



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 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. 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
Mr. JoJo Stuart, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present

Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)
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. Steven Daume, Cape Girardeau County (via Zoom)

Others Present:

Mr. Shawn Strate, Olsson (via Zoom)

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. Christian, the Agenda of the June 3, 2026, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Christian and a second by Mr. Phillips, the minutes of the May 6, 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

Election of Officers for the Fiscal Year 2027 – Mr. Shrimplin stated it was time to elect a slate of officers. Mr. Shrimplin nominated Rodney Bollinger for Chairperson and Mr. Shrimplin stated he would stay on as Vice Chairperson. A motion for the slate of officers was made by Mr. Jay Knudtson and seconded by Mr. Christian. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transit System Planning – Mr. McElroy introduced Mr. Shawn Strate, Planner and Project Manager from Olsson, the consultant, to present on the consultants' progress on the Transit System Planning project. Mr. McElroy provided a handout of the presentation. Mr. Strate reviewed the project purpose and scope, the project schedule, data collection and existing conditions. Mr. Strate explained the engagement activities with the stakeholders, employers, and the public. There are two more public meetings planned for the fall.

Multi Model Freight Plan – Mr. McElroy stated the freight consultants were in town last month and provided a presentation on their progress. He has uploaded a copy of their presentation on the SEMPO website, and he also provided a handout. The consultants are currently working on Task 1-4. They have just recently started Task 4.

Member Reports:

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Gerrard reported the TTF6 project on South Sprigg Street sewer work is complete. The asphalt should be completed by the end of June. The bids for the maintenance projects for 2026 concrete street repair were opened yesterday and will go to council in June. Mr. Gerrard stated they have a set list of streets, and that project will extend to the end of the year. The only asphalt project that was planned for 2026 is the parking lot at the golf course and was to be completed with the Parks and Rec department. The bids for this project came in over budget and the project will need to be postponed until next year. The Cape Rock Drive sidewalk projects, Phase 1 and 2, have been awarded to Nip Kelley. The Cape LaCroix Trail project is underway, with pavement complete and work ongoing with the vegetation aspect of the project.

City of Jackson – No report was given.

Cape County – Mr. Daume reported the county is waiting on MoDOT on BRO projects, a big one being across the diversion channel. Paving projects should begin in August. Some of the projects include paving current gravel roads and overlay on existing asphalt roads. They are working on the County Park sidewalks and plan to open the Veterans Pavilion on July 4.

Cape Special Road – Mr. Phillips reported they continue working on routine maintenance.

Cape Transit Authority – No report was given.

SEMO Port – No report was given.

Cape Regional Airport – Mr. Stewart said they did receive an IJJA ATP Grant from the FAA for a Passenger Boarding Bridge and will be beginning work on that project.

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

Bootheel RPC – No report was given.

SEMO Redi – No report was given.

MoDOT- Mr. Carlton reported on their big projects. The Bloomfield Road bridge work will be finished up on Friday. They are working on guardrail upgrades on I-55, at multiple bridges. East of the airport on northbound I-55 bridge work is being completed. I-55 overlay is being completed with night work. The Emerson Bridge project will be working on cable and anchor repairs and will eventually move to the joint replacement on the Illinois side. Phase 1 of the roundabout project at the Notre Dame/Route K, has begun and work on the west bound shoulders moving eastward along Route K. This will continue until the end of the year. The mill fill work at the Fruitland over change has been moved up to June. The Jackson sidewalk work will continue. Mr. Killian stated they are still in the public comment period for the draft STIP. Mr. Killian stated they are working on the High Priority Unfunded Needs list and will have these submitted by Friday afternoon.

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 11:44 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Christian, seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier