



August 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee

FROM: Mr. Tim Westhoven, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2013**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, August 14, 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
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Vice-Chairman, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tim Westhoven, MPO Secretary, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Fred Hawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. David Hunke, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, City of Hoover, Shelby County
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
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MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Mr. Andrew Mayo
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. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3rd Division Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Lance Taylor
Honorable Joe Lee, District 6, St. Clair County
Represented by Honorable David Jones
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Honorable Jerry Brasseale
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. E. Wayne Sullivan
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Ms. Carole Epstein
Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Tim Westhoven
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Mitchell Nash
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Conrad Garrison

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Voting Representative
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Mr. Johnny Harris, ALDOT, 1st Division Voting Representative
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Pam Palmer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation
Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation
Honorable Gary Waters, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member
Honorable Slade Blackwell, Non-Voting Representative
Honorable Kurt Wallace, Non-Voting Representative
Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Lindsey G. West, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee

Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
 Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
 Mr. Jose Perry, Jr.
 Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
 Chief Billy Hewitt, City of Tarrant
 Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
 Mr. Evan Williams, Jefferson County
 Mr. Ethan Vice, Rep. Bachus office
 Mr. Michael Staley, Rep. Bachus office
 Mr. Zach Brooks, Jefferson County/Commissioner Knight
 Honorable Kenneth Gulley, City of Bessemer
 Mr. Toraine Norris, City of Bessemer

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Councilor Valerie Abbott made a motion to approve the June 12, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Tim Westhoven 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>BR-37130</u>	100060249	Bridge replacement of Bin #4911 on (CR-65) Minor Parkway over Burlington Northern Railroad	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$311,328	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>BR-59130</u>	100060574	Bridge replacement of CR-52 Bin #3267 over Buck Creek	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$105,465	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>ACAA5554AT RP0</u>	100055554	Interchange improvements I-65 at SR-3 (US-31) Exit 231 (ATRIP #59-05-28)	8/14/2013	CN	2/28/2014	2013	\$10,000,000	Exempt	Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program
<u>ST-037-999-0110</u>	100060661	Additional lanes on SR-150 from 0.062 miles west of Lake Crest Drive, to 0.45 miles east of I-459, on I-459 northbound ramps	8/14/2013	CN	9/27/2013	2013	\$3,993,169	Exempt	State Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR130</u>	100060787	Section 5309 Transit – City of Pelham Senior Center Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$45,437.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR130</u>	100060853	Section 5309 Transit – Shelby Volunteers in Service Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$47,677.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR130</u>	100060816	Section 5309 Transit – City of Montevallo Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$51,889.50	Exempt	Transit Funds

FTA3C-TR130	10006079 1	Section 5309 Transit – City of Columbiana Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$50,321.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
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These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

RPCGB Requests – TAP Projects

<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Leeds TAP project; FY2013; sidewalks and streetscape improvements – US-78 (Parkway Dr), 1 st Ave, 2 nd Ave, SR-119, 5 th St, 6 th St, and 7 th St.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Birmingham TAP Project; FY2013; sidewalks and pedestrian improvements near Robinson Elementary, Barrett Elementary, and Ossie-Ware Middle Schools.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Bessemer TAP Project; FY2013; multi-use trail on abandoned railroad along SR-150 from Fairfax Ave to Berkley Ave.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program

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

There were three (3) submittals for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). They all were reviewed and are eligible for funding which will expend all dollars available. ALDOT will have a final review of projects.

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. Rod Long seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the following information. This a required federal document for the MPO to operate. This UPWP addresses the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the federal transportation law requirements.

There are seven task areas in the 2014 UPWP:

- Task 1.0 Administration
- Task 2.0 Planning Information
- Task 3.0 Public Involvement
- Task 4.0 Environmental Process Planning
- Task 5.0 Transportation Systems
- Task 6.0 Program Planning.
- Task 7.0 Special Projects and Corridor Management Planning.

The federal funding source for each task area and project is also identified which totals approximately \$5.3 million in federal funds. Total federal funds available for each source include:

1. FHWA PL = \$1,032,728
2. FHWA STP = \$2,100,000
3. FTA 5309 = \$1,133,742
4. FHWA CMAQ = \$800,000

Mr. Tim Westhoven moved to approve the FY2014 UPWP. Mr. Kevin Owens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

U.S. 31 CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Renato Ghizoni presented information on the study. This program was funded through the Building Communities program, which was set up to address transportation through land use solutions. The goal for this plan was to create a plan for a more economically and socially viable and aesthetically pleasing corridor. The corridor segment studied was from north of I-65 to Shades Crest Road. The study was developed upon three underlying principles - form based zoning, a greenway and a boulevard and the Plan has the potential to be the catalyst for the City's next generation of redevelopment activities along U.S. 31. The Committee viewed the video for more information and details.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the Emerging Themes, Principles and Goals. There are four emerging themes: Mobility, Livability; Sustainability and Process and Progress. He also presented the Guiding Principles, the Goals and Objectives for each theme.

OTHER

Mr. Scott Tillman presented a resolution approving the proposed Functionally Classified Road Network and a Functional Classification Map for the Birmingham MPO. These documents were approved by the Policy Committee in February by motion. This resolution is a requirement of the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Councilor Valerie Abbott made a motion to approve the proposed resolution and Mr. Rod Long seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mr. Tim Westhoven
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date