



December 12, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2012**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 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 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. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena
Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

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

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Andy Mayo

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Marcus Huskey

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Steve Sims

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

Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Ms. Carol Epstein

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. William Baylor

Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Chris Leffert

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham

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

Ms. Linda Allen, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable George Bowman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Kenneth Coachman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Jim Lowery, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

VACANT, District 4, Shelby County

Honorable Slade Blackwell, Remaining Voting Representative

Honorable Kurt Wallace, Remaining 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

Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee

Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County

Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County

Mr. George Henry, City of Alabaster
Mr. Eddy Jowers, City of Pelham
Chief William Hewitt, City of Tarrant
Mr. Christopher Brady, City of Vestavia Hills
Mr. Mike Eddington, City of Birmingham
Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
Mr. Preston Huddleston
Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover
Mr. William Parker, Birmingham
Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
Ms. Megan Silas, Auburn
Mr. Mike Smith
Mr. Conrad Garrison, City of Vestavia Hills
Honorable David Miller, City of Leeds
Mr. Michael Jeffries, Alabama State Parks Oak Mountain
Ms. Candice Hill, St. Clair County EDC
Ms. Geneva Brown, ALDOT
Mr. George Munchus, UAB

MPO Policy Committee Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was declared. MPO Policy Committee Chairman Tom Henderson introduced the new Mayor of Alabaster, Mayor Marty Handlon, and Leeds, Mayor David Miller. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Walter Jackson made a motion to approve the November 7, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Wayne Sullivan seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

MPO BYLAWS MODIFICATION

MPO Policy Committee Vice Chairman Wayne Sullivan presented proposed modifications to the MPO Policy Committee bylaws based on the 2010 census and new Metropolitan Planning Area for a second read and vote. Proposed changes included:

Amended December 12, 2012

BYLAWS

BIRMINGHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (~~Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area~~)

**Adopted in Association with Companion Bylaws of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater
Birmingham (RPCGB)**

Article 1 - Name of Organization

Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Article 2 – Purpose

2.1 Purpose

A. To provide a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process, in conjunction with the RPCGB, that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area of Jefferson, and Shelby, Blount and St. Clair Counties.

2.2 Powers

The Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor as being responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of ~~Title 23, United States Code (Highways), Section 134 (transportation planning in certain urban areas), as provided in Section 104(f)(3) (apportionment of funds); and capable of meeting the requirements of Title 49, United States Code (Transit), Section 3(a)(2), and 3(e)(1 (Federal financial assistance), Section 4(e) (long-range program), and Sections 5(g)(1) and 5 (L)(urban mass transit program); and Title 42, United States Code (Air Quality), Section 174~~ the Code of Federal Regulations as applicable to transportation planning in certain urban areas and apportionment of funds as well as being capable of meeting requirements of the United States Codes as applicable to federal financial assistance, long-range program, urban mass transit and air quality.

Cooperative Agreements to implement these provisions have been executed ~~in December 1994~~ among the major groups involved in transportation planning.

BIRMINGHAM MPO POLICY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Article 3 - Membership

3.1 Geographic Boundaries

Membership shall be geographically representative of the metropolitan planning area based upon the final decennial Census.

3.1 Definition

~~The following are voting members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization:~~

- ~~A. Twelve (12) representatives from a district (number 1) composed of the City of Birmingham of which at least five representatives shall be elected officials, to be selected by the Mayor.~~
- ~~B. Seven (7) representatives from a district (number 2) composed of unincorporated Jefferson County, of which at least three representatives shall be elected officials, to be selected by the Jefferson County Commissioner of Roads and Transportation.~~
- ~~C. Fourteen (14) representatives from a district (number 3) composed of all other Jefferson County municipalities, of which at least 10 representatives shall be elected officials, to be selected by the Jefferson County Mayor's Association.~~
- ~~D. Seven (7) representatives from a district (number 4) composed of Shelby County municipalities and unincorporated area, four of which shall be appointed by the mayors of Pelham, Alabaster,~~

- ~~Helena and Hoover, and three of which shall be appointed by the Shelby County Commission. One representative of the Shelby County Commission shall be an elected official.~~
- ~~E. Division Engineer, State of Alabama Department of Transportation.~~
- ~~F. One representative from the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority, to be selected by the Transit Authority Board.~~
- ~~G. Any member of the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee in a majority Jefferson or Shelby County legislative district.~~

3.7.2 Qualifications

A person must reside, hold elected office or work in the district in which he is appointed to represent. District 2 would be an exception in that representatives of unincorporated Jefferson County could reside or hold office in any district in Jefferson County incorporated or unincorporated area.

3.3 Representation

There will be no more than 40 voting members of the MPO Policy Committee from District 1-7.

A. District 1 is composed of the City of Birmingham, with nine (9) voting members of which at least four (4) representatives shall be elected officials with representatives to be selected by the Mayor.

B. District 2 is composed of Unincorporated Jefferson County with five (5) voting members of which at least two (2) shall be elected officials and one shall be the Director of Roads and Transportation with representatives to be selected by the Jefferson County Commissioner of Roads and Transportation.

C. District 3 is composed of all other municipalities within Jefferson County with thirteen (13) voting members of which at least nine (9) shall be elected officials, with representatives to be selected by the Jefferson County Mayor's Association

D. District 4 is composed of the City of Hoover within Jefferson County with two (2) voting members to be selected by the Mayor.

E. District 5 is composed of incorporated and unincorporated areas in Shelby County with eight (8) voting members. Six (6) representatives to be selected by the Shelby County Commission, one of which must be the county engineer, and one (1) each from the two most populous municipalities selected by their respective Mayors.

F. District 6 is composed of two (2) representatives from St. Clair County to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.

G. District 7 is composed of one (1) representative from Blount County to be selected by the Blount County Commission.

H. One representative from the 1st Division State of Alabama, Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.

I. One representative from the 3rd Division State of Alabama, Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.

J. One representative from the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority to be selected by the Board Chairman.

K. One representative from Blount County Public Transportation, to be selected by the Blount County Commission.

L. One representative from St. Clair County Public Transportation, to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.

~~3.2 Geographic Boundaries~~

~~Membership shall be geographically representative of the metropolitan planning area, the entire boundaries of Jefferson and Shelby Counties, based upon the final decennial Census at which time such updated information would be used for district composition.~~

3.4 Nonvoting Members

Representatives from the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee, the Alabama Department of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Planning and Modal Programs, and the Federal Highway Administration will be deemed permanent and ongoing nonvoting members. The MPO Policy Committee may add nonvoting members as it deems appropriate.

3.5 Membership by Proxy

~~A. Written notice is required for members represented by proxy at committee or subcommittee meetings.~~

~~B. A. A person can be designated as only one proxy vote per meeting.~~

~~C. B. Any member can designate any other member or non-member as a permanent proxy eligible to vote. The designation of a permanent proxy must be made by the member in writing. The term of a permanent proxy cannot exceed the term of the appointing member. ~~In addition to a permanent proxy, a proxy for an individual meeting can be designated.~~~~

~~C. In addition to a permanent proxy, a proxy for an individual meeting can be designated. A written request may be submitted in advance of the meeting. The MPO Policy Committee Chair may appoint a temporary proxy for an individual meeting pursuant to a voting member's verbal request followed by a confirmation in writing.~~

~~C. The term of a permanent proxy cannot exceed the term of the appointing member.~~

3.6 Appointments

Appointments shall be confirmed in writing to the MPO Policy Committee chair at the ~~December~~ January meeting of each year by the appointing authority for each district. Failure to appoint by this date means that a person is ineligible to vote until such confirmation is provided.

3.3 7 Membership Changes

Additional changes to the membership composition shall be by Nominating Committee recommendation. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the MPO Policy Committee Chairman. A request shall then be sent to the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation whose written approval constitutes designation of MPO Policy Committee membership by the Governor of Alabama as required under federal regulations.

Article 4 - Responsibilities and Powers

The responsibilities of the MPO Policy Committee are generally to provide a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3C) transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan planning area. This organization is the forum for cooperative decision-making by principal elected officials of general-purpose local governments. The specific duties to meet the requirements of the law include:

- B. Annually review and concur with the geographic composition of the Transportation Technical and Citizens' Advisory Committees, independent standing committees established under written agreement between the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Alabama Department of Transportation, and other major groups involved in transportation planning.
- C. To duly consider the recommendations of the Transportation Technical and Citizens' Advisory Committees on issues relative to the ~~Long-Range Transportation~~ Regional Plan (~~L RTP~~), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other matters pertaining to furthering the transportation planning process.
- F. Annually endorse the Unified Planning Work Program which documents the transportation related planning activities to be performed with planning assistance provided under FTA and FHWA Planning funds of the ~~Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998~~ current federal transportation funding bill and other funding sources.
- G. Review and endorse the ~~Long-Range Transportation~~ Regional Plan to confirm its validity and its consistency with current transportation and land use conditions as required by the State and federal regulations.
- L. Work in conjunction with the RPCGB to provide transportation planning input into regional development plans.

Article 5 - Officers and Staff

5.1 Officers

Officers must be voting members of the MPO Policy Committee and shall include a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary, to be recommended by the Nominating Committee and elected by the voting MPO Policy Committee membership. Officers shall serve for a term of two years. Term of office shall convene upon the first regular scheduled meeting in ~~January~~ February of even-numbered years.

The Chairman shall have the responsibility to: ensure that agenda items have followed the procedures for setting agendas as stipulated under Article ~~4~~ 7.2 preside over the business to come before the MPO Policy Committee and appoint subcommittees. He or she shall also be an ex-officio member of all subcommittees.

The Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman and shall chair the MPO Advisory Committee and all subcommittees appointed by the Chairman.

The Secretary shall certify the proceedings of the MPO Policy Committee, keep on file all Advisory Committee and subcommittee reports and the MPO's Policy Committee membership roll, and preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The MPO Policy Committee officers and the Chairman of the Transportation Citizens and Technical Committees shall constitute an MPO Leadership Committee that will advise the RPCGB Executive Director, RPCGB ~~Transportation Planning~~ Director of Planning and Operations and MPO Policy Committee Chairman as needed.

5.2 Staff

The ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham is responsible for appointing staff to assist the ~~Metropolitan Planning Organization~~ MPO Policy Committee in the performance of its responsibilities.

Article 9 6 – MPO Policy Committee Quorum

No transaction of business at a regularly scheduled meeting can take place unless a majority of the voting members as defined in Section 3.1 are present or represented.

Article 10 7 - Conduct of MPO Policy Committee Meeting

10 7.1 Rules

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised Current Edition, shall be applicable concerning the conduct of scheduled business at meetings.

10 7.2 Agenda

The Agenda must be set and approved by the MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee, provided with the written meeting notice, and approved by the MPO Policy Committee membership by a majority vote at the beginning of each meeting. Agenda items may have been a previous agenda item in a meeting of the Transportation Technical and Citizens' Advisory Committees. The MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee shall review all agenda items before being placed on the Agenda of a regular meeting of the MPO Policy Committee. Agenda items may be added or deleted by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership present or represented.

10 7.3 MPO Policy Committee Voting

A vote by voice shall be the regular method of voting. Any member may also request a roll call vote.

Article 8 – MPO Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

Regularly scheduled meetings are to be held on the second Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., at such place as designated, and may be held in conjunction with general membership meetings of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham. The membership is to be notified by mail postmarked 10 calendar days in advance. Meeting notices shall include an agenda, or nature and purpose of the meeting, minutes and be posted at the offices of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and may be posted at the official offices of MPO Policy Committee Member Governments. The Chairman may call a special meeting providing the membership receives written notice postmarked 10 calendar days in advance.

BIRMINGHAM MPO ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Article 6 9– MPO Subcommittee Advisory Committee

6 9.1 Purpose and Responsibilities

The purpose of the MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations to the MPO Policy Committee related to the MPO Policy Committee responsibilities identified in Article 4. These responsibilities are those identified in the Agreement Concerning a Transportation Planning Process for the Birmingham Urbanized Area, of which the Birmingham MPO and the Alabama Department of Transportation are signatories. The MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee shall conduct activities that result in an action by the MPO Policy Committee concerning any of these legal

responsibilities. It may also at times confer with the RPCGB ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors.

6 9.2 Membership

All members of the MPO Advisory Committee must be voting members of the MPO Policy Committee. The following are voting members of the MPO Subcommittee Advisory Committee:

- A. Three (3) representatives from District number 1, City of Birmingham, to be selected by the Mayor.
- B. Three (3) representatives from District number 2, unincorporated Jefferson County, to be selected by the Jefferson County Commissioner of Roads and Transportation, one of which must be the Director of Roads and Transportation.
- C. Three (3) representatives from District number 3, Jefferson County Municipalities, to be selected by the Jefferson County Mayor's Association.
- D. One (1) representative from District number 4, City of Hoover to be selected by the Mayor.
- E. Three (3) representatives from District number 4– 5, Shelby County municipalities and unincorporated area, to be selected by the Shelby County Commission, one of which must be the county engineer.
- F. One (1) representative from District number 6, St. Clair County, to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.
- G. One (1) representative from District number 7, Blount County, to be selected by the Blount County Commission.
- H., One (1) representative from the 1st Division, State of Alabama Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.
- E.I. ~~Division Engineer~~ One (1) representative from the 3rd Division, State of Alabama Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.
- F.J. One representative from the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, to be selected by the Board Chairman.
- K. One representative from St. Clair County Public Transportation, to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.
- L. One representative from Blount County Public Transportation, to be selected by the Blount County Commission.
- G. ~~The County Commission Chairman of Blount, Chilton, St. Clair and Walker Counties, or his designee, as ex-officio members.~~

9.3 Appointments

Appointments shall be confirmed in writing to the chair of the MPO Policy Committee at the January meeting of each year by the appointing authority for each district. Failure to appoint by this date means that a person is ineligible to vote until such confirmation is provided.

6 9.4 Meetings

Regularly scheduled meetings are to be held on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 1:30 p.m., at such place as designated.

6 9.5 Notice and Agenda

Meetings notices, to include an agenda or nature and purpose of the meeting and minutes, shall be mailed at least seven days in advance.

69.6 Quorum

No transaction of business at a regularly scheduled meeting can take place unless a ~~minimum of eight~~ (8) majority of the voting members as defined in Section 9.2 are present or represented.

Article 7 – RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee

~~7.1 Purpose~~

~~The MPO shall be represented on an RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee established for the purpose of making recommendations on coordination between the RPC and the MPO, specifically integrating MPO transportation plans with other regional comprehensive and land development plans by providing input, in consultation with the RPC Planning Advisory Committee, into the Regional Planning and Development Plan.~~

~~7.2 Responsibilities~~

~~The responsibilities and powers of the MPO defined under Article 4 are the sole responsibility of the MPO. The RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee should, however, report to the RPC and the MPO on items of major significance.~~

~~7.3 MPO Membership~~

~~The MPO officers, or their designee, shall represent the MPO on the RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee.~~

~~7.4 Meetings of the RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee shall be held quarterly.~~

Article 11 - Amendments to Programs

The MPO powers identified under Article 2, Section 2.2, include the development of a ~~Long Range Transportation~~ Regional Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Amendments to these programs shall meet the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 and the Air Quality Conformity Requirements of 40 CFR Part 93.

With no additional corrections or changes, Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to approve the modifications to the bylaws as proposed. Mr. Virginia Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THINK FORWARD 2040

Mr. Darrell Howard gave an interactive presentation on Think Forward 2040. Information presented included the following:

What is Think Forward 2040?

Process Oriented

Think Forward 2040 is a cross-cutting Planning Process that will establish a framework to inform decision-making as it relates to:

- Regional Growth
- Prosperity, and

- Infrastructure Investment

Outcome Based vs. Project Based Planning

Think Forward 2040 Recognizes the interrelated nature of:

1. Transportation
2. Economy
3. Development Character/Pattern

The Regional Transportation Plan is a component of the Think Forward 2040 Regional Planning Process.

The Starting Point

May 2012 - MPO staff began actively talking about the update to the Regional Transportation Plan.

- Scenario Based
- Fiscally Realistic
- Modally Balanced

MPO Staff “re-presented” the major themes of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan:

1. **Fix It First**
 - Emphasis on Maintenance and Preservation
2. **Make What We Have Work Better**
 - Manage Congestion through Better Technology and Programs
3. **Develop Alternative Travel Modes**
 - Emphasis on Public Transit, Non-motorized Travel, and Commute Options
4. **Prioritization of Resources**
 - Focusing Investments
 - Getting the Most “Bang for the Buck”
5. **Financing**
 - Additional funding sources are needed and asked if these were still valid

Brown Bag Lunch Presentations

- Livability Principles
- Transportation Finance
- Measuring Progress

Understanding the State of Our Region

- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Population and Employment Forecasts
- Federal Revenue Forecasts

What Do We Want From You?

You are the **Policy Board** of the **Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization**

- **Input** on the **Public’s Perspective** of transportation issues, strategies, and solutions from the **Transportation Citizens Committee**
- **Technical and Procedural Guidance** from the **Transportation Technical Committee**
- **Policy Board** provides MPO staff with **Direction** and **Establishes Policy**

Visions and Values

What are Your Expectations of the Transportation System?

- As an Individual

- As a Business Owner/Leader
- As a Community Resident

How Should it Work?

- Walkable
- Non- Auto-centric
- Well maintained
- Effective – less travel time
- Timeliness / predictable
- Doesn't stop @ city limits / regional
- Handicap accessible
- Options / choices – any means should be available
- Equitable
- Safety
- Capacity / regional capacity
- Affordable

What About the Transportation System:

- Works Well
 - Nothing
 - Exists
 - Few parts well maintained
 - New bus shelters
 - Additional trails
 - 459 works!
- Could Work Better
 - Bottlenecks
 - Road maintenance at night
 - Transit – easier access / connectivity of routes
 - Extra lanes
 - “the last mile”
- Does Not Work At All
 - 280
 - 3rd Avenue N. exit
 - One-ways Downtown
 - Exit 140 Grand River
 - I-59 / 65 interchange
 - Exit @ Airport N
 - Mtn Brook exit off 31

Mr. Howard then asked attendees to participate in an interactive exercise using vote tally clickers. He asked a series of questions and asked attendees to rank their answers for each question. Questions and responses included:

In order of importance, which of these poses the greatest challenge for our region's transportation infrastructure? You can rank all 6. There are no duplicates allowed.

1. System Maintenance	17%
2. Funding (for Maintenance and Expansion)	20%
3. Traffic Congestion	17%
4. Transportation Choices	16%
5. Urban Growth and Development Patterns	16%
6. Increased Freight Traffic	14%

When evaluating projects to advance, how much consideration should be given to the following areas? Please rank them from most important to least

1. Time – speed at which a project can be implemented	20%
2. Permanence/Longevity	19%
3. Cost both capital and operations	21%
4. Performance - how well does the project operate/address issues	22%
5. Impacts (Good & Bad)	19%

When evaluating projects to advance, how much consideration should be given to the following areas? Please rank them from most important to least.

1. Congested Conditions	11%
2. Performance	12%
3. Infrastructure/Service Preservation and Maintenance	10%
4. Accessibility	9%
5. Connectivity	9%
6. Economic Impact	9%
7. Environmental/Social Impacts	8%
8. Quality of Life	10%
9. Cost	10%
10. Safety	12%

How important is maintaining transportation infrastructure and services in a state of “good repair” to the region's economic development?

A. Very Important	79%
B. Important	15%
C. Somewhat Important	2%
D. Neutral	0%
E. Somewhat Unimportant	0%
F. Unimportant	0%
G. Very Unimportant	4%

How important is it that Think Forward 2040 connect transportation and economic development?

A. Very Important	57%
B. Important	30%
C. Somewhat Important	5%
D. Neutral	7%

E. Somewhat Unimportant	0%
F. Unimportant	2%
G. Very Unimportant	0%

How important is it that Think Forward 2040 connect transportation and urban development patterns?

A. Very Important	43%
B. Important	34%
C. Somewhat Important	11%
D. Neutral	4%
E. Somewhat Unimportant	2%
F. Unimportant	6%
G. Very Unimportant	0%

How important is it that Think Forward 2040 connect transportation and fiscal sustainability?

A. Very Important	50%
B. Important	38%
C. Somewhat Important	6%
D. Neutral	4%
E. Somewhat Unimportant	0%
F. Unimportant	0%
G. Very Unimportant	2%

How important is it that Think Forward 2040 connect transportation and quality of life/livability?

A. Very Important	47%
B. Important	27%
C. Somewhat Important	20%
D. Neutral	0%
E. Somewhat Unimportant	2%
F. Unimportant	2%
G. Very Unimportant	2%

Is it more important that Think Forward 2040 address specific projects and conditions, or broad, long term outcomes?

A. Specific projects and conditions	41%
B. Broad, long term outcomes	59%

If you had just \$10 that you could put towards any type of project or program, where would you put it? You have 10 votes. You can vote for an item more than once.

A. Projects that maintain/preserved the existing transportation system	16%
B. Projects that make the system more efficient	22%
C. Projects that promote economic development	22%
D. Projects that improve quality of life (health, human services, etc.)	23%
E. Projects that expand the transportation system	17%

Outcomes

In Addition to the Regional Transportation Plan

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
 - Geographically Targeted Recruitment
 - Multimodal Corridor Planning
- Advisory Growth Strategy
 - Visualize Growth
 - Transportation Infrastructure/Service Needs
 - Supporting Infrastructure Needs

Getting There From Here

Start With the End In Mind

- What Does the Success Look Like?

OTHER

Chairman Henderson reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Citizens Committee Meeting, **Tuesday**, December 18, 2012, 12:00 noon, RPCGB- **Cancelled**
- Transportation Technical Committee, December 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB- **3rd Wednesday - Cancelled**
- MPO Advisory Committee, December 20, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB – **3rd Thursday - Cancelled**
- Announcement of next MPO Policy Committee Meeting, **February 13, 2013**, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

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

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APPROVED:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date