



April 10, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB 3rd Floor Conference Room, Two Twentieth Street North Suite 310, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Thomas Henderson, MPO Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, MPO Vice Chairman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County
Honorable Joe Lee, District 6, St. Clair County
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, City of Hoover, Shelby County
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation
Mr. Tim Westhoven, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Grant Swindoll
Honorable Lindsey Allison, District 5, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. Randy Cole
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram
Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Mike Eddington
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Voting Representative
Represented by Ms. Ann Dawson August

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3rd Division Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Lance Davis
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Represented by Mr. Brett Taylor
Mr. David Hunke, District 5, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. Eric Womack
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Doug Hale
Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Tim Westhoven

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Johnny Harris, ALDOT, 1st Division Voting Representative
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Pam Palmer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Policy Committee Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Water, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Slade Blackwell, Non-Voting Representative
Honorable Kurt Wallace, Non-Voting Representative
Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member
Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brett Isom, Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
 Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
 Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
 Mr. Doug Brewer
 Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
 Ms. Yolanda Clayton, Jefferson County Commission
 Mr. Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates
 Mr. Ethan Vice, Rep. Bachus Office
 Mr. Toraine Norris, City of Bessemer
 Mr. Will Baxter, City of Midfield

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to approve the February 13, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Tim Weshoven seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented requests to modify the FY 2012-2015 TIP.

ALDOT Requests

<u>IM-00590</u>	100059905	Concrete pavement rehabilitation on I-59 from I-459 to .75 miles south of CR-10 (Chalkville Mountain Road)	4/10/2013	PE	4/11/2013	2013	\$300,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>IM-00590</u>	100059906	Concrete pavement rehabilitation on I-59 from I-459 to .75 miles south of CR-10 (Chalkville Mountain Road)	4/10/2013	CN	4/11/2013	2013	\$3,000,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>RHCH-CN130</u>	100059834	Railroad crossing improvement Norfolk Southern Line at CR-10 near City of Montevallo/Ref#1247 (XIII-R)/DOT #727894B	4/10/2013	CN	6/15/2013	2013	\$4,553	Exempt	Safety Projects
<u>IM-10590</u>	100060180	Ramp widening and auxiliary lane on I-59 southbound lanes from Exit 104 (CR-2240, McAshan Drive) to I-459 southbound lane	4/10/2013	CN	6/15/2013	2013	\$1,000,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>STPAA-37130</u>	100060181	Non-compliant curb ramp replacement on State routes within the Third Division	4/10/2013	PE	5/1/2013	2013	\$100,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Any Area

STPAA-37140	100060174	Non-compliant curb ramp replacement on State routes within the Third Division	4/10/2013	CN	12/6/2013	2013	\$1,427,500	Exempt	Surface Transportation Any Area
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These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

STPBH-71730	100059888	Finley Boulevard extension from 26 th Street (US-31) to SR-79 in the vicinity of East Lake Boulevard	4/10/2013	UT	1/1/2015	2015	\$3,655,254	Non-Exempt	Surface Transportation Birmingham Attributable
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This project is non-exempt from regional emission analysis. This project is included in the adopted and approved regional emissions analysis. See Appendix 5C of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

1. What is the ramp widening project? I-459 Southbound on-ramp where two lanes merge to one. ALDOT will take the two lanes all the way around and make one an auxiliary lane. The length of project is less than one mile.
2. Are we moving construction money over to utility on the Finley Boulevard project? Yes
3. Does this mean construction won't cost as much? Construction budget more than enough to construct phase I. This is from US-31 over railroad tracks to Shuttlesworth.

Mr. Greg Dawkins reported that the Transportation Technical Committee approved moving forward. Mr. Willie Osborne reported that the Transportation Citizens Committee approved moving forward.

Councilor Valerie Abbott made a motion to approve the TIP amendments and Mr. Tim Westhoven seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) AND SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented highlights of the application:

- Almost identical to ALDOT application for same program
- Funds cannot be used for recreational trails because there is a Rec. Trails program for those types of projects
- Sponsor must pay for professional engineering.
- Sponsor can use funds for right of way and construction
- Cap of \$500,000 for total project cost which has a 20% match
- Required to have a public meeting allowing public to comment on project
- Require submission of one copy by hardcopy or electronic.
- Deadline July 8, 2013
- Review and letting of program will follow the Local Public Agency (LPA) process
- Selection – RPCGB staff will review to make sure eligible. The MPO Policy Committee will select a TAP subcommittee to review and score the projects using a methodology to be approved by the MPO Policy Committee.
- The subcommittee will make recommendations to the Policy Committee

1. Will the final application be available online? The MPO application will be online but the ALDOT application will not be available online. ALDOT mailed an application on March 1st.

2. Is each municipality limited to submitting one project? Yes. However, a Sponsor could submit one project to the MPO and a different project to ALDOT.
3. Is the area in St. Clair County that is within the MPO the only area eligible? Yes for MPO funding. The entire county is eligible for ALDOT funding.

Mr. Greg Dawkins reported that the Transportation Technical Committee approved moving forward. Mr. Willie Osborne reported that the Transportation Citizens Committee approved moving forward.

Mr. Jim Byram made and motion to approve the application and Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the following information.

- The previous adopted in 2010 and has to be updated every 4 years.
- Branded the RTP and it is the ThinkForward 2040
- Primary piece is transportation but also look at land use and land development and each impacts the other
- Will also consider economic development which will coincide with the requirement of RPCGB's EDA funding to adopt a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- The RTP address the following
 - Addresses both the Metropolitan and Urban and Rural areas
 - Monitoring and measuring existing conditions
 - Forecasting the future
 - Targeted infrastructure and service investments
 - Operation strategies
 - Freight and good movement
 - Active transportation
 - How much money we have to make changes
- The RTP will develop a vision for how the region should grow and suggestions for how development can occur so that the public gets the best return on investment when it comes to infrastructure and services
- The timeline is for outreach from spring to fall 2013. Winter 2013 into spring 2014 will be plan development and air quality conformity. RTP to be adopted in Summer 2014

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date