



November 7, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2012**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2 Twentieth Street North Suite 310, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Thomas Henderson, MPO Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Vice Chairman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Linda Allen, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Martha Espy
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Roger McCondichie

Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham

Represented by Ms. Virginia Williams

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham

Represented by Mr. Andy Mayo

Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County

Represented by Mr. David Hunke

Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham

Represented by Mr. David Ricker

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative

Represented by Mr. Lance Taylor

Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Represented by Chief William Hewitt

Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Represented by Ms. Carol Epstein

Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County

Represented by Mr. Randy Cole

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member

Represented by Mr. Dave Harris

Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham

Represented by Mr. Tom Magee

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena

Honorable Kenneth Coachman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable George Bowman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Jim Lowery, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Slade Blackwell, Remaining Voting Representative

Honorable Kurt Wallace, Remaining Voting Representative

VACANT, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster

Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission

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Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brett Isom, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Jackie Dye, Transportation Citizens Committee
Mr. Jim Byram, Hueytown
Ms. Meredith Drennen, BBA
Mr. Preston Huddleston
Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover
Mr. William Parker, Birmingham
Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
Mr. Mike Eddington, City of Birmingham
Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
Ms. Sarah Stokes, SELC
Mr. Ethan Vice, Rep. Bachus' office
Mr. Chris Leffert, BJCTA
Ms. Ann August-Dawson, BJCTA

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to approve the September 12, 2012 meeting minutes. Mayor Roger McCondichie seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT

Ms. Cissy Crowe and Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the Public Involvement Documentation report from the September 19, 2012 Public Involvement Meeting on the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Amended/Updated 2035 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 noted the new use of social media as an outreach procedure. The information presented at the meeting was posted on the RPCGB website for those who could not attend the meeting in person.

Mr. Kaczorowski reviewed the comments/responses received during the 21 day comment period. Nineteen comments were received. Four comments were received in relation to the Northern Beltline. Comments received during the comment period were included in the final document.

Ms. Jackie Dye, Chairman of the TCC, Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chairman of the TTC and Mr. Wayne Sullivan, MPO Subcommittee Chairman all noted that their committees recommended approval of the Public Involvement Documentation that documents accurately the actions of the Public Involvement meeting. Mr. Walter Jackson made a motion to approve the Public Involvement Meeting Documentation. Ms. Linda Allen seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented three resolutions for consideration. The resolutions included:

1. Adopting the FY2013 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for Ground-Level Ozone, Annual PM 2.5 and 24-hour PM 2.5 standards for the 2012 Amended / Updated FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Air Quality Conformity and the 2012 amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Project Listings Only) for the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area
2. Adopting the 2012 Amended / Updated FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Air Quality Conformity
3. Adopting the FY2012 Amended Capacity Project List of Appendix 5C of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan for the Metropolitan Planning Area

Mr. Walter Jackson made a motion to approve the Air Quality Conformity Determination report resolution. Mr. Wayne Sullivan seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Ms. Virginia Williams made a motion to adopt the Amended FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) resolution. Mr. Walter Jackson seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. David Ricker made a motion to approve the amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) resolution. Mr. Walter Jackson seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

FY2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM MODIFICATION

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request to modify the FY 2013 UPWP. The amendment is for capital and operating equipment. As outlined in the "Agreement for Administering U.S. Department of Transportation Financial Assistance for Financial Assistance for Transportation Planning between the State of Alabama and the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham," Article 21 states, in part, "All purchases over \$1,500 must be approved by the State, in advance, in writing, to be eligible for reimbursement." Further, ALDOT requires anticipated purchases in excess of \$5,000 to have a line item entry in the UPWP.

The request is for \$4,900 to purchase a ResponseWare Enterprise License 100 seat licenses (Task 3.0) to augment and support existing public involvement efforts. These licenses will expand the use of vote tallying devices to allow meeting attendees with smart phones to vote with their phones instead of the

tallying devices or to log in online and vote. Those voting with smart phones can vote remotely from anywhere and votes would be tallied online.

Ms. Jackie Dye, Chairman of the TCC, Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chairman of the TTC and Mr. Wayne Sullivan, MPO Subcommittee Chairman all noted that their committees recommended approval of the UPWP modification

Mr. David Hunke made a motion to approve the UPWP modification. Mr. Walter Jackson seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

MPO BYLAWS MODIFICATION

MPO Vice Chairman Wayne Sullivan presented proposed modifications to the MPO bylaws based on the 2010 census for a first read. Changes include:

Article 2 – Purpose

2.2 Powers

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor as being responsible, together with the State, for carrying out the provisions of ~~Title 23, United States Code (Highways), Section 134 (transportation planning in certain urban areas), as provided in Section 104(f)(3) (apportionment of funds); and capable of meeting the requirements of Title 49, United States Code (Transit), Section 3(a)(2), and 3(e)(1 (Federal financial assistance), Section 4(e) (long range program), and Sections 5(g)(1) and 5 (L)(urban mass transit program); and Title 42, United States Code (Air Quality), Section 174~~ the Code of Federal Regulations as applicable to transportation planning in certain urban areas and apportionment of funds as well as being capable of meeting requirements of the United States Codes as applicable to federal financial assistance, long-range program, urban mass transit and air quality.

Cooperative Agreements to implement these provisions have been executed ~~in December 1994~~ among the major groups involved in transportation planning.

Article 3 - Membership

3.1 Geographic Boundaries

Membership shall be geographically representative of the metropolitan planning area based upon the final decennial Census.

3.1 Definition

The following are voting members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization:

- A. ~~Twelve (12) representatives from a district (number 1) composed of the City of Birmingham of which at least five representatives shall be elected officials, to be selected by the Mayor.~~
- B. ~~Seven (7) representatives from a district (number 2) composed of unincorporated Jefferson County, of which at least three representatives shall be elected officials, to be selected by the Jefferson County Commissioner of Roads and Transportation.~~

- ~~C. Fourteen (14) representatives from a district (number 3) composed of all other Jefferson County municipalities, of which at least 10 representatives shall be elected officials, to be selected by the Jefferson County Mayor's Association.~~
- ~~D. Seven (7) representatives from a district (number 4) composed of Shelby County municipalities and unincorporated area, four of which shall be appointed by the mayors of Pelham, Alabaster, Helena and Hoover, and three of which shall be appointed by the Shelby County Commission. One representative of the Shelby County Commission shall be an elected official.~~
- ~~E. Division Engineer, State of Alabama Department of Transportation.~~
- ~~F. One representative from the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority, to be selected by the Transit Authority Board.~~
- ~~G. Any member of the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee in a majority Jefferson or Shelby County legislative district.~~

3.3 Representation

There will be no more than 40 voting members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization from District 1-7.

- A. District 1 is composed of the City of Birmingham, with nine (9) voting members of which at least four (4) representatives shall be elected officials with representatives to be selected by the Mayor.
- B. District 2 is composed of Unincorporated Jefferson County with five (5) voting members of which at least two (2) shall be elected officials and one shall be the Director of Roads and Transportation with representatives to be selected by the Jefferson County Commissioner of Roads and Transportation.
- C. District 3 is composed of all other municipalities within Jefferson County with thirteen (13) voting members of which at least nine (9) shall be elected officials, with representatives to be selected by the Jefferson County Mayor's Association
- D. District 4 is composed of the City of Hoover within Jefferson County with two (2) voting members to be selected by the Mayor.
- E. District 5 is composed of incorporated and unincorporated areas in Shelby County with eight (8) voting members. Six (6) representatives to be selected by the Shelby County Commission, one of which must be the county engineer, and one (1) each from the two most populous municipalities selected by their respective Mayors.
- F. District 6 is composed of two (2) representatives from St. Clair County to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.
- G. District 7 is composed of one (1) representative from Blount County to be selected by the Blount County Commission.
- H. One representative from the 1st Division State of Alabama, Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.
- I. One representative from the 3rd Division State of Alabama, Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.
- J. One representative from the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority to be selected by the Board Chairman.

K. One representative from Blount County Public Transportation, to be selected by the Blount County Commission.

L. One representative from St. Clair County Public Transportation, to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.

~~3.2 Geographic Boundaries~~

~~Membership shall be geographically representative of the metropolitan planning area, the entire boundaries of Jefferson and Shelby Counties, based upon the final decennial Census at which time such updated information would be used for district composition.~~

3.4 Nonvoting Members

Representatives from the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee, the Alabama Department of Transportation central office, and the Federal Highway Administration will be deemed permanent and ongoing nonvoting members. The MPO may add nonvoting members as it deems appropriate.

3.5 Membership by Proxy

~~A. Written notice is required for members represented by proxy at committee or subcommittee meetings.~~

~~B. A. A person can be designated as only one proxy vote per meeting.~~

~~C. B. Any member can designate any other member or non-member as a permanent proxy eligible to vote. The designation of a permanent proxy must be made by the member in writing. The term of a permanent proxy cannot exceed the term of the appointing member. ~~In addition to a permanent proxy, a proxy for an individual meeting can be designated.~~~~

~~C. In addition to a permanent proxy, a proxy for an individual meeting can be designated. A written request may be submitted in advance of the meeting. The MPO Chair may appoint a temporary proxy for a individual meeting pursuant to a voting member's verbal request followed by a confirmation in writing.~~

~~C. The term of a permanent proxy cannot exceed the term of the appointing member.~~

3.6 Appointments

Appointments shall be confirmed in writing to the MPO chair at the ~~December~~ January meeting of each year by the appointing authority for each district. Failure to appoint by this date means that a person is ineligible to vote until such confirmation is provided.

Article 4 - Responsibilities and Powers

F. Annually endorse the Unified Planning Work Program which documents the transportation related planning activities to be performed with planning assistance provided under FTA and FHWA Planning funds of the ~~Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998~~ current federal transportation funding bill and other funding sources.

Article 5 - Officers and Staff

5.1 Officers

Term of office shall convene upon the first regular scheduled meeting in ~~January~~ February of even-numbered years.

The MPO officers and the Chairman of the Transportation Citizens and Technical Committees shall constitute an MPO Leadership Committee that will advise the RPCGB Executive Director, RPCGB ~~Transportation Planning~~ Director of Planning and Operations and MPO Chairman as needed.

5.2 Staff

The ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham is responsible for appointing staff to assist the Metropolitan Planning Organization in the performance of its responsibilities.

Article 10 7 - Conduct of MPO Meeting

10 7.2 Agenda

The Agenda must be set and approved by the MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee, provided with the written meeting notice, and approved by the MPO membership by a majority vote at the beginning of each meeting. Agenda items may have been a previous agenda item in a meeting of the Transportation Technical and Citizens' Advisory Committees. The MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee shall review all agenda items before being placed on the Agenda of a regular meeting of the MPO.

Article 6 9 - MPO Subcommittee Advisory Committee

6 9.1 Purpose and Responsibilities

The purpose of the MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee is to provide recommendations to the MPO related to the MPO responsibilities identified in Article 4. These responsibilities are those identified in the Agreement Concerning a Transportation Planning Process for the Birmingham Urbanized Area, of which the Birmingham MPO and the Alabama Department of Transportation are signatories. The MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee shall conduct activities that result in an action by the MPO concerning any of these legal responsibilities. It may also at times confer with the RPCGB ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Directors.

6 9.2 Membership

All members of the MPO Advisory Committee must be voting members of the MPO. The following are voting members of the MPO ~~Subcommittee~~ Advisory Committee:

- A. Three (3) representatives from District number 1, City of Birmingham, to be selected by the Mayor.
- B. Three (3) representatives from District number 2, unincorporated Jefferson County, to be selected by the Jefferson County Commissioner of Roads and Transportation, one of which must be the Director of Roads and Transportation.
- C. Three (3) representatives from District number 3, Jefferson County Municipalities, to be selected by the Jefferson County Mayor's Association.
- D. One (1) representative from District number 4, City of Hoover to be selected by the Mayor.

- E. Three (3) representatives from District number 4 5, Shelby County municipalities and unincorporated area, to be selected by the Shelby County Commission, one of which must be the county engineer.
 - F. One (1) representative from District number 6, St. Clair County, to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.
 - G. One (1) representative from District number 7, Blount County, to be selected by the Blount County Commission.
 - H. One (1) representative from the 1st Division, State of Alabama Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.
 - E.I. ~~Division Engineer~~ One (1) representative from the 3rd Division, State of Alabama Department of Transportation to be selected by the Division Engineer.
 - F.J. One representative from the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, to be selected by the Board Chairman.
 - K. One representative from St. Clair County Public Transportation, to be selected by the St. Clair County Commission.
 - L. One representative from Blount County Public Transportation, to be selected by the Blount County Commission.
- G. ~~The County Commission Chairman of Blount, Chilton, St. Clair and Walker Counties, or his designee, as ex-officio members.~~

9.3 Appointments

Appointments shall be confirmed in writing to the chair of the MPO at the January meeting of each year by the appointing authority for each district. Failure to appoint by this date means that a person is ineligible to vote until such confirmation is provided.

69.6 Quorum

No transaction of business at a regularly scheduled meeting can take place unless a ~~minimum of~~ eight (8) majority of the voting members as defined in Section 9.2 are present or represented.

~~Article 7 – RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee~~

7.1 Purpose

~~The MPO shall be represented on an RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee established for the purpose of making recommendations on coordination between the RPC and the MPO, specifically integrating MPO transportation plans with other regional comprehensive and land development plans by providing input, in consultation with the RPC Planning Advisory Committee, into the Regional Planning and Development Plan.~~

7.2 Responsibilities

~~The responsibilities and powers of the MPO defined under Article 4 are the sole responsibility of the MPO. The RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee should, however, report to the RPC and the MPO on items of major significance.~~

7.3 MPO Membership

~~The MPO officers, or their designee, shall represent the MPO on the RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee.~~

~~7.4 Meetings of the RPC/MPO Coordinating Committee shall be held quarterly.~~

Ms. Virginia Williams expressed concerns about the changes in representation on the committee. She wanted to know if it was required to include the additional members since the major population was still in Jefferson and Shelby counties. The newly proposed makeup was based on formula taking the total population and the percentages of the total population by county and for Blount/St. Clair counties, it was the population only for those areas now included in the MPA. Ms. Williams requested a copy of the numbers and the map of the new MPA area.

Ms. Williams stated that they have worked long and hard to be fairly represented in Birmingham and she feels they would have to ask questions about why the strength is being diluted. She also wanted to know why all of the other divisions were being added. MPO Vice Chairman Wayne Sullivan explained Blount and St. Clair counties have been added to the MPA area. ALDOT 1st Division covers those counties and is also required to be added.

Ms. Cissy Crowe explained the breakdown of county/city representation for the first 40 members of the MPO was population based. The additional voting representatives are required and are not considered under the population percentages. Ms. Williams requested the documentation requiring those additional voting representatives.

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY (MAP-21)

Mr. Dave Harris gave a presentation on the new MAP-21 bill, specifically on statewide and metropolitan planning. There were 10 extensions to SAFETEA-LU prior to the new MAP-21 bill that passed on July 6, 2012 and took effect October 1, 2012. MAP-21 is authorized through 2014. This new bill stabilizes funding. Average annual funding is at FY12 levels (plus minor inflation). The bill extends Highway Trust Fund taxes and ensures 2 years of solvency for the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). Substantial programmatic consolidation includes no earmarks and the elimination of most discretionary programs.

Some themes of MAP-21 include:

- Strengthens America's highway and public transportation systems
- Creates jobs and supports economic growth
- Supports an aggressive safety agenda
- Simplifies and focuses the Federal program
- Accelerates project delivery and promotes innovation
- Establishes a performance-based Federal program
- Expands emphasis on multimodal investments
 - o Retains provisions for flexing highway funds to transit
 - o FTA and FHWA continue to jointly administer state and metropolitan planning programs
 - o Encourages corridor planning with planning-environmental linkages provisions
 - o Explicitly requires representatives of public transportation providers to become voting members of MPO Boards in Transportation Management Areas (TMA's)

Performance Management impacts the Birmingham area most. It identifies seven national goals (23 USC 150(b)), authorizes the Secretary, with input, to establish performance measures and standards for 13 highway performance areas (23 USC 150(c)) and 2 transit performance areas, and allows States, MPOs and public transportation agencies to set targets for each established performance measure.

The seven national goals include Safety, Infrastructure Conditions, Congestion Reduction, System Reliability, Freight Movement and Economic Vitality, Environmental Sustainability and Reduced Project Delivery Delays (23 USC 150(b)).

The Performance-based approach requires DOT to establish standards and measures, including:

- Condition of pavement on the Interstate and National Highway Systems (23 USC 150(c))
- Condition of bridges on the National Highway System (150(c))
- Performance of the Interstate and National Highway Sys. (150(c))
- Minimum level of pavement condition on the Interstate System
- Serious injuries and fatalities per vehicle mile travelled (150 (c))
- Number of serious injuries and fatalities (150(c))
- Traffic congestion, (150(c))
- On-road mobile source emissions (150(c))
- Freight movement (150(c))
- Transit state of good repair standards (49 USC 4326)
- Transit safety (49 USC 5329)

States, metropolitan planning organizations and providers of public transportation agencies develop plans and programs and select projects to achieve targets. States are to report to USDOT on progress toward targets within 4 years of enactment and biennially thereafter.

Under Metropolitan Transportation Planning, MAP-21 Performance Management Provisions establish transparent, accountable decision-making framework for States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Providers of Public Transportation to identify multimodal capital investments and project priorities as well as emphasize sound multimodal planning processes. Unchanged provisions include:

- Population thresholds for MPOs and TMAs unchanged
- TIP to be updated at least once every 4 yrs.
- MTP updated at least once every 4-years in nonattainment and maintenance areas, and every 5-years in attainment areas.
- Eight planning factors unchanged

Within two years of enactment of MAP-21, MPOs serving TMA areas shall consist of local elected officials, Officials of public agencies that operate major modes of transportation including representation by providers of public transportation, and appropriate State officials. The MPO does not need to re-designate to meet this provision (See 23 U.S.C. 134(d)).

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) ((23 U.S.C. 134(i)(2)(A)(i)) “Shall include identification of transportation facilities (including major roadways, transit, multimodal and intermodal facilities, nonmotorized transportation facilities, and intermodal connectors) that should function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis to those facilities that serve important national and regional transportation functions.”

Planning process: performance-driven, outcome based. (23 U.S.C. 134(c)(1) & (h)(2))

- Support the seven National Goals and the general transit purposes identified in MAP-21
- MPOs to establish performance targets to address USDOT established surface transportation system performance measures
- Selection of performance targets by the MPO shall be coordinated with relevant State and providers of public transportation to ensure consistency to the maximum extent practicable.
- Targets will be used to track progress towards attainment of critical performance outcomes for the MPO region.
- May adopt locally defined performance measures and targets

Each MPO shall establish performance targets consistent with transportation system performance measures not later than 180 days after the date the State or public transportation provider establishes performance targets. The MPO shall integrate other performance based plans, either directly or by reference (goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets). This is not reviewable in court.

By July 6, 2017, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of the performance-based planning processes of MPOs that shall include, in part: (23 U.S.C. 134(l))

- Overall effectiveness as a tool for guiding transportation investments
- Extent to which MPOs have achieved the performance targets or are making progress and whether the MPOs are developing meaningful targets.
- The technical capacity of MPOs less than 200,000 to conduct these requirements.

An optional part of MAP-21 is Scenario Development. MPOs that choose to develop scenarios are encouraged to consider:

- Potential regional investment strategies for the planning horizon
- Assumed distribution of population and employment
- A scenario that maintains baseline conditions for the transportation system performance measures
- A scenario that improves the baseline conditions for as many of the transportation system performance measures as possible
- Revenue constrained scenarios based on the total revenue reasonably expected to be available
- Estimated costs and potential revenues available to support each scenario
- In addition to the USDOT transportation system performance measures, MPOs may evaluate scenarios using locally developed measures.

The Secretary shall conduct a study on metropolitan planning scenario development (MAP 21 Section 1201(b)). The Secretary shall evaluate the costs and benefits associated with MPOs developing

multiple scenarios for consideration as part of the development of the MTP. The evaluation shall include an analysis of the technical and financial capacity of the MPO needed to develop scenarios.

Under MAP-21 the Transportation Improvement Program contains projects consistent with MTP and reflects investment priorities from the MTP. Once implemented, the TIP is designed to make progress toward achieving transportation system performance targets in (23 U.S.C.134(h)(2)). The TIP shall include a description of the anticipated effect of the TIP toward achieving the performance targets established in the MTP, linking investment priorities to those performance targets.

MPOs serving a TMA select all federally funded projects from the approved TIP (except those on the NHS) in consultation with the State and any affected public transportation operator(s). Projects on the NHS are selected from the approved TIP by the State in cooperation with the MPO(s) designated for the area. (23 U.S.C. 134(k)(4)). States select all Title 23 projects from the approved TIP in a non-TMA MPO planning area and the designated recipient of public transportation funding selects title 49 chapter 53 projects from the approved TIP in cooperation with the MPO. (23 U.S.C. 134(j)(5))

For the Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds Formula, a multiplier is applied to the State lump sum apportionment to determine PL fund amounts. The multiplier is the Ratio of the State's FY 2009 PL funds to its FY 2009 Total Apportionment. This replaces the previous 1 ¼ percent set-aside from core programs that was apportioned to the States based on urbanized area population.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) consists of discretionary funds, transportation enhancements, TSCP, preservation, recreational trails. These fund sources were consolidated and incorporates eligibility for those old programs into the TAP program. There is specified funding for this program and you apply for them. The funding level is similar to previous under transportation enhancements. One big change is the way money is divided, specifically towards TMAs. Much like STPBH a portion goes directly to TMAs in Alabama, more specifically Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery. The MPOs oversee the program but are not eligible to be a recipient or grantee and neither is the State. The MPOs along with the State have to come up with a competitive selection application process.

For the Appalachian Development Highways, there is no dedicated funding. It is eligible under STP and the old National Highway Programs. They are also eligible for 100% federal share as opposed to the old 80-20%. Each state that has an Appalachian corridor has to submit a plan for completion of this corridor by November 1, 2013. In that plan, the state has to meet annual targets as well as completion date.

Mr. David Ricker asked about the Northern Beltline funding that was previously set aside. Mr. Harris responded that guidelines have not been set yet, so everyone is in a waiting pattern. As soon as guidance has been issued, it will be added to the Federal Highway website. He recommended everyone to check the website frequently.

OTHER

Mr. Chris Leffert introduced the new BJCTA Board Chairman, Ms. Joyce Brooks. Ms. Brooks introduced the new BJCTA Executive Director, Ms. Ann Dawson-August, who will officially take charge in January 2013.

Chairman Henderson reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Citizens Committee Meeting, **Tuesday**, November 13, 2012, 12:00 noon, RPCGB- Cancelled
- Transportation Technical Committee, November 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB- **2nd Wednesday** – Cancelled
- MPO Subcommittee, November 15, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB – **3rd Thursday**
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, December 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Secretary

Date