



November 15, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Subcommittee Chairman/s/

**SUBJECT: MPO Subcommittee Minutes
November 15, 2012**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, November 15, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Othell Phillips, City of Gardendale
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Ken Boozer

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

Honorable Tommy Alexander, City of Irondale
Represented by Mr. Steve Sims

Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram

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

Ms. Joyce Brooks, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
Represented by Mr. Chris Leffert

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT
Represented by Ms. Cindy Hill
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Greg Dawkins

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Walter Jackson, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Stan Batemon, ex-officio, St. Clair County Commission
Honorable Bruce Hamrick, ex-officio, Walker County Commission
Honorable Tim Mims, ex-officio, Chilton County Commission
Honorable Chris Green, ex-officio, Blount County Commission

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

RPCGB Executive Director Charles Ball called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Ms. Crowe called rolled. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. David Hunke made a motion to approve the October 25, 2012 MPO Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Scott Holladay, serving as proxy for Mr. Randy Cole until he arrived, seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

MPO BYLAWS MODIFICATION

Ms. Cissy Crowe reviewed the proposed bylaws modifications that were presented at the November 7, 2012 MPO meeting for a first read. Ms. Virginia Williams had requested the information used in determining the newly proposed voting membership. The new MPA map, a spreadsheet with a population breakdown of districts and the percentage of population relating to the number of votes was included in the meeting packet.

Based on the population numbers from the 2010 census, portions of Blount and St. Clair counties were added to the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). The new MAP-21 transportation bill required the representation of transit agencies in Blount and St Clair counties on the MPO. The BJCTA was already represented so this did not change. With the inclusion of the two new counties, it became necessary to include ALDOT 1st Division in order to ensure DOT

representation for all counties in the MPA. Additional changes included the change in voting status of the legislative appointments to non-voting members. The total voting representation if approved will go from 44 to 45 total votes. The MPO Subcommittee will be changed to the MPO Advisory Committee.

Ms. Virginia Williams expressed concerns about Birmingham losing population and St. Clair receiving 2 votes. Voting representation is based on population. The St. Clair population total was 1.6 so the Bylaws committee rounded up to vote to 2 members. Ms. Williams then expressed concerns about money being divided more and less control over everything.

Questions / comments included:

1. When will this take affect?
 - a. As soon as the bylaws are adopted by the MPO, which comes up for a vote in December. Then the changes will have to be sent to ALDOT for approval. If approved, the new MPO will take seat in February. The new MPO Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet in January, which will be the first meeting with the new membership.
2. Mayor Othell Phillips stated that the Jefferson County Mayors Association had no objections to turning over one seat to Hoover.
3. How did Blount and St. Clair become a part of the MPO?
 - a. Population shifts and urban clusters that were projected to develop into the MPO over the next 20 years. It is not the whole county. Only the population in the MPA was used to determine voting representation on the MPO. The U.S. Census Bureau drew the Urbanized Area boundaries. FHWA wanted to include all of St. Clair.

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Mr. Jim Byram made a motion to include Agenda Item #2 (MPO Bylaws Modification) to the December 12, 2012 MPO meeting agenda. Mr. Randy Cole seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

Charles reviewed the list of upcoming meetings listed on the agenda, including:

- MPO, December 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Citizens Committee Meeting, **Tuesday**, December 18, 2012, 12:00 noon, RPCGB
- Transportation Technical Committee, December 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee, December 20, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mr. Wayne Sullivan
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

Date

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