



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 6, 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 Garrard, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port  
Mr. Lucas Presson, SEMO REDI (via Zoom)  
Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Transit Authority  
Mr. Jared Brown, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (via Zoom)

### 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)  
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration (via Zoom)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation

### 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:

Ms. Melissa Rose, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mr. Vincent Matheney, Jack Faucett Analytics  
Mr. Greg Cunningham, GFT  
Mr. Robert Spurlock, Trans America Corridor  
Ms. Lesley Rone, Missouri Department of Economic Development  
Ms. D. Rickabaugh, Jack Faucett Analytics

### 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 Ms. Smith, the Agenda of the May 6, 2026, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

### Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Ms. Smith and a second by Mr. Presson, the minutes of the April 1, 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

**Multi Model Freight Plan** – Mr. McElroy introduced; Mr. Vincent Matheney of Jack Faucett Analytics presented a progress report on the Multi Modal Freight plan. Mr. Matheney provided two hand outs, one being the progress report. And a draft market assessment, to be reviewed by the committee. Mr. McElroy will pass on any comments from the committee to Jack Faucett Analytics. Mr. Matheney stated that JFT has completed Phase 2 and are currently on Task 3, which is the Freight Solutions Development, is 75 to 80% complete, and hope to share these results in June or July. Mr. Matheney stated the goal is complete Task 4, the Freight Solutions Development, by August or September, and ultimately have the plan adopted in October. Mr. Matheney notified all the stakeholders of the ongoing meetings. Mr. Greg Calhoun, with GFT, who is leading the stakeholder interviews, was also available during the presentation.

**Transportation Improvement Program Update** - Mr. McElroy reported the draft TIP was released on April 1 for public comment. Two open houses were held, 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. The planning committee has already made their recommendations for approval on their May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Transit System Planning** – Mr. McElroy reported the surveys are live. The employer and public surveys are live on the website. Mr. McElroy stated the information from the recent open houses is being analyzed. The consultant was not able to provide a progress report, but they will have that available soon.

**Member Reports:**

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Gerrard reported the South Sprigg Street water main project is complete with sewer being complete by the end of the week. The maintenance projects for 2026 asphalt overlay are going out to bid this weekend. The list for concrete is very long. They did not have any money for the asphalt overlay. The only asphalt project for 2026 is the parking lot at the golf course and this is being completed with the Parks and Rec department. It will also go out to bid this weekend. The sidewalk projects have been awarded to Nip Kelley. The Cape LaCroix Trail project is underway.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported the Deerfield roundabout is 85% complete with Fronabarger Construction and expected to be completed by early June. 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 in the design process with Smith and Company. The archeologist survey is complete. The Hubble Creek Recreation Trail, Phase 3A project is moving forward with Smith and Company designing the project, and the easement acquisition process. East Jackson Blvd. lighting project between Cape and Jackson, is moving forward and with KT Power Systems, awarded the bid. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cape County – No report was given.

Cape Special Road – Mr. Phillips reported the asphalt overlay on approximately 8 miles has been completed. 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 – No report was given.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian stated he is working on the TIP amendment, to be ready when the TIP is approved.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Brown reported they are working on active transportation planning with the City of Campbell, City of Chaffee and Hayti Heights. The City of Puxico has been added to the “hot” program. They have a lot of projects on the CBGD list, these street grant projects include the City of Essex, Puxico street project, Highway 84 expansion, Advance street project. The preliminary data is in for the Safe Streets of All grant projects. They will be holding 2 public open houses in each county.

SEMO Redi – Mr. Presson reported that the Ozark Trailways Study did not make it into the House or Senate budgets, so they will submit again in the next session.

MoDOT- Ms. Rose reported the BRO call should be opening in the next few weeks. Mr. Carlton reported on 3 job updates. the big project upcoming is the I55 overlay and was awarded to Apex paving, through the NPO. The work on I55 will begin with pavement repairs before resurfacing starts. The Emerson Bridge project will be working on cable and anchor repairs. And will eventually move to the joint replacement on the Illinois side. The last project is the Notre Dame/Route K, with utility work beginning on May 11. Mr. Killian reported that the draft STIP is being presented today to the highway commission, with the 30-day public comment period, beginning today. June 5 is the deadline for the public comments and the commission should approve the draft STIP in July. Mr. Killian brought a list of the projects included, for Mr. Christian to include in the first amendment of the new TIP. Mr. Killian reported on the bill to increase the speed limit to 75 on the interstates and freeways in rural areas. Also included in the bill are options for 3-to-5-year registrations and eliminating vehicle inspections. Mr. Killian has sent all the high priority unfunded needs list projects to design for updates and estimates. He anticipates releasing these to the public, with public meetings in August/September and he will then send these to the commission by October or November.

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 11:48 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Harbison, seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier