



July 24, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
**FROM:** Mr. Tim Westhoven, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** **MPO Advisory Committee Minutes**  
July 24, 2014

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 24, 2014, RPCGB Juster Conference Room (310), 2 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman  
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County  
Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities, Center Point

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens  
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Stefan Graeber  
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA  
Represented by Dr. Henry Ikwut Ukwa  
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT  
Represented by Mr. Terry Sitton  
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. Randy Cole  
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County  
Represented by Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester  
Honorable Joe Knight, Jefferson County  
Represented by Mr Zach Brooks  
Honorable Roger McCondichie, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Honorable Jerry Brasseale  
Ms. Tracy Pate, Jefferson County  
Represented by Mr. Ken Boozer  
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Marcus O'Dell

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Honorable Allen Armstrong, Blount County Public Transportation  
Mr. Mark Bartlett, Federal Highway Administration (Non-voting member)  
Mr. Johnny Harris, Alabama Department of Transportation 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
Mr. Walter Jackson, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Robert Jilla, Alabama Department of Transportation (Non-voting member)  
Honorable David Jones, St. Clair County  
Mr. Clyde Rice, St. Clair County Public Transportation  
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Commission

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice- Chairman  
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Lindsey West, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Jeniese Hosey, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Chairman Tim Westhoven called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Mr. Randy Cole moved and Mr. Kevin Owens seconded to approve the minutes of June 26, 2014 as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Scott Tillman presented the following requests to amend the FY2013-2015 TIP.

**ALDOT Request to Add the following project to TIP**

HPP-1602()	10006 2370	WETLAND AND STREAM MITIGATION BANK FOR THE BIRMINGHAM NORTHERN BELTLINE	8/13/2014	CN	8/14/2014	2014	\$1,000,000	Non-Exempt	High Priority Congressional Earmark
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Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice-Chair, stated that the TCC recommended moving this item forward. The TTC recommended moving this item forward. Mayor Jerry Brasseale moved and Mayor Tom Henderson seconded to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Committee. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP)**

Mr. Tillman presented the members of the Scoring Committee. Three people recused themselves from the Committee due to submission of a project from their municipality. City of Hoover and City of Alabaster applications were not selected. They have been advised and comments have been reviewed with them.

Below are the applications being recommended:

### 2014 TAP Scoring Committee Recommendations

#### Applications Recommended for Funding by Scoring Committee

Sponsor	Description	Federal Funding Awarded
Birmingham	Tiger IV Connector Trail - Downtown - Avondale - Woodlawn - East Lake	\$400,000
Leeds	High School - Memorial Park - President Street sidewalks	\$400,000
Montevallo	Middle Street sidewalks & streetscape	\$400,000
Springville	Main Street sidewalks & streetscape	\$400,000

#### Applications Recommended for Re-submittal next year

Sponsor	Description
Alabaster	11th Street - 7th Street - City Hall - Thompson Intermediate School - sidewalks & streetscape
Hoover	Cahaba Riverchase Greenway Trailhead

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice-Chair, stated that the TCC recommended moving this item forward. The TTC recommended moving this item forward. Dr. Henry Ikwut-Ukwa moved and Mr. Ken Boozer seconded to recommend approval of the TAP projects to the Policy Committee. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **FTA5307 DESIGNATION LETTER**

Mr. Tillman stated that for the transit authority to receive FTA 5307 funds they need the MPO to approve sending a letter to the Governor Bentley to have him certify that they are the designated recipient for the FTA funds. If this committee will approve this action it will be recommended to the MPO Policy for approval.

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice-Chair, stated that the TCC recommended moving this item forward. The TTC recommended moving this item forward. Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester moved and Dr. Henry Ikwut-Ukwa seconded to approve sending this request to the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **COMMUTESMART PROGRAM**

Ms. Jeniese Hosey with CommuteSmart a program of the RPCGB, presented a FY2013 report covering the following topics:

- Reduction in vehicle miles, emission and cost savings to commuter
- Mode Share
- Program tracking
- Get Green Program
- Commuter Club Program
- Emergency Ride Home
- Vanpool
- Outreach and Public Relations

Ms. West addressed the issue of Uber impacting the revisions in an ordinance with the City of Birmingham. There seems to be a misunderstanding concerning the term “rideshare.” CommuteSmart is a ridesharing program and recognized as such by the federal government and is receiving funds to implement the program. Uber is a private entity that is a vehicle-for-hire company. Uber serves a different purpose and assists with more immediate assistance. This distinction has been a national discussion for several years.

#### **MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA (August 13, 2014)**

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

- Agenda Item #2 (TIP)
- Agenda Item #3 (TAP)
- Agenda Item #4 (FTA 5307)
- Agenda Item #5 (CommuteSmart)

Mr. Randy Cole moved and Mayor Tom Henderson seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed on a voice vote.

#### **OTHER**

Chairman Tim Westhoven reviewed a list of meetings.

With no other business, the Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

#### **APPROVED:**

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Mr. Tim Westhoven  
MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

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Date