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MEMORANDUM

TO: HARPO Executive Committee

FROM: William R. Foisy, Acting Committee Chairman

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
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A meeting of the HARPO Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPC), First Floor Conference Room, Birmingham, AL 35203

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Waymon Pitts, Blount County
Mr. Charles E. Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Dee Rowe, ALDOT, Fifth Division

MEMBERS PRESENT BY PROXY

Honorable Eddie Reed, Town of Jemison
Represented by Mr. Brian Stilwell
Honorable Charles McCallum,
Represented by Mr. Al Folcher
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Third Division
Represented by Ms. Cynthia Hill

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Bill Couch, ALDOT
Mr. Robin Rhoden, ALDOT, 5th Division
Mr. William R. Foisy, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

INTRODUCTION OF RPC STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Foisy called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and everyone participated in introductions. It was determined that a quorum was in attendance.

The Bylaws provide for election of a Chairman and this will be handled at a subsequent meeting. This Committee will meet quarterly once all the internal controls have been adopted.

HARPO OVERVIEW ./ ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Mr. Howard reviewed the Bylaws briefly discussing Section 1.0 - Purpose and Responsibilities. In addition, he noted that meetings will be conducted in each respective County to gather information on issues, needs and opportunities. This information will be used to develop goals and priorities for this Committee to review and adopt. To ensure adequate input, citizen participation is being encouraged. If the need arises, Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed.

Commissioner Pitts moved and Mr. Folcher seconded the recommendation that the Bylaws be adopted as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Howard reviewed the Public Involvement Plan. Mr. Folcher recommended the following changes:

- Under **Identification of Special Populations requiring targeted public outreach** that the list be eliminated and insert: Identified under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance..
- Include in the Stakeholders Mayor's Associations
- Include in the Media Contacts The Birmingham News

Mr. Folcher moved and Commissioner Pitts seconded the recommendation that the Public Involvement Plan be adopted with the above recommended modifications. Motion passed on a voice vote.

COUNTY PLANNING SESSIONS

Mr. Foisy presented information concerning the County Transportation Issues and Needs Sessions in Blount, Chilton, St. Clair and Walker Counties.

A series of meetings will be held in each county with public officials from local and state governmental agencies that are directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process, and technical/private officials with expertise directly related to and concerned with transportation and/or land use planning, economic development, transportation engineering, public transportation and freight movement.

The work products as a result of this task will be oriented around the preparation of a report for the ALDOT that can be used as input to the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Statewide Transportation Plan.

Meeting Dates

Blount County, April 3rd, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, Frank Green Building, Oneonta
St. Clair County, April 5th, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Pell City Civic Center
Chilton County, April 9th, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Clanton City Hall
Walker County, April 17th, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Community Health Services Building, Jasper

Meeting Format

RPC staff will ask specific questions related to the following functional areas. The Committee recommended that the questions be reviewed by a representative from each County prior to the meeting.

- System Performance and Preservation (safety, highway capacity, access and transit issues)
- Mobility and Access for People and Goods (truck, rail, water, air, pedestrian and bicycle issues)
- Environment and Quality of Life (air quality, farm/open space preservation, housing opportunities)

Audience answers will be summarized on poster board/easels. A response card will be handed out so the audience can provide a written response and return to RPC by email or fax.

Wall sized reference maps will be posted for reference which will include information on transportation infrastructure, traffic volumes, crash data, proposed highway projects, and commuting, employment and demographic data.

The Committee will consider if workshops are needed in their areas to education the public on how the process works from an idea to becoming a realized project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.