



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

April 1, 2026  
Osage Center  
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. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Jake Gerrard, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Jay Knudtson, Cape Girardeau County (via Zoom)  
Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port  
Mr. JoJo Stewart, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport  
Mr. Lucas Presson, SEMO REDI (via Zoom)  
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Transit Authority

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

Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Corbin Carlton, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)  
Mr. Michael Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)  
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration (via Zoom)

### SEMPO Board of Directors Voting Members

Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District

### SEMPO Board of Directors Non-Voting Members

Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port

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

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. Christian, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Agenda of the April 1, 2026, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

### Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger and a second by Mr. Christian, the minutes of the March 4, 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

**FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** –Mr. McElroy reported that the board, supported the planning committee's recommendation of continuing the transit study and the freight study in FY 27. The Planning Committee will release the draft for public comment at their April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will allow time in May and June for State and Federal approval, following with the presentation to the City Council, for approval. Mr. McElroy stated he had received some comments that will be incorporated. Mr. Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christian to release to the public comment and recommend conditional approval. Motion was unanimously passed.

**Transportation Improvement Program Update** - Mr. McElroy reported they are having two open houses, the first on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Osage and on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Jackson Civic Center. Handouts were provided by Mr. McElroy for review, highlighting the projects. There is 36 million programmed for these projects. Mr. Bollinger made a motion to release the plan for public comment and recommend for conditional approval, Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Transit System Planning** – Mr. McElroy reported they are finalizing the employee and employer surveys, to go out soon. Those will be followed by a community survey. Mr. McElroy provided a handout outlining the consultant's project coordination meeting this last meeting.

**Multi Model Freight Plan** – Mr. McElroy reported they had held meeting the previous Monday. The consultant is slightly behind plan due to some IT hacks. Mr. McElroy provided a handout showing the steps that have been completed.

**MoDOT High Priority Unfunded Needs List**- Mr. McElroy provided handouts of what was turned in last year, and asked the group to review, and is taking recommendations for any changes. He reviewed the meaning of the tiers and what is included in these tiers. Mr. Shrimplin asked Mr. Bollinger if the trail projects, need to remain on the list. Mr. Bollinger stated that one phase is still not funded. It was agreed to leave them on the list. Mr. Shrimplin inquired on airport projects, and Mr. Stewart stated the project was not funded, and should remain on the list. Mr. McElroy will now take this list to the board, for additional comments.

### **Member Reports:**

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Gerrard reported the Sprigg Street water main project is complete with patching being completed on the last few blocks. The Minnesota Street project is complete. The TTF7 received the SOQs for the consultant pool and they are being setup. The Cape Rock Drive sidewalk project, Phase 1 and 2 is out for bid and they have advertised for both phases. Construction has started on the Cape LaCroix Trail project.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported the studies on both Harmony Lane and bridge over Goose Creek are underway with Koehler Engineering. The city is looking at a BRO Grant for the bridge replacement over Goose Creek. The Deerfield roundabout is underway with Fronabarger Construction. The East traffic lanes have been reopened. The city is receiving proposals for center signage on the Deerfield roundabout. These will need approval from MoDOT. The Jackson Middle School sidewalk and crosswalk project is on hold pending the archeologist survey. The Hubble Creek Recreation Trail, #A and #B projects are ongoing, with Smith and Company designing the project. They are still waiting to hear from MDNR on the Phase 3D grant application. East Jackson Blvd. lighting project between Cape and Jackson, is moving forward and they received 3 bids, with KT Power Systems, being the low bidder. This was sent to MoDOT for approval on 03/27.

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

Cape Special Road – Mr. Phillips reported Pace Construction received the bid for the asphalt overlay projects. They have begun on County Road 616. They continue working on routine maintenance.

Cape Transit Authority – Ms. Smith reported she had nothing new to report.

SEMO University – No report was given.

SEMO Port – Mr. Harbison reported they are continuing work in the rail constructions.

Cape Regional Airport – Mr. Stewart reported the Echo Fox runway is out to bid. The project had to be rebid, due to the age of the current bids.

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

Bootheel RPC – No report was given.

SEMO Redi – Mr. Presson reported that the Ozark Trailways Study did not make it into the House budget, but it still needs to go before the Senate.

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. Mr. Killian anticipates 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 had no additional information to report.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communication.

#### Adjournment Motion

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier