



June 13, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2012**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Thomas Henderson, MPO Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Vice Chairman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Linda Allen, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Doug Brewer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Othell Phillips
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Chief William Hewitt
Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Jeffery McDaniels

Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram

Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Virginia Williams

Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Roger McCondicchie

Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Randy Robertson

Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. David Hunke

Honorable David Frings, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Represented by Mr. George Henry

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Lance Taylor

Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member
Represented by Mr. Victor Jordan

Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. David Ricker

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member
Represented by Mr. Dave Harris

Mr. Patrick Sellers, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Chris Leffert

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County

Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County

Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable George Bowman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Jim Lowery, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Slade Blackwell, Remaining Voting Representative

Honorable Kurt Wallace, Remaining Voting Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
 Mr. Chris Brady, City of Vestavia Hills
 Ms. Kamilah Gray Lewis, City of Birmingham
 Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
 Ms. Meredith Davidson, BBA
 Mr. Keith Strickland, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood
 Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
 Mr. Eddy Jowers, City of Pelham
 Ms. Paige Coker, GSTS
 Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
 Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
 Mr. Preston Huddleston

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Cynthia Barton called roll. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to approve the April 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Harvey Henley seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY2012-2015 TIP to include the following:

ALDOT Requests

<u>UMTA</u> <u>C</u> TR12 ()	100058283	Section 5310 Transit Glenwood, INC Capital Bus Support Equipment (3 GPS)	6/12/2012	TR	6/13/2012	2012	\$1,500	Exempt	Transit Projects
<u>FTA3C</u> <u>TR12</u> ()	100058293	Section 5309 Transit City of Kimberly Capital Bus (IMV)	6/12/2012	TR	6/13/2012	2012	\$47,372	Exempt	Transit Projects
<u>IM-1065</u> ()	100058058	Repair and cleaning concrete flumes and repair sinkholes on backslope benches to prevent future sinkholes in roadway – I-65 from Valleydale Rd to SR-119	6/12/2012	PE	6/13/2012	2012	\$100,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects
<u>IM-1065</u> ()	100058059	Repair and cleaning concrete flumes and repair sinkholes on backslope benches to prevent future sinkholes in roadway – I-65 from Valleydale Rd to SR-119	6/12/2012	CN	6/13/2012	2012	\$500,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects

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

Mr. David Ricker asked why the same project had two different project numbers. Mr. Kaczorowski explained that there are two numbers for the two different phases of the project.

Chairman Henderson called for the recommendations of the TCC, TTC and MPO Subcommittee. TCC Vice Chairman Willie Osborne stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee recommended approval of the requested TIP amendment. TTC Chairman Greg Dawkins stated that the Transportation Technical Committee also recommended approval of the requested TIP amendment. MPO Vice Chairman Wayne Sullivan stated that the MPO Subcommittee also recommended approval of the TIP amendment as requested.

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to approve the TIP amendment as requested. Ms. Virginia Williams seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski then presented requests from ALDOT on behalf of Governor Robert Bentley. The projects are a part of the new Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIPS) initiative created by Governor Bentley to assist governments with their urgent transportation infrastructure needs. The program will be funded through the GARVEE program for \$200-\$300 million. This money will be borrowed against future federal funding. A separate bureau called Innovative Programs Bureau will be responsible for oversight and consists of the Governor, members of his staff, and outside professionals. Projects will not go through the 3rd Division office. It was noted that the first round of selected projects has been announced. Projects are notated in **Bold** and are highlighted. ALDOT has requested all projects be included in the TIP so that they will be ready to go when specific projects are selected by the governing committee. Mr. Lance Taylor noted that any projects not selected in the first round are still eligible for selection in subsequent rounds.

These projects if / when selected would be funded with state money and would not affect Birmingham Attributable funds. State projects are required to be included in the TIP by federal rule and any project not selected will be removed from the TIP.

ALDOT Requests - ATRIPS Projects – (Projects Selected for Round 1 Funding are in Bold)

<u>ACATR IPAA10 0058379</u>	100058379	Turn lanes on CR-153 (Trussville-Clay Road) & signalization Husky Parkway At CR-2133 (Deerfoot Pkwy) in the City of Trussville	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$922,875	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAA10 0058367</u>	100058367	Resurface Mt. Olive Road from CR-118 (Fieldstown Road) to CR-112 (Mount Olive Boulevard)	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$431,250	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAA10 0058369</u>	100058369	Resurface CR-94 (Queenstown Road) from CR-10 (Roper Rd) To 2nd Street in the City of Trussville	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$488,750	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAA10 0058370</u>	100058370	CR-1523 (Shady Grove Road), resurface from CR-118 (Fieldstown Road) to (Carrington Drive)	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$161,000	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects

<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058371</u>	100058371	Resurface CR-77, CR-118 (Fieldstown Road) from CR-1497 (Jew Hollow Road) to I-65 in Gardendale, AL	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$1,092,500	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058372</u>	100058372	Patton Chapel Rd and Lorna Rd resurfacing and intersection Improvements in Hoover	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$2,122,259	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058373</u>	100058373	Resurface CR-2123 (Camp Coleman Road) from SR-7 (US-11) To CR-2124 (Windsong Drive) in the City of Trussville	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$373,750	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058374</u>	100058374	Resurface CR-353 (Hugh Daniel Drive from SR-38 (US-280) to CR-41 (Duavant Road) in Hoover	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$839,646	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058376</u>	100058376	Resurface CR-1151 (Old Rocky Ridge Road) from CR-115 (Lorna Road) to CR-1220 (Rocky Ridge Lane) in Hoover	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$813,511	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058378</u>	100058378	Resurface and realign SR-150 at Galleria Boulevard, in Hoover	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$633,854	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058380</u>	100058380	Riverchase Parkway East Roadway Lighting in Hoover	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$1,193,813	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058381</u>	100058381	Turn Lanes on CR-2133 (Deerfoot Parkway) at Jonathans Way in the City of Trussville	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$250,125	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058382</u>	100058382	Replace Bridge on CR-12 over Dry Creek BIN # 6952 Suff Rating 39.3 In Shelby County	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$1,713,760	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058383</u>	100058383	Resurface CR-29 (Caldwell Mill Rd) & CR-14 (Cahaba Valley Trace) in Shelby County	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$559,550	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058384</u>	100058384	Resurface CR-61 from SR-145 to SR-25 (Carison Road) in Shelby County	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$754,982	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058375</u>	100058375	Traffic signalization on CR-19 (Chalkville Mountain Road) from Norrel Drive to CR-155 (Tyler Loop Road) in the City of Trussville	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$254,750	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR IPAAIO 0058377</u>	100058377	Interchange Lighting on I-59 at CR-2133 (Deerfoot Parkway) City of Trussville	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$621,600	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects

<u>ACATR</u> <u>IPAA10</u> <u>0058366</u>	100058366	Replace Bridge over Watkins Brook on Mountain Brook Parkway BIN # 2850 Suff Rating 58.3 in the City of Mountain Brook	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$957,619	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR</u> <u>IPAA10</u> <u>0058688</u>	100058688	Traffic signalization upgrade on 18th Street North (5 locations) and on 19th Street North (17 locations) in the City of Bessemer	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$1,442,986	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>ACATR</u> <u>IPAA10</u> <u>0058368</u>	100058368	CR-118 (Fieldstown Road) install traffic signals from I-65 north to US-31 (SR-3) in the City of Gardendale	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$349,600	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>tbd</u>	<u>tbd</u>	Widen and Resurface CR-49 from CR-47 to SR-25	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$2,083,456	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>tbd</u>	<u>tbd</u>	Resurface CR-47 from CR-49 to SR-25	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$1,547,653	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects

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

<u>ACATR</u> <u>IPAA10</u> <u>0058363</u>	100058363	Widen Cotton Avenue from 10th Street to Lomb Avenue in Birmingham (2 lanes to 3 lanes) – includes a roundabout and bus bays	6/12/2012	CN	8/31/2012	2012	\$3,194,897	Non-Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
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This project is non-exempt from regional emission analysis. This project will be included in an update to the regional emissions analysis and 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to be adopted later this year.

Mr. Kaczorowski discussed the Cotton Avenue project. Both the TTC and TTC questioned if this project would be a capacity project and asked for clarification. It has been determined that the project will be considered a capacity project and therefore must be included in the Conformity Analysis regional emissions model.

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC Vice-Chairman, stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee recommended approval of the TIP projects on condition the conformity issue with the Cotton Avenue project be clarified. Mr. Greg Dawkins, TTC Chairman, stated that the Transportation Technical Committee also recommended approval with the same condition of conformity clarification. MPO vice Chairman Wayne Sullivan stated that the MPO Subcommittee moved the item forward for consideration.

Mr. Kaczorowski then noted the Shelby County projects included in the request. The projects were added by ALDOT, but had not been received by staff with project numbers. ALDOT asked the projects be included in the request.

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to approve the TIP modification as requested. Mr. David Ricker seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

MPO CERTIFICATION REPORT

Mr. Dave Harris, FHWA, gave a report on the MPO Certification that was held March 15-16, 2012. Mr. Harris explained the Federal Certification Review Mandate, including the following information:

- FHWA and FTA jointly review and evaluate MPO planning processes for each Transportation Management Area (TMA) at least every four years. (23 U.S.C.134, and 49 U.S.C 1607)
- In TMAs that are maintenance or non-attainment areas, FHWA and FTA will review the transportation planning process to ensure that conformity of plans and programs in being conducted in accordance with 40 CFR part 51. (23 U.S.C. 134)
- Public involvement that is appropriate to the metropolitan area under review. (23 CFR 450.334 (b) (4))

Major Certification Review requirements state the TMA's planning process shall:

- Establish a "3-C" (continuing, cooperative & comprehensive) transportation planning process;
- Address the eight planning areas in 23 CFR 450.306 (a);
- Include development of LRTP, TIP, UPWP, and other plans;
- Consider Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act;
- Address Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Consider provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Consider Section 1003 (b) of the ISTEA regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects.

Mr. Harris then gave an overview of the Certification Process. The review consisted of three primary activities:

1. A site visit (March 15-16, 2012) including discussions with staff representing the MPO, ALDOT and BJCTA, local officials serving on the MPO, and the general public.
2. A report prepared by FHWA/FTA, which summarizes review's findings, and issues the certification action.
3. A closeout presentation of the review's findings at an MPO policy board meeting.

Summary of the Certification Report

The report identified noteworthy practices of the MPO's transportation planning process:

- Air Quality
- Project Development Process (ex. APPLE program)
- Organizational Structure (TTC, TTC, MPO Subcommittee, MPO)
- Public Involvement
- Transit Funding

Recommendations (No Corrective Actions):

- Project-level Public Involvement (ALDOT project level involvement- most projects commented on were found to be in the NEPA process)
- Financial Plans

- 2010 Census (Use information to review and expand MPO boundaries. Include new boundaries in the MPO)
- Obligation of STP and CMAQ Funds

Mr. Harris stated that the Birmingham Area MPO has been certified for the next four years.

OTHER

Chairman Henderson reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Citizens Committee Meeting June 20, 2012, 12 noon, RPCGB
- Technical Committee Meeting, June 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting, June 28, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, July 11, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Secretary

Date