



January 14, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee

FROM: Honorable William Parker, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2015**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 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 Vice-Chairman, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County
Mr. Dan Biles, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County
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
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Ms. Christie Hester Pannell, Shelby County
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Ms. Tracy Pate, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Clyde Rice, St. Clair County Public Transportation
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

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 Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
 Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Zach Brooks
Ms. Johnnye Lassiter, BJCTA, Voting Representative
Represented by Dr. Henry Ikwut Ukwa
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Wayne Sullivan
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Ms. Carole Epstein
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Marcus O'Dell
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Conrad Garrison

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Cletus Beard, District 6, St. Clair County
Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Kenneth Coachman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Ms. Lisa Cooper, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable William Parker, MPO Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Jimmie Stephens, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount 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. Willie Osborne, TCC
Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
Mr. Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates
Mr. Ryan Parker, Freshwater Land Trust
Mr. Ray Melick, Representative Gary Palmer
Ms. Chandra Abesingha, CE Associates
Ms. Kelvin Datsler, City of Birmingham
Mr. Justin McDaniel, ALDOT-ETS
Ms. Dolby Kayrsavern, ALDOT – ETS
Mr. Chad Scroggins, Shelby County
Ms. Alfreda Acoff, ALDOT-ETC
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

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.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Councilor Abbott moved and Mr. Westhoven seconded to approve the October 8, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT

Ms. Cissy Crowe and Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the Public Involvement Documentation report from the November 19, 2014 Public Involvement Meeting on the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Amended/Updated FY 2012-2015 TIP for Jefferson and Shelby Counties.

The meeting documentation included outreach procedures, information presented at the meeting, as well as a summary of comments and questions received. Ms. Crowe reported an increase in attendance at this meeting compared to previous meetings and noted the use of more social media as an outreach procedure. The overall evaluation of the meeting was very good and well received.

Mr. Kaczorowski reviewed the comments/responses received during the 21 day comment period. There were 127 comments received. Most of the comments related to the Northern Beltline. Comments received during the comment period were included in a supplemental document posted online and available in hard copy at the meeting.

Mr. Osborne, Vice Chairman of the TCC reported that the TCC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Dawkins, Chairman of the TTC reported that the TTC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Westhoven, Chairman Advisory, reported that the Advisory recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Westhoven moved and Councilor Abbott seconded to accept the Public Involvement Meeting Documentation. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Air Quality Conformity Determination Resolution

Mr. Osborne, Vice Chairman of the TCC reported that the TCC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Dawkins, Chairman of the TTC reported that the TTC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Westhoven, Chairman Advisory, reported that the Advisory recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Holladay moved and Mr. Long seconded to accept the Air Quality Conformity Determination resolution. Motion passed on a voice vote.

2040 Regional Transportation Plan Resolution

Mr. Osborne, Vice Chairman of the TCC reported that the TCC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Dawkins, Chairman of the TTC reported that the TTC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Westhoven, Chairman Advisory, reported that the

Advisory recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Dr. Ikwut-Ukwa moved and Mr. O'Dell seconded to accept the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan resolution. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Amended FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Resolution

Mr. Osborne, Vice Chairman of the TCC reported that the TCC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Dawkins, Chairman of the TTC reported that the TTC recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Westhoven, Chairman Advisory, reported that the Advisory recommended moving this forward to the Policy Committee. Ms. Pannell-Hester moved and Mr. Dawkins seconded to accept the Amended FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program resolution. Motion passed on a voice vote.

BIRMINGHAM BIKESHARE UPDATE

Ms. Lindsey West, RPCGB, presented an update on the Birmingham Bikeshare program: Topics covered include:

- What is Bikeshare
- How much does it cost
- Why Birmingham Bikeshare
- Birmingham Bikeshare facts
- Funding needs
- City of Birmingham support
- Timeline for launch in Fall 2015
- More information available on www.birminghambikeshare.com

OTHER

Mr. Kaczorowski announced a Call for Projects for the Fiscal Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. The projects must be eligible under the Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham Attributable (STPBH) or Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The deadline for submitting projects is February 27, 2015 and instructions for submitting projects can be found on the RPCGB website: www.rpcgb.org/tip. Postcards will be mailed to all municipalities and county governments in the MPO.

Chairman Tom Henderson reviewed the upcoming meetings. The Citizens, Technical and Advisory Committee meetings in January are cancelled and the Policy Committee meeting in February is cancelled.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

Honorable William Parker
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date