



December 11, 2013

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee

**FROM:** Mr. Tim Westhoven, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2013**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB, Juster Conference Room (Suite 310), Two Twentieth Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Thomas Henderson, MPO Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Tim Westhoven, MPO Secretary, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County  
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County  
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County  
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County  
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, City of Hoover, Shelby County  
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

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

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

Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. Tim Westhoven

Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. Scott Holladay

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Voting Representative  
Represented by Ms. Dannette Ratcliff

Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster  
Represented by Mr. George Henry

Mr. David Hunke, District 5, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. Eric Womack

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. Dana Hazen

Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Honorable Roger McCondichie

Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County  
Represented by Mr. Tim Westhoven

Ms. Tracy Pate, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Represented by Mr. Ken Boozer

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Ms. Clara Prevo

Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation  
Represented by Honorable David Jones

Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. Conrad Garrison

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Lindsey Allison, District 5, Shelby County

Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Voting Representative

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County

Mr. Johnny Harris, ALDOT, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Voting Representative

Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Joe Lee, District 6, St. Clair County

Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Pam Palmer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation

Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

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. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Laurel Land, Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Ricki Hall, Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee

Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA

Mr. Zach Brooks, Jefferson County Commission  
Mr. Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

Mayor Henderson asked for a moment of silence in memory of Honorable Maxine Herring Parker who would have been the incoming Chairman for the MPO Policy Committee.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Mr. George Henry made a motion to approve the August 14, 2013 meeting minutes. Councilor David Jones 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 Request to Add the following projects to TIP**

<u>IM-0059()</u>	10006 0200	ITS devices and infrastructure in support of the CBD bridge replacement project and the 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue N corridor project	12/11/2013	CN	4/4/2014	2014	\$5,000,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance
<u>BR-0038()</u>	10006 0860	Bridge widening on SR-38 (US-280) over I-459 from Summit Boulevard to Blue Lake Drive	12/11/2013	CN	4/4/2014	2014	\$300,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance
<u>STPAA-0155()</u>	10006 0391	SR-155 resurfacing from SR-25 to SR-119 in Montevallo	12/11/2013	CN	2/28/2014	2014	\$600,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Any Area
<u>STPAA-0119()</u>	10006 0402	SR-119 resurfacing from Shoal Creek Bridge to 1,300 feet north of SR-155	12/11/2013	CN	2/28/2014	2014	\$189,448	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Any Area
<u>STPAA-0003()</u>	10006 0380	SR-3 (US-31) resurfacing from Columbiana Road to Shades Crest Road (CR-99) in Vestavia Hills	12/11/2013	CN	4/25/2014	2014	\$1,106,205	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Any Area
<u>TCSP-08AL(002)</u>	10006 1291	Red Mountain Park pedestrian facility, north of Lakeshore Parkway near Wenonah	12/11/2013	PE	10/10/2014	2014	\$25,000	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>TCSP-08AL(002)</u>	10006 1292	Red Mountain Park pedestrian facility, north of Lakeshore Parkway near Wenonah	12/11/2013	CN	6/15/2014	2014	\$500,000	Exempt	Other Federal and State Aid Projects
<u>STPBH-0119()</u>	10006 1603	Corridor Study on SR-119 from CR-80 to CR-26	12/11/2013	PE	12/12/2013	2014	\$250,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham
<u>RHCH-RR13(908)</u>	10006 1162	CR-1589 Elm Street/Ref #1257 (XIII-R)/DOT #352 246U	12/11/2013	CN	12/12/2013	2014	\$4,553	Exempt	Safety Projects
<u>RHCH-RR13(909)</u>	10006 1165	Pine Lane/Ref #1255 (XIII-R)/DOT #639 526U	12/11/2013	CN	12/12/2013	2014	\$4,678	Exempt	Safety Projects
<u>RHCH-RR13(910)</u>	10006 1166	CR-467/Ref #1256 (XIII-R)/DOT #728 305M	12/11/2013	CN	12/12/2013	2014	\$5,207	Exempt	Safety Projects
<u>RHCH-RR14()</u>	10006 1190	SR-25 Railroad crossing improvement at CR-479/Ref #1254	12/11/2013	CN	12/12/2013	2014	\$5,136	Exempt	Safety Projects

		(XIII-R)/DOT #728 306U							
<u>STPAA-0004()</u>	10006 1464	SR-4 (US-78) resurfacing from Kilgore Memorial Drive to I-20	12/11/2013	CN	1/31/2014	2014	\$2,616,759	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Any Area

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

**Alabaster Request to Delete the following projects from TIP**

<u>CMAQ-PE12()</u>	10005 6511	Sidewalks along CR-26 (Kent Dairy Road) from SR-119 (Montevallo Road) to Kentwood Drive	12/11/2013	PE	2013	\$208,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
<u>CMAQ-RW13()</u>	10005 6512	Sidewalks along CR-26 (Kent Dairy Road) from SR-119 (Montevallo Road) to Kentwood Drive	12/11/2013	RW	2014	\$100,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
<u>CMAQ-UT12()</u>	10005 6513	Sidewalks along CR-26 (Kent Dairy Road) from SR-119 (Montevallo Road) to Kentwood Drive	12/11/2013	UT	2015	\$100,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
<u>CMAQ-CN13()</u>	10005 6514	Sidewalks along CR-26 (Kent Dairy Road) from SR-119 (Montevallo Road) to Kentwood Drive	12/11/2013	CN	2015	\$656,250	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

The Transportation Citizens and the Transportation Technical Committee agreed to move these forward. Mr. Tim Westhoven moved to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Scott Holladay seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

**JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM**

Ms. Laurel Land, RPCGB Senior Planner, presented the following information.

JARC projects must support transportation services to and from jobs and job-related activities. New Freedom projects must provide transportation options for individuals with disabilities. Funding is limited to projects in the Birmingham urbanized area. The RPCGB received five responses to this RFP, two for JARC and three for New Freedom. Attached to this memo is a summary of each proposal.

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority is responsible for the financial oversight of these grant programs and performs site visits for approved projects. The Review Committee met on October 15, 2013 to review and discuss the proposals. The committee recommends approval of funding for the following projects which meet all requirements:

- Aletheia House - \$120,000 for operating expenses (JARC)
- KidOne - \$69,360 for software upgrade and operating expenses (NF)

The Birmingham Yellow Cab proposal is still under review. Under Map-21, the JARC and New Freedom programs are no longer funded as stand-alone grants. The RPCGB estimates the remaining balance after funding these projects will be approximately \$375,000 for JARC and \$200,000 for New Freedom. Unspent funds may be rolled into future years. All proposals are available at the RPCGB for review. A new round of funding opportunities will be available soon and the RFP will be open indefinitely until enough responses are submitted to spend the balance.

The Transportation Citizens and the Transportation Technical Committee agreed to move these forward. Mr. George Henry moved to approve the projects. Mr. Rod Long seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

### **BIRMINGHAM BIKESHARE FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Ms. Ricki Hall, Commutesmart Special Projects Coordinator, presented an update on the study. Information included the points:

- Bicycling in Birmingham including Walkscore and Bikescore
- Infrastructure
- What is Bikeshare?
- How much does it cost to participate?
- Elements of Bikeshare
- Why Bikeshare?
- Current Bikeshare systems
- How much does Bikeshare cost to Launch and Operate?
- Safety and Liability
- Funding Sources
- How long does it take to implement?
- Project website

For more information visit [birminghambikeshare@tooledesign.com](mailto:birminghambikeshare@tooledesign.com)

### **I-65/US 31 MOBILITY MATTER PROJECT**

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Principal Planner, presented the video of potential transit stations and High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (carpool lane) for these two corridors moving through Shelby and Jefferson Counties.

### **OTHER**

Mayor Henderson reviewed upcoming meeting schedule. Ms. Crowe reminded everyone about the Public Involvement Meeting for the MPO Public Participation Plan to be held December 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at RPCGB, Juster Conference Room.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

### **APPROVED:**

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Mr. Tim Westhoven  
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

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Date