



June 28, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Subcommittee Chairman/s/

**SUBJECT: MPO Subcommittee Minutes
June 28, 2012**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, June 28, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County
Honorable Othell Phillips, City of Gardendale
Mr. Walter Jackson, Unincorporated Jefferson County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Virginia Williams

Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Randy Kemp

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT
Represented by Ms. Cindy Hill

Mr. Ray Hamilton, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. David Hunke

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Tommy Alexander, City of Irondale
Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Mr. Patrick Sellers, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
Honorable Stan Batemon, ex-officio, St. Clair County Commission
Honorable Bruce Hamrick, ex-officio, Walker County Commission
Honorable Tim Mims, ex-officio, Chilton County Commission
Honorable David Standridge, ex-officio, Blount County Commission

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Honorable Tom Henderson, MPO Chairman, Mayor, City of Center Point
Honorable Doug Brewer, Mayor, City of Graysville
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County
Ms. Jackie Dye, Transportation Citizens Committee
Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
Mr. Greg Dawkins, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jefferson County Department of Health

MPO Subcommittee Chairman Mr. Wayne Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Ms. Virginia Williams made a motion to approve the May 24, 2012 MPO Subcommittee minutes. Mr. David Hunke seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Darrell Howard gave a presentation on the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. The UPWP lists the transportation planning program areas and projects to be conducted in FY 2013 by the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the Alabama Department of Transportation, including third-party contractors. Information presented included the following:

What is Required of the MPO Process?

- All MPO's are required to develop and maintain:
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan i.e. Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Transportation Improvement Program
 - Unified Planning Work Program

- Congestion Management Process¹ metro areas of 200,000 people or greater
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis² federally designated air quality non-attainment areas

The Regulations

- Federal regulations (23 CFR 450.314(a))
- "... MPO(s) in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit shall develop unified planning work programs (UPWPs) that meet the requirements of 23 CFR part 420, subpart A, and:
 - Discuss metropolitan planning priorities;
 - Describe all anticipated transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities, regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities;
 - Document planning activities to be performed with funds provided under title 23, U.S.C., and the Federal Transit Act.

Note: Work must be described in sufficient detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completing it and the products that will be produced.

In Plain Speak

FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program

- Annual Work Program for the Birmingham MPO
- Directs and Prioritizes MPO Staff Work
 - Required Activities
 - Information Management
 - Regular Planning Functions
 - Support for Partner Planning Agencies
 - Special Studies
 - New Activities

New to All Planning Activities

Federal Livability Principles

- Provide Transportation Choices
- Promote Equitable, Affordable Housing
- Enhance Economic Competitiveness
- Support Existing Communities
- Coordinate policies and leverage investment
- Value communities and neighborhoods

These **WILL** Coordinate with Federal Planning Factors.

Areas of Focus

- Information Sharing and Delivery
 - Task 2.3 - Geographic Information System

- Online Dashboards
 - RTP Project Information
 - TIP Project Status Information
 - Data Sharing
- Task 5.0 - Regional Transportation Plan
 - 2040 RTP Development
 - Scenario Based Plan
- Active Transportation - Task 5.5
 - Activity and Program Focused
 - Walk and Roll
 - Bike Share Programs
 - Safe Routes to School

How Much
The Birmingham MPO Manages

Funding Source	Federal	Local Match
FHWA - PL	\$1,023,939	\$ 255,985
FHWA - STP (Birmingham)	\$2,050,000	\$ 212, 500
FTA - 5309	\$1,676,497	\$ 419,124
FTA - 5316/5317	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
FHWA - CMAQ	\$1,500,000	\$ 0
Total	\$6,500,436*	\$ 937,609

* Excludes \$200,000 in State Planning and Research (SPR) Used by ALDOT for Their Administrative Expenses

- \$3.9 million of \$6.5 million is programmed to 3rd Party for Projects and Programs.
- DBE Utilization is Currently at 14%
- DBE Participation Averages 12% over Previous 3 Quarters

Other Notable Expenditures Include:

- \$450k is Programmed for Local Planning Assistance (Building Communities)
- \$200k is Programmed for Local Planning Assistance for Transportation (APPLE)
- \$200k is Programmed for Congestion Management Activities

Questions/Comments included:

1. How did the feds know Daphne would be a new MPO?
 - a. The numbers were released in March in the Federal Register.
2. The urbanized area for Birmingham has been expanded to include portions of Blount and St. Clair County.
3. Isn't it time for the Census numbers to be certified so updated tax redistribution information can be done?
 - a. The state is waiting on the new Transportation Bill.

Mr. David Hunke made a motion to approve the FY 2012 UPWP. Mr. Walter Mitchell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY2012-2015 TIP to include the following:

ALDOT Requests

<u>STPAA-0119 Q</u>	100058699	SR-119 resurfacing from SR-3 (US-31) in Pelham to SR-38 (US-280)	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,600,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>NH-0075 Q</u>	100056431	Resurfacing SR-75 from Huffman Road to Fox Hill Drive	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,120,752	Exempt	National Highway System Program
<u>STPAA-0149 Q</u>	100056435	Resurfacing SR-149 from SR-38 (US-280) to CR-99 (Columbiana Road)	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$815,859	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0149 Q</u>	100056438	Resurfacing SR-149 from CR-2303 (Lakeshore Parkway) to 8th Street South	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,322,451	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0003 Q</u>	100056439	Resurfacing SR-3 (US-31) from CR-629 (Shades Crest Road) to Hollywood Boulevard	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$609,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0119 Q</u>	100058695	Resurfacing SR-119 from SR-25 in Montevallo to SR-3 (US-31) in Alabaster	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,716,551	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0003 Q</u>	100058697	Resurfacing SR-3 (US-31) from the 1-65 interchange bridge at Calera to the 1-65 interchange bridge at Alabaster	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,800,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0119 Q</u>	100058701	Resurfacing SR-119 from SR-38 (US-280) to Jefferson County Line	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$450,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPBH-PE12 Q</u>	100058794	Downtown Birmingham Interstate and Expressway Operational and Access Management Study	7/11/2012	PE	7/12/2012	2012	\$300,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program Attributable
<u>IM-059 Q</u>	100058104	Slide correction on the outside Southbound shoulder of I-59 near mp. 134.11 in the northeast Birmingham (Roebuck) area, near the SR-75/I-59 interchange	7/11/2012	PE	7/12/2012	2012	\$200,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects

These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

Questions/comments included:

1. The study will be in conjunction with the UAB study and other study projects of the area.
2. Who provides the match on the Access Management Study?
 - a. ALDOT.

Mr. Howard noted that the TCC did not have an opportunity to review the slide project requested by ALDOT.

TCC Chairman Jackie Dye noted that the Citizens Committee recommended approval of the TIP requests with the caveat that ALDOT should be responsible for 50% or \$150,000 of the Access Management Study. TTC Chairman Greg Dawkins noted that the Technical Committee recommended approval of the TIP requests.

Ms. Virginia Williams made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP requests. Mr. Walter Mitchell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

MPO Vice-Chairman Wayne Sullivan requested RPCGB staff revisit the Visionary Bike Plan, specifically the areas in reference to sidewalks and such in rural areas due to increases in project costs by as much as 20%-50%.

RPCGB Executive Director Charles Ball suggested the local governments contact the Our One Mile staff about their projects and how some local projects could possibly be added to the Our One Mile projects.

Mr. Randy Cole asked if the Visionary Bike Plan was vetted by the MPO committees and if not, the plan needs to be revisited since the feds are holding the local governments to the plan to add sidewalks in rural areas. A letter will also need to be sent to the FHWA if the Plan was not vetted stating as such.

MPO MEETING AGENDA (JULY 11, 2012)

Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to include Agenda Item #2 (FY 2013 UPWP) and Agenda Item #3 (TIP) to the July 11, 2012 MPO meeting agenda. Ms. Virginia Williams seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

MPO Subcommittee Chairman Wayne Sullivan reviewed the list of upcoming meetings listed on the agenda, including:

- MPO Meeting, July 11, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Citizens Committee Meeting July 18, 2012, 12 noon, RPCGB - **CANCELLED**
- Technical Committee Meeting, July 25, 2012, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB - **CANCELLED**
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting, July 26, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB – **CANCELLED**

TCC Chairman Jackie Dye asked for an update on a project previously approved for U.S. 31 at Brookwood Hospital to prevent rockslides. Ms. Cindy Hill said that ALDOT is currently working on the geo-tech.

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mr. Wayne Sullivan
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

Date

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