



July 25, 2013

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
**FROM:** Councilor Maxine Parker-Herring, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT: MPO Advisory Committee Minutes**  
July 25, 2013

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 25, 2013, 1:32 p.m., RPCGB 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Maxine Parker-Herring, MPO Policy Committee Secretary  
Honorable Allen Armstrong, Blount County  
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County  
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County  
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County  
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram  
Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens  
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Fred Hawkins  
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT  
Represented by Ms. Dannette Ratcliff  
Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. Tim Westhoven  
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Mitchell Nash  
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, City of Vestavia Hills  
Represented by Mr. Conrad Garrison  
Mr. Mark Bartlett, Federal Highway Administration (Non-Voting Member)  
Represented by Mr. Dave Harris

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA  
 Honorable Sandra Little Brown, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
 Mr. Les Hobson, Alabama Department of Transportation 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
 Mr. Walter Jackson, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
 Honorable Joe Lee, St. Clair County  
 Honorable Gary Strickland, Blount County Commission  
 Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA  
 Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA  
 Lian Li, FHWA  
 Keith Strickland, GMC  
 Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee  
 Mr. Torane Norris, City of Bessemer  
 Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

MPO Advisory Committee Chairman Councilor Maxine Herring Parker called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Mr. Randy Cole moved to approve the May 23, 2013 MPO Advisory Committee minutes and Mr. Tim Westhoven seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented following requests to amend the FY2013-2015 TIP.

**ALDOT Requests**

<a href="#">BR-3713Q</a>	10006024 9	Bridge replacement of Bin #4911 on (CR-65) Minor Parkway over Burlington Northern Railroad	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$311,328	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<a href="#">BR-5913Q</a>	10006057 4	Bridge replacement of CR-52 Bin #3267 over Buck Creek	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$105,465	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<a href="#">ACAA5554ATRPQ</a>	10005555 4	Interchange improvements I-65 at SR-3 (US-31) Exit 231 (ATRIP #59-05-28)	8/14/2013	CN	2/28/2014	2013	\$10,000,000	Exempt	Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program

<u>ST-037-999-0110</u>	10006066 1	Additional lanes on SR-150 from 0.062 miles west of Lake Crest Drive, to 0.45 miles east of I-459, on I-459 northbound ramps	8/14/2013	CN	9/27/2013	2013	\$3,993,169	Exempt	State Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR13Q</u>	10006078 7	Section 5309 Transit – City of Pelham Senior Center Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$45,437.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR13Q</u>	10006085 3	Section 5309 Transit – Shelby Volunteers in Service Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$47,677.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR13Q</u>	10006081 6	Section 5309 Transit – City of Montevallo Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$51,889.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR13Q</u>	10006079 1	Section 5309 Transit – City of Columbiana Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$50,321.50	Exempt	Transit Funds

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

### **RPCGB Requests – TAP Projects**

<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Leeds TAP project; FY2013; sidewalks and streetscape improvements – US-78 (Parkway Dr), 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, SR-119, 5 <sup>th</sup> St, 6 <sup>th</sup> St, and 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Birmingham TAP Project; FY2013; sidewalks and pedestrian improvements near Robinson Elementary, Barrett Elementary, and Ossie-Ware Middle Schools.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Bessemer TAP Project; FY2013; multi-use trail on abandoned railroad along SR-150 from Fairfax Ave to Berkley Ave.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program

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

There were three (3) submittals for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). They all were reviewed and are eligible for funding which will expend all dollars available. ALDOT will have a final review of projects.

The following are comments/questions

1. Did ALDOT ask Calera to fund the entire match? Yes
2. Is the Hwy 150 project a capacity project? ALDOT assured us it is only constructing turn lanes and therefore is not a capacity project.

Mr. Tim Westhoven moved to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Scott Holladay seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the following information. This a required federal document for the MPO to operate. This UPWP addresses the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), the federal transportation law requirements.

There are seven task areas in the 2014 UPWP:

- Task 1.0 Administration
- Task 2.0 Planning Information
- Task 3.0 Public Involvement
- Task 4.0 Environmental Process Planning
- Task 5.0 Transportation Systems
- Task 6.0 Program Planning.
- Task 7.0 Special Projects and Corridor Management Planning.

The federal funding source for each task area and project is also identified which totals approximately \$5.3 million in federal funds. Total federal funds available for each source include:

1. FHWA PL = \$1,032,728
2. FHWA STP = \$2,100,000
3. FTA 5309 = \$1,133,742
4. FHWA CMAQ = \$800,000

Mr. Tim Westhoven moved to approve the FY2014 UPWP. Mr. Kevin Owens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **U.S. 31 CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Renato Ghizoni presented information on the study. This program was funded through the Building Communities program, which was set up to address transportation through land use solutions. The goal for this plan was to create a plan for a more economically and socially viable and aesthetically pleasing corridor. The corridor segment studied was from north of I-65 to Shades Crest Road. The study was developed upon three underlying principles - form based zoning, a greenway and a boulevard, the Plan has the potential to be the catalyst for the City's next generation of redevelopment activities along U.S. 31. The Committee viewed the video for more information and details.

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the Emerging Themes: Principles and Goals. There are six emerging themes: Mobility, Accessibility, and Connectivity; Safety and Security; Livability; Sustainability; Prosperity; Process and Progress. He also presented the Principal, a Goal and Objectives for each theme. The response to the presentation was that the objectives are sound but need more details as plan progresses.

**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA (August 14, 2013)**

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

- Agenda Item #2 (TIP)
- Agenda Item #3 (UPWP)
- Agenda Item #4 (U.S. 31 Corridor Study)
- Agenda Item #5 (RTP)

Mr. Jim Byram moved to approve the MPO Policy Committee meeting agenda and Mr. Tim Westhoven seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**OTHER**

Mr. Dave Harris announced that he is transferring to Washington D.C. and this will be his final meeting with the Birmingham MPO. The Committee thanked him for the years of participation and contributions to helping the Birmingham MPO move forward

The list of upcoming meetings listed on the agenda were reviewed.

With no other business, the Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Honorable Maxine Herring Parker  
MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

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Date