



August 27, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Mr. Tim Westhoven, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **MPO Advisory Committee Minutes**
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A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, August 27, 2015, RPCGB Juster Conference Room (310), 2 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman
Honorable Allen Armstrong, Blount County Public Transportation
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, Jefferson County Municipalities
Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester, Shelby County
Ms. Tracy Pate, Jefferson County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Honorable Roger McCondichie
Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities, Center Point
Represented by Mr. Scott Holladay
Honorable David Jones, St. Clair County
Represented by Mr. Randy Cole
Ms. Johnnye Lassiter, BJCTA
Represented by Dr. Henry Ikwut Ukwa

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Dan Biles, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Mark Bartlett, Federal Highway Administration (Non-voting member)
Mr. Robert Jilla, Alabama Department of Transportation (Non-voting member)
Honorable Joe Knight, Jefferson County
Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, Alabama Department of Transportation East Central Region
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Commission

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice- Chairman
Mr. Fenn Church, Clastran
Samantha St. Joh, Clastran
Mr. Jesse Jowers, City of Pelham
Ms. Mollie Hester, Traveler's Aid
Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Ms. Laurel Land, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

MPO Advisory Committee Chairman Tim Westhoven called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Cole moved and Mr. Bittas seconded to approve the minutes of May 28, 2015 as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REPORT

Ms. Cissy Crowe and Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the Public Involvement Documentation report from the July 15, 2015 Public Involvement Meeting on the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing.

The meeting documentation included outreach procedures, information presented at the meeting, as well as a summary of comments and questions received. Ms. Crowe reported an increase in attendance and a broader representation of underserved citizens. Social media is being used more as an outreach procedure. The overall evaluation of the meeting was very good and well received.

Mr. Kaczorowski reviewed the comments/responses received during the 21 day comment period. Several of the comments related to the Northern Beltline but the majority of the comments were

related to the Cahaba Beach Road Bridge project. Comments received during the comment period were forwarded to ALDOT and each individual project sponsor.

Mr. Osborne, Vice-Chair TCC, stated they approved moving all documents forward. Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chair TTC, stated they approved moving all documents forward. Mr. Cole moved and Ms. Pate seconded to recommend approval of the Public Involvement Meeting Documentation as well as corresponding documents related to this public involvement meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS AGREEMENT (3-C)

Mr. Kaczorowski presented the Transportation Planning Process Agreement (3-C) to the committee. This agreement is a modification to the 2008 agreement to bring it in alignment with the Birmingham MPO bylaw changes made in 2012 based on the 2010 U.S. Census information. It also reflects the change from the transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU to MAP-21. This agreement must include mass transit providers (Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority) and air quality (Jefferson County Department of Health and Alabama Department of Environmental Management). This agreement is a federal mandate in order to be eligible for federal funding.

Mr. Osborne, Vice-Chair TCC, stated they approved moving this forward. Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chair TTC, stated they approved moving this forward. Commissioner Armstrong moved and Mr. Owens seconded to recommend adoption of this agreement by the MPO. Motion passed on a voice vote.

FTA SECTION 5310 FY2015

Ms. Land presented the following information for the funding request for FTA Section 5310 FY2015. In order to fulfill the obligated balances for the Travelers Aid project a request was made for the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority that they be funded in the amount of \$57,000 under this years' FY2015 5310 programs.

Mr. Osborne, Vice-Chair TCC, stated they approved moving this forward. Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chair TTC, stated they approved moving this forward. Mr. Bittas moved and Ms. Hester seconded to recommend approval of this request to the MPO.

FTA SECTION 5310 FY 2016

Chairman Westhoven reported that there was lots of discussion in the TTC and TCC meetings. This grant is administered by the RPCGB through an agreement with the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) and it is their money to appropriate.

Mr. Ball stated that if there is a recommendation to send this item back to the review committee then the RPCGB would recuse itself from any further involvement. Ball said they would be glad to host the meeting but that his staff would not be present, thus eliminating any chance of the RPCGB being later accused to manipulating the process. BJCTA is the designated recipient of

these funds and will be responsible for the final selections for funding. The Committee continued to discuss other options and clarification was given concerning the current process.

Mr. Osborne, TCC Chair, stated their recommendation was for the selections to go back to the Review Committee. Mr. Dawkins, TTC Chair, stated their recommendation was the same as the TCC's. Commissioner Armstrong moved and Mr. Cole seconded a motion to send this selection process to the BJCTA. Motion passed on a voice vote with Dr. Ikwut Ukwa abstaining.

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA (September 9, 2015)

The proposed MPO Policy Committee meeting agenda will include the following items:

- Agenda Item #2 (PI Documentation)
- Agenda Item #3 (TPP, 3-C agreement)
- Agenda Item #4 (5310 for FY2015)
- ADA Compliance, Clint Andrews, FHWA

Mr. Cole moved and Mr. Bittas seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

With no other business, the Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mr. Tim Westhoven
MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

Date