



September 26, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Councilor Maxine Parker-Herring, MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

SUBJECT: **MPO Advisory Committee Minutes**
September 26, 2013

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, 1:32 p.m., RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 2 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover, MPO Policy Committee Secretary
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County
Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Mitchell Nash
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, City of Vestavia Hills
Represented by Mr. Conrad Garrison
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Allen Armstrong, Blount County
Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Mark Bartlett, Federal Highway Administration (Non-voting member)
Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT
Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities

Mr. Johnny Harris, Alabama Department of Transportation 1st Division
Mr. Walter Jackson, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Robert Jilla, Alabama Department of Transportation (Non-voting member)
Honorable Joe Lee, St. Clair County
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Policy Committee Vice Chairman
Honorable Gary Strickland, Blount County Commission

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, MPO TCC
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice- Chairman
Mr. Torane Norris, City of Bessemer
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Due to the absence of MPO Advisory Committee Chairman Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Mr. Tim Westhoven MPO Policy Committee Secretary called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was not in attendance therefore all voting items were not brought before this committee. All non-voting items were presented.

WEST HOMEWOOD PLAN

Mr. Mikhail Alert, Community Planner, with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham presented the West Homewood Plan. The West Homewood Plan was initiated by the City of Homewood – on behalf of the citizens, property owners and business owners of the City – to create a sense of place and identity for the West Homewood over the next 15-20 years. The plan called for a walkable neighborhood center to be created near the recently renovated Patriot Park. In order to achieve this, the plan also recommended that the City adopt a Form-Based Code. The Form-Based Code provided the regulatory tools the City needed to create the sense of place and neighborhood center envisioned by citizens, since it focused more on addressing the built environment and less on the separation of uses. Both the plan and the Form-Based Code have been adopted by the City. The Committee also viewed the video.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (SRTS)

Mr. Nick Sims, Safe Routes to School Central Alabama, presented an overview of the program. Topics covered include:

- What is Safe Routes to School?
- Why is SRTS Important?
- Supporting SRTS in the Community
- Safe Routes to School Federal Funding
- Walkability Assessments
- Non-Infrastructure
- Progress

OTHER

With no other business, the Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Honorable Maxine Herring Parker
MPO Advisory Committee Chairman

Date