



June 12, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2013**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, June 12, 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 Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County
Mr. David Hunke, District 5, Shelby County
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County
Honorable Joe Lee, District 6, St. Clair County
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, City of Hoover, Shelby County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Mr. Andrew Mayo
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
 Represented by Mr. Grant Swindoll
Honorable Lindsey Allison, District 5, Shelby County
 Represented by Mr. Randy Cole
Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member
 Represented by Mr. Dave Harris
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 Honorable Roger McCondichie

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3rd Division Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Lance Davis
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Doug Hale
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Ms. Carole Epstein
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 Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County
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. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Pam Palmer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Ray Morris, 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
 Ms. Jackie Dye, Transportation Citizens Committee
 Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
 Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
 Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
 Mr. Zak Robertson, EDT
 Ms. Selena Roberts, SRACOR
 Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
 Mr. Toraine Norris, City of Bessemer
 Mr. Oscar Berry, Cong. Terri Sewell
 Mr. Doug Brewer
 Mr. Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates
 Mr. Ethan Vice, Rep. Bachus office
 Mr. William Parker
 Mr. Mike Eddington, City of Birmingham

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

Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to approve the April 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Scott Holladay 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>ACA60-110-5914()</u>	100060110	Resurface CR-47 from CR-49 to SR-25	6/12/2013	CN	12/6/2013	2013	\$1,625,036	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>BR-0053(529)</u>	100042918	Bridge replacement on SR-53 (US-231) over Kelly Creek	6/12/2013	UT	6/13/2013	2013	\$52,644	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>BR-0053(529)</u>	100003344	Bridge replacement on SR-53 (US-231) over Kelly Creek	6/12/2013	CN	9/26/2014	2013	\$7,990,130	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>IM-1059()</u>	100059959	I-59/20 interchange modifications at I-65 and at 31 st Street North and 11 th Avenue corridor reconstruction from I-65 to I-59	6/12/2013	RW	9/1/2013	2013	\$1,000,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>IM-1059()</u>	100059960	I-59/20 interchange modifications at I-65 and at 31 st Street North and 11 th Avenue corridor reconstruction from I-65 to I-59	6/12/2013	UT	9/1/2013	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge

<u>IM-1059Q</u>	100059961	I-59/20 interchange modifications at I-65 and at 31 st Street North and 11 th Avenue corridor reconstruction from I-65 to I-59	6/12/2013	CN	9/26/2014	2013	\$85,000,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>IM-1065Q</u>	100060319	Replacement of Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) on I-65 north of CR-17 (Valleydale Road)	6/12/2013	CN	7/26/2013	2013	\$150,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>STPBH-PE13Q</u>	100060500	McCalla Road safety and roadway improvements from Eastern Valley Road to County Road 20	6/12/2013	PE	6/13/2013	2013	\$250,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Birmingham Attributable
<u>STPBH-RW13Q</u>	100060502	McCalla Road safety and roadway improvements from Eastern Valley Road to County Road 20	6/12/2013	RW	5/1/2014	2014	\$25,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Birmingham Attributable
<u>IM-1065Q</u>	100060136	I-65 from South of US-31 milepost 237.4 in Alabaster to CR-52 milepost 241.8 in Pelham - Resurfacing	6/12/2013	PE	6/13/2013	2013	\$100,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>IM-1065Q</u>	100060137	I-65 from South of US-31 milepost 237.4 in Alabaster to CR-52 milepost 241.8 in Pelham - Resurfacing	6/12/2013	CN	9/27/2013	2013	\$6,600,000	Exempt	National Highway / Interstate Maintenance / NHS Bridge
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	Birmingham Rideshare Programs for FY2015	6/12/2013	TR	10/1/2014	2015	\$1,200,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program Birmingham Attributable

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

Mr. Kaczorowski noted that one project, IM-I065, was not presented at the Transportation Citizens Committee and Transportation Technical Committee due to receiving it this past week. The Chairs of both committees agreed to add it and not delay approval until the August meeting.

Mr. Greg Dawkins reported that the Transportation Technical Committee approved moving forward. Mr. Willie Osborne reported that the Transportation Citizens Committee approved moving forward.

Mr. Scott Holladay made a motion to approve the TIP amendments and Mr. Dave Hunke seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) AND SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the Scoring Sheet and the Scoring Committee for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP).



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Scoring Sheet

Application Number: _____
 Sponsor: _____
 Application Description: _____
 Scorer: _____

<u>Project Description</u>	Scorer's Points	Maximum Points
General Information:		4
Transportation Alternatives Eligibility, History, Scenic Significance, Impact, Proposed Construction, Ownership, Intended Use, and Life Expectancy:		10
Maintenance Plan:		10
Public Involvement:		10
Budget		10
<u>Attachments</u>		
Sponsor Commitment (attachment 1):		10
MPO Letter for TIP (attachment 2):		3
Resolution from City or County (attachment 3):		5
Property Ownership (attachment 4 - if applicable - see also Ownership in Project Description):		5
Maps (attachment 5 & 6):		5
Design Sketch (attachment 7):		5
Photos (attachment 8):		3
Included in a Plan (attachment 9):		10
Overall Application:		10
Total Points:		100

Mr. Greg Dawkins reported that the Transportation Technical Committee approved moving forward. Mr. Willie Osborne reported that the Transportation Citizens Committee approved moving forward.

Mr. Doug Hale made a motion to approve the Scoring Sheet as presented and Mr. Rod Long seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The proposed Scoring Committee is:

Committee Members

- Rod Long, Technical Committee
- Richard Caudle, Technical Committee
- Jackie Dye, Citizens Committee
- Willie Osborne, Citizens Committee
- Nick Sims, Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission

Alternates

- Christopher Brady, Vestavia Hills City Engineer
- Chris Hatcher, Rev Birmingham
- Winston Sitton, Blount County Engineer

Mr. Greg Dawkins reported that the Transportation Technical Committee approved moving forward. Mr. Willie Osborne reported that the Transportation Citizens Committee approved moving forward.

Mr. Dave Hunke made a motion to approve the Scoring Committee as presented and Mr. Greg Dawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Cissy Crowe presented the Nominating Committee report. The MPO Nominating Committee met on May 23, 2013 to decide on recommendations to the MPO Policy Committee to fill the vacancy of MPO Policy Committee Vice-Chairman. The position of Vice-Chairman was vacated when Mr. Wayne Sullivan retired from Jefferson County.

The committee made the following recommendations:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, City of Birmingham – move from MPO Policy Committee Secretary to Vice-Chairman

Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover, MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Mr. Scott Holladay made a motion to approve the recommendations and Mr. Randy Cole seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

COMMUTESMART REPORT

Ms. Lindsey West, Deputy Director of Operations, presented highlights from the FY2011/2012 Annual Report.

GetGreen

- Offers commuters \$1 per day for every day an alternative commute is taken in the first 90 days. Due to increase participation the incentive was decreased from \$2/day to \$1/day.
- 1,319 new commuters registered
- Reduced 1,535,160 vehicle miles from roadways
- Program cost for the year was \$80,777 and is an average of \$61.25 incentive per participant

CommuterClub

- Quarterly program logging a minimum of 20 alternative commutes over a 90 day period.
- Each carpooler eligible to receive a \$25 gift card during the period.
- 1,486 new commuters registered
- Reduced 7,533,860 vehicle miles
- Program cost for the year was \$162,997

Emergency Ride Home

- If emergency arises while at work, CommuteSmart will set the up with a free ride home.
- Each participant has 5 ERHs to use per year
- Total of 108 ERHs were given
- Program cost was \$4,717 with average cost per ERH \$44

Vanpool

- vRide works with CommuteSmart and partners with employers to encourage employees to vanpool

- Sustained an average of 32 vanpools each month
- 64,240 cars off highway in 2012
- Reduced 94,668 passenger trips
- Reduced 4,475,894 vehicle miles
- Reduced 177,614 gallons of fuel saving a total of \$603,242 in fuel cost

Outreach Overview

- Special interest given to social media increasing use of Facebook and Twitter
- Encouraged ownership of program with the Employee Transportation Coordinators at each company
- Hosted annual Bike to Work event
- Growth in bike rack program with installation of 15 bike racks at partner companies
- 6 new partners were added
- Website continued update with interactive features and tools
- Strategies also included radio, television and internet advertising

U.S. 11 SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Darrell Howard, Deputy Director of Planning presented an update.

Vision for the Corridor

Revitalize the study corridor with **improved transit services** that offer essential mobility for many and travel choices for others, while leveraging opportunities for **restoring vitality** to neighborhoods and business districts, and **stimulating economic opportunities**.

We listened:

- To the public:
 - Many meetings, opinion surveys, online options
 - “Engage, Inform, Listen”
- To community leaders:
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Working groups for public involvement, land use, economic development, and transportation
- To elected officials:
 - Steering committee of mayors and other key officials who advised and informed the process
- To developers:
 - Outreach meetings for input on economic development

What we heard at the start of the project:

- Barriers: Unity across our jurisdictions, gaining community trust, and finding funding
- Goals: economic redevelopment, transit upgrades that can get implemented, “a plan that becomes a reality!”

During the project, citizens said the needs were:

- Better transit
- More attractive urban setting
- Stable neighborhoods
- More shopping options
- Stronger community environment

Developers and leaders said there are:

- Opportunities to recapture lost retail
- Create new urban centers

Focus on Implementation

- Fix It First! Fix what's already there, and make it better
- Improve Coordination and Establish Partnerships
- Set Actionable Priorities and Take Steps to Move Forward
- Identifying funding strategies and potential projects

Key recommendation was form a Corridor Coalition

Key Tools for Re-Imagining the Corridor

- Capital Improvement Cooperative District
 - Alabama law allows CICD Formation
 - Takes on the powers of its incorporating entities
 - Can Generate and Leverage tax dollars
 - Has been used in this corridor
- Tax Increment Financing District
- Community Redevelopment District
- Special Zoning Districts or Designations

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

APPROVED:

Mr. Tim Westhoven
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date