



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2026
Osage Center
1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Jake Gerrard, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. JoJo Stuart, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port
Mr. Lucas Presson, SEMO REDI
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau (via Zoom)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present

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

Mr. Brackin Kuessner, Missouri Department of Transportation

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Janice Collier, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Mr. McElroy, presiding, in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

Each person introduced themselves and their organization.

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Presson, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Agenda of the August 5, 2026, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Phillips and a second by Mr. Gerrard, the minutes of the July 1, 2026, Technical Planning Committee were unanimously approved.

Communications from the Chairman

Mr. McElroy stated he had no communications at this time.

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

FY 2027-2030 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2 – Mr. McElroy stated it was a one-page amendment for bridge rehabilitation and improvements over BNSF railway and Route 74, and Route 61 over I-55. Also, includes a roundabout at Silver Springs and Route 61. This will be released for public comment and recommended to the board at the August meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Stewart to amend the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

Multi Model Freight Plan –Presentation and Discussion - Mr. McElroy stated he had a one-page progress report from the consultants. Mr. McElroy stated they have made very good progress and right now their focus is on freight constraints and opportunities. They plan to attend the meeting next month and report on their progress.

Transit System Planning -Discussion Mr. McElroy presented a one-page consultant progress report. We are targeting another progress meeting in October, as well as a public event. They are planning to provide a booth at an upcoming river front event.

Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) – Mr. Killian explained the program. The program is a small grant program, The Federal funds are \$12,000. And are a match so the local municipalities would need to contribute to the project, as well. The cycle is open and will end on August 31. They will announce the awards in September. Melissa Rose, the LPA coordinator will administer the program.

Member Reports:

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Gerrard reported the final plans for North Sprigg are ready to go out for bid in the next few weeks. South Sprigg is reopened. Lexington is all complete and working on the closeout. The 2026 Street Repair projects have started on Corporate Circle. The grant program for Cape Rock sidewalks is underway from Kingshighway to Dennis Scivially, then on to Perryville. A walk through on Cape LaCroix Trail will be completed tomorrow.

City of Jackson – No report was given.

Cape County – No report was given.

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 submitted RFP for the remote tower. Consultant letter was sent out for bids on jet bridge and should be bid by October 30.

SEMO RPC – No report was given.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Brown had no report.

SEMO Redi – Mr. Presson had report was given.

MoDOT- Mr. Killian reported they will hold the HPUFN meeting on August 20, in Poplar Bluff, at the Ozark Foothills office. The STIP was approved last month and is available on the website. The interactive map is also available. Mr. Carlton reported work continuing I-55, with night work continuing through the end of August, from Scott City to Fruitland. He reported on the Emerson bridge and a traffic swap in mid-September. Route K and Notre Dame roundabout work continues, with paving on the North side. The work at US 61 and I-55 is near completion. Route Z, at Gordonville, to begin. Route 34, paving from West of Jackson, to be completed by the end of September.

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 on a motion by Mr. Shrimplin, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier