



March 27, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mr. Tim Westhoven, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

SUBJECT: **MPO Advisory Committee Minutes**
March 27, 2014

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 27, 2014, 1:34 p.m., RPCGB Juster Conference Room (310), 2 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County
Mr. David Jones, St. Clair County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, Jefferson County Municipalities

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens

Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA
Represented by Dr. Henry Ikwut Ukwa

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT
Represented by Mr. Terry Sutton

Honorable Tom Henderson, City of Center Point, MPO Policy Committee Chairman
Represented by Honorable Roger McCondichie

Honorable Joe Knight, Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Zach Brooks

Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation
Represented by Honorable David Jones

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Allen Armstrong, Blount County
 Mr. Mark Bartlett, Federal Highway Administration (Non-voting member)
 Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County
 Mr. Johnny Harris, Alabama Department of Transportation 1st Division
 Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County
 Mr. Walter Jackson, Unincorporated Jefferson County
 Mr. Robert Jilla, Alabama Department of Transportation (Non-voting member)
 Ms. Tracy Pate, City of Birmingham
 Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
 Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Commission

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice- Chairman
 Mr. Anthony Ray
 Mr. Jim Byram, City of Hueytown
 Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester, Shelby County
 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

Mr. Tim Westhoven, MPO Policy Committee Secretary called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Hunke moved and Councilor Jones seconded to approve the minutes of January 23, 2014 as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

ALDOT Request to Add the following projects to TIP

<u>NHF-0038(Q)</u>	100062019	SR-38 (US-280) MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS FROM HOLLYWOOD BLVD TO CR-1514 (DOUG BAKER BLVD) INCLUDING MEDIAN PROTECTION FROM CHEROKEE RD TO OVERTON RD	4/9/2014	CN	8/29/2014	2014	\$2,000,000	Exempt	NHS / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>CMAQ-NR14(Q)</u>	100061848	ALABAMA SERVICE & ASSISTANCE PATROL TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP VEHICLES FOR JEFFERSON AND SHELBY COUNTIES, FY 2015-2016	4/9/2014	CN	1/15/2014	2015	\$500,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
<u>ACOA61387ATRP(004)</u>	100061387	RESURFACE CR-244 (MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD) FROM SR-7 (US-11) TO CR-12	4/9/2014	CN	6/27/2014	2014	\$1,193,132	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61006ATRP(008)</u>	100061006	RESURFACE CR-123 (TARRANT ROAD) FROM SR-3 (US-31) TO CR-121 (NEW CASTLE ROAD)	4/9/2014	CN	11/7/2014	2015	\$526,355	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA610</u>	100061001	RESURFACE 1ST AVENUE NORTH FROM CENTER STREET TO 4TH PLACE	4/9/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$158,818	Exempt	ATRIPS

<u>01ATRP(09)</u>									
<u>ACAA60990ATRP(09)</u>	100060990	RESURFACE LAKESHORE PARKWAY FROM INDUSTRIAL DRIVE TO VENICE ROAD	4/9/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$2,106,606	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61392ATRP(06)</u>	100061392	RESURFACING CR-30 (OLD SPRINGVILLE ROAD) FROM THE ST. CLAIR/JEFFERSON COUNTY LINE TO SR-7 (US-411)	4/9/2014	CN	9/29/2014	2015	\$367,417	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61394ATRP(011)</u>	100061394	RESURFACING CR-167 KERR ROAD FROM KELLY CREEK ROAD TO SR-25 (US-411)	4/9/2014	CN	2/27/2015	2015	\$454,519	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA59507ATRP(01)</u>	100059507	RESURFACE AND PERMANENT STRIPE CR-10 FROM THE BIBB COUNTY LINE TO CR-22 IN PEA RIDGE	4/9/2014	CN	4/25/2014	2014	\$1,074,214	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA59500ATRP(02)</u>	100059500	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON CR-55 OVER MUDDY PRONG CREEK BIN# 13783	4/9/2014	CN	6/27/2014	2014	\$568,198	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61007ATRP(010)</u>	100061007	RESURFACE CR-121 (NEW CASTLE ROAD) FROM CR-123 (PINE HILL ROAD) TO PARADISE VALLEY ROAD	4/9/2014	CN	1/30/2015	2015	\$906,660	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61018ATRP(08)</u>	100061018	ADD TURN LANES AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT INTERSECTION OF SR-25 AND 10TH STREET	4/19/2014	CN	11/7/2014	2015	\$846,708	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61003ATRP(015)</u>	100061003	RESURFACE CR-30 FROM SOUTHERN CITY LIMITS OF CLAY TO JEFFERSON COUNTY LINE	4/9/2014	CN	11/6/2015	2016	\$920,000	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61019ATRP(012)</u>	100061019	RESURFACE OLD HIGHWAY 25 FROM SR-25 TO CR-47	4/9/2014	CN	5/29/2015	2015	\$272,000	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61022ATRP(011)</u>	100061022	RESURFACE CR-17 FROM CR-58 TO CR-52	4/9/2014	CN	2/27/2015	2015	\$438,500	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61023ATRP(012)</u>	100061023	RESURFACE CR-99 FROM CR-47 TO SR-145	4/9/2014	CN	5/29/2015	2015	\$340,700	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61025ATRP(012)</u>	100061025	RESURFACE CR-28 FROM COLUMBIANA CITY LIMITS TO SR-145	4/9/2014	CN	5/29/2015	2015	\$680,520	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61026ATRP(012)</u>	100061026	RESURFACE CR-30 FROM COLUMBIANA TO CR-9	4/9/2014	CN	5/29/2015	2015	\$766,100	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60989ATRP(09)</u>	100060989	RESURFACE FIVE MILE ROAD FROM ORCHID ROAD TO BIRMINGHAM CITY LIMITS	4/9/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$137,830	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60987ATRP(010)</u>	100060987	RESURFACE 4TH AVENUE SOUTH WEST FROM MCADORY SCHOOL ROAD TO 18TH STREET NORTH DARTMOUTH AVENUE/MCASHAN DRIVE	4/9/2014	CN	1/30/2015	2015	\$2,270,869	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61009ATRP(09)</u>	100061009	RESURFACE VALLEY AVENUE FROM PALISADES BOULEVARD TO JUST EAST OF 18TH STREET AND 18TH STREET FROM VALLEY AVENUE TO OXMOOR ROAD	4/9/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$1,856,756	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61010ATRP(012)</u>	100061010	RESURFACE STADIUM TRACE PARKWAY AND BROCKS GAP PARKWAY INCLUDING TURN LANE IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTION OF LEARNING LANE FROM CR-2 TO SR-150	4/9/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$1,802,614	Exempt	ATRIPS

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

Mr. Osborne reported that the TCC recommended moving forward and Mr. Hunke reported that the TTC recommended moving forward. Councilor Jones moved and Dr. Ikwut-Ukwa seconded to recommend these projects to the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT

Ms. Cissy Crowe, RPCGB, presented the Documentation Report for the Public Involvement meeting held December 18, 2014 for the Public Participation Plan. She reported that all procedures outlined in the current Participation Plan were followed. The following highlights were presented:

- 26 people were in attendance ranging from elected officials to local government employees to citizens
- Participation techniques were previewed and demonstrated with those in attendance at the meeting
- The surveys returned at the meetings indicated that the liked the meeting very much and found it very informative.
- There were two distinct questions/comments returned. The first was from BJCTA requesting their Program of Projects public involvement be included in the MPO Plan. It was agreed that this request would be honored and a paragraph would be included in the Plan in regard to the Transportation Improvement Program. The other comment was complimenting the staff on their efforts for outreach.

Mr. Osborne reported that the TCC recommended moving forward and Mr. Hunke reported that the TTC recommended moving forward. Mr. Bittas moved and Mr. Hunke seconded to recommend the Documentation to the MPO Policy Committee for approval. Motion passed on a voice vote.

5310 DESIGNATED RECIPIENT

Ms. Laurel Land presented the following resolution for consideration:

WHEREAS, the new federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) made modifications to the funding of the FTA Section 5310 program intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, under MAP-21 the MPO must either assume the role of Designated Recipient for Section 5310 funds or direct the process for authorizing distribution of the funds to another entity; and

WHEREAS, the Designated Recipient will be responsible for project selection and award of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Designated Recipient will also be responsible for ensuring that projects are compliant with FTA requirements, including submission of the Program of Projects, project oversight, distribution of funds, and program management through TEAM; and

WHEREAS, the designation must demonstrate joint concurrence by the Governor, publicly owned operators of mass transportation services, and responsible local officials acting through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO);

WHEREAS, the BJCTA is currently the Designated Recipient for the Section 5310 funds; and

WHEREAS, the BJCTA has indicated its willingness to continue in the role of Designated Recipient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recommends that the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority be named the Designated Recipient of the Section 5310 fund for the Birmingham urbanized area. The same process that worked well for the JARC and New Freedom funds will be used for the 5310 funds. A request for projects (RFP), that is open to anyone in the urbanized area, will be announced. A diverse review committee meets and reviews all RFPs according to specific criteria and a determination is made concerning which RFPs will be funded. These funds are more flexible than JARC and New Freedom.

Mr. Osborne reported that the TCC recommended moving forward and Mr. Hunke reported that following a spirited discussion the TTC recommended moving forward. Dr. Ikwut-Ukwa moved and Mr. Hunke seconded to recommend adoption of this resolution by the MPO Policy Committee. Motion passed on a voice vote.

HIGHWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION MAP

Mr. Kaczorowski presented the Highway Functional Classification Map. The classification of roadways on this map determines which roads are eligible for federal funding and is updated every 2 years. It is based on the 2010 U.S. Census information and included the urban boundary and the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary. The MPA was expanded last year to include portions of St. Clair and Blount counties based on census data.

Mr. Kaczorowski explained that this Committee determined that the map presented in January was inaccurate. Those inaccuracies have been corrected and all parties consulted on the new map.

Mr. Osborne reported that the TCC recommended moving forward and Mr. Hunke reported that the TTC recommended moving forward. Mr. Hunke moved and Councilor Jones seconded to recommend the resolution and map to the MPO Policy Committee for approval. Motion passed on a voice vote.

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA (APRIL 9, 2014)

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

- Agenda Item #2 (TIP)
- Agenda Item #3 (PI Documentation)
- Agenda Item #4 (5310)
- Agenda Item #5 (Functional Classification)
- Safe Routes to School

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

OTHER

Mr. Kaczorowski reminded the committee that the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) applications are due at ALDOT May 2nd and to RPCGB May 9th. The Scoring Committee will remain the same as appointed for the previous round of TAP applications.

Mr. Westhoven reviewed a list of meetings.

With no other business, the Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mr. Tim Westhoven
MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

Date