



July 11, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2012**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, 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 Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Linda Allen, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Doug Brewer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Othell Phillips

Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Roger McCondichie
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Chris Brady
Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. David Hunke
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Ms. Carol Epstein
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. David Ricker

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Secretary, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County
Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County
Honorable George Bowman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Walter Jackson, 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 David Frings, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative
Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member
Mr. Patrick Sellers, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative
Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member
Honorable Slade Blackwell, Remaining Voting Representative
Honorable Kurt Wallace, Remaining Voting Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee
Ms. Kamilah Gray Lewis, City of Birmingham

Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
Ms. Meredith Davidson, BBA
Mr. Keith Strickland, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood
Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
Mr. Eddy Jowers, City of Pelham
Ms. Paige Coker, GSTS
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
Mr. Preston Huddleston

MPO Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Cynthia Barton called roll. A quorum was declared. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to approve the June 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Darrell Howard gave a presentation on the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. The UPWP lists the transportation planning program areas and projects to be conducted in FY 2013 by the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the Alabama Department of Transportation, including third-party contractors. Information presented included the following:

What is Required of the MPO Process?

- All MPO's are required to develop and maintain:
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan i.e. Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Transportation Improvement Program
 - Unified Planning Work Program
 - Congestion Management Process¹ metro areas of 200,000 people or greater
 - Air Quality Conformity Analysis² federally designated air quality non-attainment areas

The Regulations

- Federal regulations (23 CFR 450.314(a))
- "... MPO(s) in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit shall develop unified planning work programs (UPWPs) that meet the requirements of 23 CFR part 420, subpart A, and:
 - Discuss metropolitan planning priorities;
 - Describe all anticipated transportation and transportation-related air quality planning activities, regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting activities;
 - Document planning activities to be performed with funds provided under title 23, U.S.C., and the Federal Transit Act.

Note: Work must be described in sufficient detail to indicate who will perform the work, the schedule for completing it and the products that will be produced.

In Plain Speak

FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program

- Annual Work Program for the Birmingham MPO
- Directs and Prioritizes MPO Staff Work
 - Required Activities
 - Information Management
 - Regular Planning Functions
 - Support for Partner Planning Agencies
 - Special Studies
 - New Activities

New to All Planning Activities

Federal Livability Principles

- Provide Transportation Choices
- Promote Equitable, Affordable Housing
- Enhance Economic Competitiveness
- Support Existing Communities
- Coordinate policies and leverage investment
- Value communities and neighborhoods

These **WILL** Coordinate with Federal Planning Factors.

Areas of Focus

- Information Sharing and Delivery
 - Task 2.3 - Geographic Information System
 - Online Dashboards
 - RTP Project Information
 - TIP Project Status Information
 - Data Sharing
- Task 5.0 - Regional Transportation Plan
 - 2040 RTP Development
 - Scenario Based Plan
- Active Transportation - Task 5.5
 - Activity and Program Focused
 - Walk and Roll
 - Bike Share Programs
 - Safe Routes to School

How Much
The Birmingham MPO Manages

Funding Source	Federal	Local Match
FHWA - PL	\$1,023,939	\$ 255,985
FHWA - STP (Birmingham)	\$2,050,000	\$ 212,500
FTA - 5309	\$1,676,497	\$ 419,124
FTA - 5316/5317	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
FHWA - CMAQ	\$1,500,000	\$ 0
Total	\$6,500,436*	\$ 937,609

* Excludes \$200,000 in State Planning and Research (SPR) Used by ALDOT for Their Administrative Expenses

- \$3.9 million of \$6.5 million is programmed to 3rd Party for Projects and Programs.
- DBE Utilization is Currently at 14%
- DBE Participation Averages 12% over Previous 3 Quarters

Other Notable Expenditures Include:

- \$450k is Programmed for Local Planning Assistance (Building Communities)
- \$200k is Programmed for Local Planning Assistance for Transportation (APPLE)
- \$200k is Programmed for Congestion Management Activities

Mr. Howard noted that the new transportation bill, MAP21, was signed into legislation on July 6, 2012.

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to approve the FY 2013 UPWP. Councilor Valerie Abbot seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY2012-2015 TIP to include the following:

ALDOT Requests

<u>STPAA-0119.0</u>	100058699	SR-119 resurfacing from SR-3 (US-31) in Pelham to SR-38 (US-280)	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,600,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>NH-0075.0</u>	100056431	Resurfacing SR-75 from Huffman Road to Fox Hill Drive	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,120,752	Exempt	National Highway System Program
<u>STPAA-0149.0</u>	100056435	Resurfacing SR-149 from SR-38 (US-280) to CR-99 (Columbiana Road)	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$815,859	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program

<u>STPAA-0149 ()</u>	100056438	Resurfacing SR-149 from CR-2303 (Lakeshore Parkway) to 8th Street South	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,322,451	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0003 ()</u>	100056439	Resurfacing SR-3 (US-31) from CR-629 (Shades Crest Road) to Hollywood Boulevard	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$609,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0119 ()</u>	100058695	Resurfacing SR-119 from SR-25 in Montevallo to SR-3 (US-31) in Alabaster	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,716,551	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0003 ()</u>	100058697	Resurfacing SR-3 (US-31) from the 1-65 interchange bridge at Calera to the 1-65 interchange bridge at Alabaster	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$1,800,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPAA-0119 ()</u>	100058701	Resurfacing SR-119 from SR-38 (US-280) to Jefferson County Line	7/11/2012	CN	1/25/2013	2013	\$450,000	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program
<u>STPBH-PE12 ()</u>	100058794	Downtown Birmingham Interstate and Expressway Operational and Access Management Study	7/11/2012	PE	7/12/2012	2012	\$300,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program Attributable
<u>IM-059 ()</u>	100058104	Slide correction on the outside Southbound shoulder of I-59 near mp. 134.11 in the northeast Birmingham (Roebuck) area, near the SR-75/I-59 interchange	7/11/2012	PE	7/12/2012	2012	\$200,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects

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

TCC Vice Chairman Willie Osborne noted that the Citizens Committee recommended approval of the TIP requests with the caveat that ALDOT should be responsible for 50% or \$150,000 of the Access Management Study. TTC Vice Chairman Rod Long noted that the Technical Committee recommended approval of the TIP requests.

Questions/comments included:

1. Is the slide project just a study?
 - a. The construction will be included in the TIP update this fall, but staff wanted to go ahead and get the PE started.
2. When will MAP 21 be incorporated into the TIP?
 - a. It will take about 90 days for some portions and 180 for others.
 - b. A review of the new bill will be included in the September MPO agenda.

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP requests. Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

Mr. Darrell Howard announced the pending relocation of the RPCGB to the Two North Twentieth Building. The new address will be Two Twentieth Street North Suite 1200 Birmingham, AL 35203

Chairman Henderson reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Citizens Committee Meeting July 18, 2012, 12 noon, RPCGB- **CANCELLED**
- Technical Committee Meeting, July 25, 2012, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB - **CANCELLED**
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting, July 26, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB - **CANCELLED**
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, August 8, 2012, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB - **CANCELLED**

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

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APPROVED:

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker, MPO Secretary

Date