  
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, SEMO Regional Planning Commission

### **Board Non-Voting Members Present**

Mr. Stephen Daume, Cape Girardeau County  
Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port (via Zoom)

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

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

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

Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
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. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Tanz, the agenda of the March 18, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting, was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hahs, seconded by Mr. Pulley, the minutes of the February 18, 2026, 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**

**Public Hearing – 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan** – Mr. McElroy stated a Public Hearing was needed to discuss the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Burner and seconded by Mr. Phillips to open the public hearing. Ms. Kinder asked if there was any discussion. There was none and a motion was made to close the public hearing by Mr. Burner and seconded by Mr. Tanz. The motion was unanimously passed. The public hearing was closed.

**Resolution No. 2026-01, A Resolution Approving the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Reading and Passage** - Mr. McElroy reported the Planning Committee reviewed the draft at their February 4 meeting. The consultants are still working to incorporate the comments received from Federal Transit. The board made a motion to approve the plan contingent on the additional comments. The comments were since incorporated and the draft was released for public comment on February 4. On March 4, TPC recommended approval of the plan. All comments from Federal Transit and Federal Highways have been incorporated. A motion was made to approve the plan by Mr. Hahs, it was seconded by Mr. Pulley. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Transit System Planning** – Mr. McElroy stated a kickoff meeting was held last month with the consultants. A handout was presented by Mr. McElroy. Meetings were held with ten stakeholders, immediately following the meeting. Public open houses will be held in Jackson on April 15 and on April 16 in Cape Girardeau, at the Shawnee Sportsplex.

**Multimodal Freight Plan** – Mr. McElroy stated the plan mirrors the Transit Study timelines, also being a 12-month initiative. A project kickoff meeting was held on February 4. A handout from that meeting is provided, with the consultant's progress report outlined. The next step is Task 3, the freight performance assessment. Public engagement is tentatively planned for May. A copy received today with the stakeholder and public outreach plan, from the consultants. This should be finalized this week. The Regional Planning Committee is helping with the study development.

**DRAFT FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. McElroy stated he had incorporated all the comments he had received from MoDOT, IDOT and Federal Highways in the draft. We will continue with the Transit Study and the Multimodal Freight Study in the FY 2027 plan. These projects should be wrapping up in January and February. Mr. McElroy will incorporate any comments received today and Mr. McElroy will take this to the planning committee for board in April for approval.

**MoDOT High Priority Unfunded Needs List** – Mr. McElroy stated had introduced the plan from last year. Three handouts were provided with the projects listed and the tier, that the projects are listed under. Mr. McElroy reviewed projects listed under each tier.

**Transportation Improvement Program Update** – Mr. McElroy stated he and Mr. Christian are planning open houses, in April. These will be on April 1 and 2 in Cape at the Osage Center and in Jackson at the Civic Center. These do not normally have a high attendance. Mr. Christian will provide the most recent draft early next week.

### **Member Reports**

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Pulley reported the East Cape Rock Sidewalk project will be going out to bid next week. Construction will begin on the Shawnee Trail next week. Mr. Pulley stated the current TTF6 projects include Route AB, Route K and the Notre Dame roundabout. North Sprigg Street is in final design and will go out to bid next week. South Sprigg is 95% complete. The Main Street project under TTF5 is an inhouse design. The concrete work on Minnesota Street is complete. Corporate Circle has been identified as a street repair project for 2026. Melrose has been closed and culvert work has begun. TTF7 will begin this summer and they received 7 SOQ's.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported that the Deerwood roundabout project is underway and going well. They opened bids for the MoDOT cost share street light project on East Jackson Blvd. The bids came in under the estimate. Mr. Hahs stated the engineering studies continue the realignment of Harmony Lane and the bridge replacement over Goose Creek. Smith and Company is working on the Middle School sidewalk and crosswalk project. Mr. Bollinger stated they are negotiating a contract with Smith and Company to design the trails from the high school to the soccer park.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Daume reported the asphalt list had been finalized. They will have one BRO project that they will be working with MoDOT. They have 2 bridges on their list for this year, for the county to construct.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported they had a bid opening for asphalt overlay in 2026 and Pace Construction has been awarded the bid. They are prepping to begin asphalt overlay projects.

Cape Transit Authority – Ms. Smith they have some more new vehicles, and they are fully automated.

SEMO Port Authority – Mr. Harbison stated they are continuing with the railroad track construction project.

SEMO REDI – State Representative Hovis is helping to secure funding for the Ozark Parkway study.

Cape Regional Airport – No report was given.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported he is still working on the freight study, and the stakeholder meetings.

Bootheel Regional Planning – No report was given.

MoDOT - Mr. Killian reported the Emerson bridge project has been delayed due to the temperatures, but the plan to start milling work next week. This will take a couple of weeks. The work on the bridge will continue to the end of the construction season. The STIP has been submitted. Central office is conducting reviews. Mr. Killian stated they will get the list of new projects to Mr. Christian for the first TIP amendment. They are starting to review the High Priority Unfunded Needs List. The draft will be released for a 30-day public comment period and the commission is expected to approve in July.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated he had no report.

FHWA – No report was given.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had one question regarding a study on a study to be included on the High Priority Unfunded Needs List.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. upon motion made by Mr. Burner and seconded by Mr. Phillips, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Collier