



March 12, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Honorable William Parker, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2014**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 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 William Parker, Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount County  
Mr. Cletus Beard, District 6, St. Clair County  
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Voting Representative  
Mr. Randy Cole, District 5, Shelby County  
Ms. Lisa Cooper, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. David Hunke, District 5, Shelby County  
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, City of Hoover, Shelby County  
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
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**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 William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens

Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Zeke Willis

Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. George Pickle  
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Jefferson County  
Represented by Mr. Zach Brooks  
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. E. Wayne Sullivan  
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Honorable Steve Parsons  
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  
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. David Ricker  
Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member  
Represented by Mr. Clint Andrews

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Kenneth Coachman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Voting Representative  
Mr. Johnny Harris, ALDOT, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Voting Representative  
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster  
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County  
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County  
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation  
Mr. Joe Thomas, St. Clair County Public Transportation  
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Gary Waters, District 5, Shelby County  
Honorable Slade Blackwell, Non-Voting Representative  
Honorable Kurt Wallace, Non-Voting Representative  
Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Christie Pannell Hester, Shelby County  
Ms. Alice Gordon, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates  
Ms. Lian Li, FHWA  
Ms. Marie Johnson, Sterne Agee  
Renee Carter, CRT  
Chief Billy Hewitt, City of Tarrant

Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission  
 Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission  
 Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission  
 Mr. Brett Isom, Regional Planning Commission  
 Mr. Mikhail Alert, Regional Planning Commission  
 Ms. Lindsey West, Regional Planning Commission  
 Mr. Marc Dreyfus, Regional Planning Commission  
 Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Mr. Tim Westhoven made a motion to approve the December 11, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Randy Cole 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>TAPAA-TA13(907)</u>	10006 1583	Sidewalks along Hebb Road and McGowin Road in the Town of Wilsonville	2/12/2014	CN	12/14/2014	2015	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternative Program
<u>ACAA60999ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0999	Resurface 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue North from 7 <sup>th</sup> Street to 9 <sup>th</sup> Street	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$54,889	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60997ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0997	Resurface Clairmont Avenue from Essex Road to Rockford Road	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$511,641	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60992ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0992	Resurface Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from Dennison Avenue to Tuscaloosa Avenue	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$813,120	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60993ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0993	Resurface Messer Airport Road from 31 <sup>st</sup> Street North to 46 <sup>th</sup> Street North	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$757,456	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60995ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0995	Resurface Lomb Avenue from 12 <sup>th</sup> Street West to Cullman Avenue	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$352,511	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60996ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0996	Resurface Georgia Road from Antwerp Avenue to 59 <sup>th</sup> Street	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$169,050	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA60998ATRP(01)</u>	10006 0998	Resurface 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue South from Valley Road to Cumberland Drive	2/12/2014	CN	12/5/2014	2015	\$92,670	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61257ATRP(01)</u>	10006 1257	Resurface CR-5 from Walker/Blount County Line to SR-3 (US-31)	2/12/2014	CN	1/30/2015	2015	\$2,290,797	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA61258ATRP(01)</u>	10006 1258	Resurface CR-17 to CR-8 at Jefferson/Blount County Line to Cullman/Blount County Line	2/12/2014	CN	2/27/2015	2015	\$684,444	Exempt	ATRIPS

<u>ACAA612</u> <u>59ATRP(0</u> <u>01)</u>	10006 1259	Resurface CR-15 from SR-75 North West to SR-79	2/12/2014	CN	3/27/2015	2015	\$1,099,629	Exempt	ATRIPS
<u>ACAA610</u> <u>21ATRP(0</u> <u>01)</u>	10006 1021	Intersection improvements on SR-261 (Helena Road)/CR-17 and at SR-261/CR-52	2/12/2014	CN	4/25/2014	2014	\$150,000	Exempt	ATRIPS

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

The Transportation Citizens and the Transportation Technical Committee agreed to move these forward. Ms. Clara Prevo moved to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Tom Magee seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

**NOMINATING/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Cissy Crowe, RPCGB, presented recommendations from the Committee.

The Nominating Committee discussed nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the Policy Committee for a two year term. The committee unanimously voted to recommend Mayor Tom Henderson, Chairman, Mr. Tim Westhoven, Vice-Chairman and Councilor William Parker, Secretary.

Mr. Jim Byram moved and Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded to accept the proposed nominations as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION CITIZEN’S COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE GEOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION CONCURRENCE**

MPO Policy Committee is charged with concurring the geographic composition of both committees. The Committee reviewed the information presented. Ms. Joyce Brooks moved and Mr. David Ricker seconded to accept the geographic composition as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**RPCGB ONLINE MAPPING**

Mr. Brett Isom, GIS Administrator for the RPCGB, gave a brief description and demonstration of newly available online web maps. These interactive maps provide a variety of information related to transportation and community planning efforts in the region and give MPO board/committee members access to additional information to aid the decision making process. Additional maps and updates will be made available on a topics on a regular basis.

**WEST HOMEWOOD PLAN**

Mr. Mikhail Alert, Community Planner, with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham presented the West Homewood Plan. The West Homewood Plan was initiated by the City of Homewood – on behalf of the citizens, property owners and business owners of the City – to create a sense of place and identity for the West Homewood over the next 15-20 years. The plan called for a walkable neighborhood center to be created near the recently renovated Patriot Park. In order to

achieve this, the plan also recommended that the City adopt a Form-Based Code. The Form-Based Code provided the regulatory tools the City needed to create the sense of place and neighborhood center envisioned by citizens, since it focused more on addressing the built environment and less on the separation of uses. Both the plan and the Form-Based Code have been adopted by the City. The Committee also viewed the video.

**OTHER**

Mayor Henderson reviewed upcoming meeting schedule. Mr. Mike Kaczorowski reminded everyone about the Transportation Alternative Program request for projects. The application is available online.

Mr. Scott Tillman thanked Mr. David Hunke for his years of service to the MPO in both capacities as staff with the RPCGB and in an appointed position. Mr. Hunke's involvement began in 1986. His leadership has been invaluable. Mr. Hunke is retiring from Shelby County at the end of March. Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County representative, also thanked Mr. Hunke for his service to the County.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Honorable William Parker  
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

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Date