



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2026

Osage Center

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Board Voting Members Present:

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

Board Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port (via Zoom)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

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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:

None

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Janice Collier, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Immediate Past Chairperson, Mr. Jeremy Tanz called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves.

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Pulley, seconded by Mr. Winters, the agenda of the April 15, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Pulley, the minutes of the March 18, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Communications from the Chairman

Mr. Tanz had no communication.

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Mr. McElroy stated a Public Hearing was needed to discuss the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. A motion was made to open the public hearing, by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Smith to open the public hearing. Mr. Tanz asked if there was any discussion from the public. There was none and a motion was made to close the public hearing by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion was unanimously passed. The public hearing was closed.

Resolution No. 2026-01, A Resolution Approving the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program – Reading and Passage - Mr. McElroy reported this was first introduced this program in January with the planning committee. Mr. McElroy stated the draft was released on April 1. The mandatory public comment period was opened for 25 days. The comments from the public, state, and federal planning partners were incorporated. This was taken to the planning committee earlier this month and they recommended approval. Approving the plan now would allow time to get final approval now would allow time to get it to the State and Federal partners for approval. It would then be presented to the city council on April 20th for approval to be included in the consolidated grant agreement. The plan would need to be amended. A motion was made to approve the amended resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Pulley and seconded by Mr. Winters. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transit System Planning – Mr. McElroy reported as a refresher, the purpose of the study is to evaluate the feasibility of extending transit services to Nash Road and the City of Jackson. Ten Public open houses were held in Jackson on April 15 and on April 16 in Cape Girardeau, at the Shawnee Sportsplex. The committee has finalized the employee surveys and surveys will go out to the community, beginning today. A handout was presented showing the consultant's progress and estimated work that has been completed.

Multimodal Freight Plan – Mr. McElroy stated the consultants had some IT issues. A handout was presented serving as their monthly progress report. Stakeholders' interviews are nearly complete. Public open houses are planned for May. The SEMPO website is active now with information regarding the study.

MoDOT High Priority Unfunded Needs List – Mr. McElroy stated the lists has been formally recommended to the planning committee. The committee recommended continuing with the list provided last year. Three handouts were provided with the projects listed and the tier, the projects are listed under. Mr. McElroy reviewed projects listed under each tier.

Transportation Improvement Program Update – Mr. McElroy stated the TIP was released for public comment on April 1st. The first public open house was held on April 1 and the second on April 2. Mr. McElroy stated they had a better attendance than in the past. He plans to ask the TPC to recommend for approval at their May meeting.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Pulley reported the East Cape Rock Sidewalk project has been put out to bid and they have four companies bidding on the project. The city is still working with MoDOT on the South Kingshighway and Nash Road right of way. The North Sprigg project is still in design. South Sprigg is near complete. Concrete is complete on Minnesota and has begun on Julian, with this work being halfway complete. Melrose is now open. North Sprigg Street is in final design and will go out to bid next week. Corporate Circle has been identified as a street repair project for 2026. TTF7 will begin this summer and they received seven SOQ's. This includes work on Perry, Mount Auburn and one more section of Sprigg.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the Deerwood roundabout project is underway and should be complete in May. The city is receiving proposals for a center sign on the roundabout. They opened bids for the MoDOT cost share street light project on East Jackson Blvd. The bids came in under the estimate and KT Power Systems had the low bid. This bid still needs approval by the council. Mr. Bollinger stated the engineering studies continue the realignment of Harmony Lane and the bridge replacement over Goose Creek. Smith and Company are 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 – No report was given.

Cape Special Road District – No report was given.

Cape Transit Authority – Ms. Smith stated she had no report.

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

SEMO REDI – No Report was given.

Cape Regional Airport – No report was given.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported he is still working on the TIP update and amendments.

Bootheel Regional Planning – No report was given.

MoDOT - Mr. Carlton reported the Emerson bridge project has been begun with milling work and putting back PCPP, as well putting back cable tie downs. This will take a couple of months. APEX was awarded the bid on the I55 overlay project. This work will be completed at night. Bridge rehabilitation work is also included in this work. Mr. Killian stated the draft STIP should be released in May and approved by the commission in July. MoDOT did receive a cost share application with Cape Girardeau County for work at Highway 61 and County Road 601. They will know by late June if this is approved. 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. It is Work Zone Awareness month.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated he had no report.

FHWA – No report was given.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reminded everyone of the upcoming open houses.

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. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Winters, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Collier