



October 8, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee

FROM: Honorable William Parker, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, October 8, 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, MPO Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Allen Armstrong, District 7, Blount 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. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby 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. Tracy Pate, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
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 William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens

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

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, 3rd Division Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Terry Sutton

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Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County- City of Alabaster

Represented by Mr. George Henry

Mr. Fred Hawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham

Represented by Mr. Mike Eddington

Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County

Represented by Ms. Christie Pannell Hester

Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County

Represented by Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Jefferson County

Represented by Mr. Zach Brooks

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 Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Represented by Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

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

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member

Represented by Mr. Clint Andrews

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Cletus Beard, District 6, St. Clair County

Ms. Joyce Brooks, BJCTA, Voting Representative

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Honorable Kenneth Coachman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Ms. Lisa Cooper, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County

Mr. Johnny Harris, ALDOT, 1st Division Voting Representative

Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County

Mr. Allen Pate, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County

Mr. Clyde Rice, St. Clair County Public Transportation

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Gary Stricklin, Blount County Public Transportation

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

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC

Ms. Lian Li, FHWA

Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC

Mr. Doug Seagle, GMC

Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates

Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA

Mr. Glen Merchant, City of Irondale
 Ms. Cornelia Sanders, Volkert
 Mr. Pascal Caputo, Jefferson County Commission
 Mr. Richard Abel, Clastran
 Ms. Samantha St. John, Clastran
 Ms. Chandra Abesingha, CE Associates
 Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
 Ms. Laurel Land, Regional Planning Commission
 Ms. Cissy Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Westhoven moved and Mr. Holladay seconded to approve the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented requests to modify the FY 2012-2015 TIP.

BJCTA Request to Add the following projects to TIP

FTA9-TR14()	10006 2971	SECTION 5307 TRANSIT BJCTA PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FY 2014	10/8/2014	TR	10/9/2014	2014	\$8,680,315	Exempt	Transit
FTA9-TR15()	10006 3104	SECTION 5307 TRANSIT BJCTA URBANIZED FORMULA FOR FY 2013 (GENERAL FUNDS)	10/8/2014	TR	10/9/2014	2013	\$2,339,284	Exempt	Transit
FTA9-2015()	10006 3105	SECTION 5307 TRANSIT BJCTA URBANIZED FORMULA FOR FY 2013 (TRUST FUNDS)	10/8/2014	TR	10/9/2014	2013	\$6,199,045	Exempt	Transit

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

Vestavia Hills Request to Add the following projects to TIP

to be determined	tbd	CAHABA RIVER ROAD FROM US-280 TO KEY DR – RECONSTRUCT AND ADD TURN LANES AT INTERSECTIONS	10/8/2014	PE	10/31/2014	2014	\$500,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

ALDOT Request to Add the following projects to TIP

STPAA-HSIP-0025(542)	10006 2326	RESURFACE, 2' SAFETY WIDENING, PLANE, STRIPE, LEVEL, AND PATCH SR-25 FROM BUSINESS HIGHWAY 25 IN COLUMBIANA TO CR-61 IN WILSONVILLE. (MP. 130.8 TO MP. 138.4).	10/8/2014	CN	1/30/2015	2015	\$2,080,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Any Area and High Safety Improvement Program
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

The Committee discussed the Cahaba River Road project from the perspective of the other municipalities that are impacted. At this time, these municipalities do not have enough information regarding the degree of financial considerations each will be expected to participate. The municipalities involved in the project realize that there are several issues that will need to be resolved before the project can be initiated, but agreed to amend the TIP to include the PE phase of the project. The Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC) and the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) agreed to move these forward.

Mr. Garrison moved and Mr. Westhoven seconded to approve the TIP amendments. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC), NEW FREEDOM AND SECTION 5310

Ms. Land presented information on all the applications received following a Request for Projects. The Committee scored the applications and ranked them according to which will be funded first. The reason for the ranking was due to uncertainty of exactly how much money remains in each funding source. The funds will be paid out until all funds are expended. Under MAP-21, JARC and New Freedom does not exist and this process is expending remaining funds provided under SAFETEA-LU. The Section 5310 funds are new to the urbanized area and provided for under MAP-21.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS AND RANKING

Applicant Name	Request	Requested Grant Amount	Average
NEW FREEDOM			
Collat Jewish Family Services	Operating Assistance	\$54,000.00	1
Kid One Transport	Operating Assistance	\$71,109.00	2
Lakeshore Foundation	One 19-passenger cutaway; one SUV	\$132,800.00	3
The Village	Operating assistance; one minivan	\$38,252.50	4
JARC			
Aletheia House			
REV Birmingham	Operating assistance for two years; capital equipment for administration	\$580,520.00	1
The Village			
5310			
Glenwood	7 minivans and GPS	\$204,798.00	1
Collat Jewish Family Services	One 14-passenger cutaway van	\$33,600.00	2
Kid One Transport	1 cutaway van; computers; software; cell phones	\$69,058.00	2
Lakeshore Foundation	One 19-passenger cutaway; one SUV	\$132,800.00	3
ClasTran	24 cutaway vans; 3 computers	\$1,039,440.00	4

The Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC) and the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) agreed to move these forward. Councilor Abbott moved and Mr. Byram seconded to approve recommendations for funding under these programs. Motion passed on a voice vote.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Kaczorowski, Principal Planner, RPCGB, presented the following funding information contained in the draft 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

2040 Regional Transportation Plan - Birmingham MPO

Federal Funding for Capacity and Operations & Maintenance - Roadway (Year 2014 Dollars)

<u>MAP-21 Categories</u>	<u>25 Year Funding Projections</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>	<u>25 Yr Capacity Project Funding</u>	<u>25 Yr Operations & Maintenance Funding</u>
National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)*	\$1,361,419,714	\$54,456,789	\$896,567,005	\$464,852,709
Surface Transportation Program-Bham MPO (STPBH)	\$394,392,250	\$15,775,690	\$200,905,811	\$193,486,439
Surface Transportation Program-Other (STPAA)**	\$122,768,681	\$4,910,747	\$85,270,940	\$37,497,741
Other Bridge Funding	\$65,940,315	\$2,637,613	\$17,659,714	\$48,280,601
Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$272,563,975	\$10,902,559	\$0	\$272,563,975
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$39,681,050	\$1,587,242	\$0	\$39,681,050
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	\$29,947,775	\$1,197,911	\$0	\$29,947,775
<u>Other Federal Funding and Funding from SAFETEA-LU (unspent funding left over from the previous transportation bill)</u>				
Appalachian Highway System***	\$147,939,079	-	\$147,939,079	-
High Priority and Congressional Earmark Funding***	\$9,563,195	-	\$9,563,195	-
2040 Regional Transportation Plan Totals:	\$2,444,216,034	\$91,468,550	\$1,357,905,744	\$1,086,310,290
Previous Plan - 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Totals:	\$3,736,775,167	\$160,271,053	\$2,268,842,000	\$1,467,933,167
Difference:	(\$1,292,559,133)	(\$68,802,503)	(\$910,936,256)	(\$381,622,877)

* Includes \$25.5 million for the first year and an additional \$500,000 per year for 25 years for the Northern Beltline.

** Includes \$66,146,702 million of ATRIPS
funding

*** Includes funding from capacity projects authorized in fiscal years 2013
and 2014

He included the following information concerning the Northern Beltline.

- ALDOT is allocating \$25.5 million for the first year with an additional \$0.5 million per year after that (\$31.75 million average per year)
- All federal funding spent on the Northern Beltline will not require a local match – 100% federal funds
- Appalachian Highway funds have been combined with the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funding as per MAP-21
- FHWA will not allow the use of a “dotted line” to show PE and/or ROW phases
- Western portion is planned to be completed beyond the 2040 RTP

Mr. Howard, Deputy Director of Planning, RPCGB, presented the following information concerning a component of the RTP

- What is Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO)?
- TSMO’s history
- TSMO’s recommendations
- Performance Measures

OTHER

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

Councilor Abbott announced an art event at Avondale Park, Saturday, October 11, 2014.

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

APPROVED:

Honorable William Parker
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

Date