TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2026
Meeting Held Via Zoom

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. Jay Knudtson, Cape Girardeau County
- Mr. JoJo Stuart, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
- Mr. Cary Harbison, SEMO Port
- Mr. Lucas Presson, SEMO REDI
- Ms. Ginny Smith, Cape Transit Authority

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

SEMPO Board of Directors Voting Members
- Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District

SEMPO Board of Directors Non-Voting Members

Others Present:
- Mr. Vincent Matheny, Jack Faucett Analytics
- Ms. Cheryl Baugh, GFT
- Mr. Rob Schiffer, Jack Faucett Analytics
- Mr. Gabriel Westcoat, Jack Faucett Analytics
- Mr. Greg Kelahan, GFT

Staff Present:
- Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:
- Ms. Janice Collier, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Mr. Shrimplin, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

Each person introduced themselves and their organization, and Mr. McElroy explained that due to the meeting room being unavailable, all participants were attending via Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Presson, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Agenda of the July 1, 2026, Technical Planning Committee, was unanimously adopted.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Stewart and a second by Mr. Knudtson, the minutes of the June 3, 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 –Presentation and Discussion - Mr. McElroy stated the consultants, Vincent Matheny of Jack Faucett Analytics and Cheryl Baugh of GFT were online to provide a presentation and a one-page summary had been emailed to the group. Mr. Matheny stated they have been primarily focused on Phase 3 findings, which includes the Freight Performance Measures, Regional Freight Asset Inventory/Performance and Conditions and Key Findings and Impacts to the Region. Ms. Baugh reported on the anticipated stakeholder outreach activities. These include activities with the port, railroads, and air cargo. Ms. Baugh stated that findings are showing that rail access is not sufficient. Mr. Matheny stated they anticipate wrapping this plan up in the fall.

Transit System Planning -Discussion Mr. McElroy presented a one-page consultant progress report. Last month, on June 3, we received a presentation from Mr. Shawn Strate, Planner and Project Manager with Olsson. 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.

FY 2027-2023 - Transportation Improvement Amendment #1- Mr. McElroy stated that he was going to ask the TPC to release for public comment today. Mr. McElroy stated he and Mr. Henderson had met and discussed that some projects may need to be paired down but will still release it today for initial approval. A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Harbison to release this to the board. The motion was passed unanimously.

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 has one more block to go. South Sprigg is reopened except for one block, which is having gas line repairs. Lexington is all complete and working on the closeout. July 13th the concrete street repair will begin. This will start on Corporate Circle. Cape Rock sidewalk work will begin next week.

City of Jackson – No report was given.

Cape County – Nor 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.

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 submit to amend one of the projects on the amendment that was just approved. The roundabout on 61 will require an amendment. That letting will probably need extended to November from October. The STIP was approved by the commission today. August 20 a public meeting will be held for the unfunded needs list, in Poplar Bluff.

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 12:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Harbison, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Collier