



February 13, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2013**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, February 13, 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
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
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 Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. David Hunke, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Martha Espy
Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Virginia Williams
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Sedrick Rutledge
Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Andy Mayo

Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Conrad Garrison
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Represented by Mr. George Henry
Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. David Hunke
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, City of Hoover, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. Chris Reeves
Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County
Represented by Chadwick Campbell
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County
Represented by Honorable Gary Stricklin
Honorable Joe Lee, District 6, St. Clair County
Represented by Honorable David Jones
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3rd Division Voting Representative
Represented by Ms. Cynthia Hill

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Lindsey Allison, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Policy Committee Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Voting Representative
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Pam Palmer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Johnny Harris, ALDOT, 1st Division Voting Representative
Honorable Gary Water, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Tim Westhoven, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
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
 Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
 Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
 Mr. Andrew Russell, City of Vestavia Hills
 Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
 Ms. Brannon Dawkins
 Ms. Niva Roberson
 Honorable Jay Roberson, City of Birmingham
 Mr. Doug Brewer

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Honorable Eugene Melton made a motion to approve the December 12, 2012 meeting minutes. Honorable Jerry Brasseale 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>APD-04710</u>	100059531	SR-4 (Corridor X) from I-65 to SR-3 (US-31)	2/13/2013	CN	1/31/2014	2013	\$17,472,321	Non-Exempt	Appalachian Highway System
<u>NHF-00380</u>	100059863	Intersection improvements on SR-38 (US-280) at SR-119 and additional lanes on SR-119 from Corporate Drive to Brook Highland Parkway	2/13/2013	PE	2/14/2013	2013	\$300,000	Exempt	National Highway System
<u>NHF-00380</u>	100059844	Intersection improvements on SR-38 (US-280) at SR-119 and additional lanes on SR-119 from Corporate Drive to Brook Highland Parkway	2/13/2013	RW	6/1/2013	2013	\$3,000,000	Exempt	National Highway System
<u>NHF-00380</u>	100059845	Intersection improvements on SR-38 (US-280) at SR-119 and additional lanes on SR-119 from Corporate Drive to Brook Highland Parkway	2/13/2013	UT	6/1/2013	2013	\$3,000,000	Exempt	National Highway System
<u>NHF-00380</u>	100059846	Intersection improvements on SR-38 (US-280) at SR-119 and additional lanes on SR-119 from Corporate Drive to Brook Highland Parkway	2/13/2013	CN	9/27/2013	2013	\$4,000,000	Exempt	National Highway System
<u>ACAA59494</u> <u>ATRP0</u>	100059494	Resturface CR-0099 (Columbiana Road) from SR-3 (US-31) to Gentilly Drive, CR-42 (Tyler Road) from Southland Drive to	2/13/2013	CN	12/6/2013	2014	\$1,057,504	Exempt	Potential ATRIPS

		Columbiana Road, and CR-2336 (Overton Road) from Cahaba River to I-459 exit ramp							
ACAA59416 ATRPQ	100059416	Drainage improvement, sidewalks, widening, resurfacing, intersection improvements along Chapel Lane Road from Al Seier Road to Patton Chapel Road	2/13/2013	CN	12/6/2013	2014	\$1,083,611	Exempt	Potential ATRIPS
ACAA59516 ATRPQ	100059516	Widening CR-264 (Thompson Road) from 200 feet east of Southwind Drive to 200 feet east of Warrior Drive	2/13/2013	CN	12/6/2013	2014	\$1,106,563	Exempt	Potential ATRIPS

Birmingham Requests

CMAQ-TR12Q	100054482	In-Town Transit Partnership bus rapid transit – Capital, Operations, and Maintenance	2/13/2013	TR	2/14/2013	2013	\$4,772,241	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMAQ-TR13Q	100054483	In-Town Transit Partnership bus rapid transit – Operations and Maintenance	2/13/2013	TR	10/1/2013	2014	\$928,640	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
CMAQ-TR13Q	100054484	In-Town Transit Partnership bus rapid transit – Operations and Maintenance	2/13/2013	TR	10/1/2014	2015	\$951,856	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
To be determined	tbd	17 th and 18 th Street Conversion to accommodate In-Town Transit Partnership bus rapid transit	2/13/2013	PE	2/14/2013	2013	\$50,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program - Birmingham Attributable
To be determined	tbd	17 th and 18 th Street Conversion to accommodate In-Town Transit Partnership bus rapid transit	2/13/2013	CN	10/1/2013	2014	\$2,500,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program - Birmingham Attributable

1. Is resurfacing eligible under ATRIP? Yes. Have the ATRIPS projects been approved? Only some will receive funding
2. Will this be standard buses? The service will be branded as a special service in order to differentiate it from MAX. Buses will look and feel different, but the specifics have not yet been determined. This is the service that was described in the In-town Transit Partnership study which is envisioned to be the backbone for regional services and a first step towards establishing service to the suburbs.
3. Operated by MAX? The City of Birmingham has had conversations with BJCTA about how the service will be operated. Initially, it is believed that this service will be operated by a non-BJCTA entity, but in the future BJCTA may take it over.

Mr. Willie Osborne stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee recommended for approval. Mr. Dave Hunke stated that the Transportation Technical Committee recommended for approval.

Mr. Chris Reeves made a motion to approve the amendments to the TIP. Mr. Scott Holladay seconded and it passed on a voice vote.

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the following information:

The Roadway Functional Classification is updated every 2-4 years. In October we talked about changes because of MAP-21 and how funding will be allocated. Classification is important because this is how highway money is being distributed to areas. Another reason for the changes to roadway functional classification is the MPA expansion which now includes all of Jefferson and Shelby counties, and portions of Blount and St. Clair counties. Functional Classification is the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, according to the character of traffic service that they are intended to provide. It is required under federal law. The functional classification system has been consolidated to seven categories and is a slightly different classification schema than we have done in the past. Until last week there was still an urban and rural classification category. FHWA sent an email directing ALDOT and the state's MPOs to use the 7 standard classifications. Additionally, cities have come to the MPO to ask to make changes to classification. Announcements were made to everyone to submit nominations. RPCGB staff met with local governments and transportation agencies to make sure that the classifications that are being proposed and that are identified on the map are correct. A consensus among the RPCGB, the ALDOT, the local governments, and local transportation agencies was reached. This process will serve as a template for future updates.

1. Funding based on classification miles. Has it increased or decreased? Funding has increased about 20%.
2. What are urban cluster? An urban cluster is a Census designation that identifies dense concentrations of populations that are not contiguous to the larger urbanized area.
3. If a road is on the functional classification map does it qualify for ATRIP funding? Yes.
4. Are you taking recommendations for minor collectors? If you have the data to back it up.
5. Are you making changes on the rural to urban? Yes. The e-size map handed out has the corrected legend which is the only change. Simply put, the urban and rural designations have gone away and the roadway is classified by its function and not its location.
6. When will this be set in stone for funding eligibility? ALDOT has said they will approve it. FHWA sat in on discussions. We have to submit the map. After today you should be able to submit projects. You can apply for ATRIPS based on this map.

Mr. Dave Hunke reported that the Congestion Management Committee which is comprised of many Transportation Technical Committee members worked with staff during this extensive process and it was an excellent process and recommend for approval. Mr. Willie Osborne stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee moved this item forward.

Ms. Virginia Williams made a motion to adopt the Functional Classification Map (e-size that was presented). Mr. Dave Hunke seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Chris Reeves made a motion to authorize Birmingham MPO staff to make Administrative Modifications. Mr. Scott Holladay seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Scott Holladay made a motion to establish update schedule, every other year (will follow previously adopted process). Mr. Wayne Sullivan seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

U.S. 280 CORRIDOR TRANSIT STUDY

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski introduced the new website, www.us280transitstudy.com. The Executive Summary can be downloaded from this website. The final report was completed last fall, but the RPCGB wanted to create a video and release both the final report and the video all at once. U.S. 280 has a lot of challenges and a long-term solution should include a premium transit service. The various cities up and down the corridor all agreed that transit does need to be a part of the solutions. No funding is dedicated yet. Mr. Kaczorowski played the video from the project website for the MPO. The purpose of the video is to illustrate the look and feel of a premium transit service. The video was produced by UAB.

Results of the study show that a premium bus in a managed lane or a dedicated bus on a shoulder or guideway could carry 5-10% of U.S. 280's total traffic. The study started off with 40 different service and roadway alternatives, and was narrowed down to 5 alternatives. Stakeholders and consultants didn't want to end up with only one solution.

1. What is going on with the last mile analysis in downtown or going the other way? Park and ride lots further out or the local bus systems could address this.
2. How are you going to get the word out? A press conference is scheduled for March 5th.

A request was made that staff send a clean copy of the revised bylaws to members.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date