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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Citizens Committee

**FROM:** Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2010**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 12:00 Noon, RPC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1731 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Doris Powell, Vice Chairman, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Willie Osborne, City of Birmingham  
Ms. Judy Gordon, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Butch Ferrell, West / Southwest Jefferson County  
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Harry Giddens, City of Birmingham  
Dr. Johnny Peebles, III, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Dr. John Springer, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Pittman Owen, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Thurman Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Ruthie Royster, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Jim Gunnin, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Anna Brown, City of Birmingham  
Ms. Barbara McKenna, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Bruce Ludwig, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Pat Hall, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Courtney Newton, West / Southwest Jefferson County

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Steffen Waendelin, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Jackie Dye, Shelby County  
Mr. Joel Gilbert, City of Birmingham  
Mr. David Russell, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Jeff Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County  
Ms. Thelma Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County  
Mr. Lawrence Clark, Shelby County  
Mrs. Nancy Clark, Shelby County  
Mr. Gilbert Klein, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Jim Ketchersid, South / Southeast Jefferson County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bill Foisy, RPC  
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPC  
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPC  
Mr. Darrell Howard, RPC  
Ms. Laurel Land, RPC  
Ms. Deborah Witt, TAC  
Ms. Ruth Wright, League of Women Voters  
Mr. Fenn Church, ClasTran  
Ms. Willa Dean Henson, Leeds Scenic Byways  
Ms. Sandra Bonner, ALDOT  
Mr. Corey Masuca, Jefferson County Department of Health  
Mr. Jerrel Leonard, Birmingham

TCC Chairman Ouida Fritschi called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. The meeting then proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Attendees introduced themselves. Dr. Johnny Peebles III made a motion to approve the December 15, 2009 meeting minutes. Mr. Bruce Ludwig seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a report on MPO actions. The MPO approved the Unified Planning Work Program modification, the Transportation Improvement Program modification and the Resolution of Support for the Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project with three conditions

for support. The MPO also received an update on the status of Recovery Act projects funded by the MPO.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Nominating / Membership subcommittee met September 3, 2009 to discuss additions to the Transportation Citizens Committee. Members of the Committee include:

Ms. Doris Powell, Nominating Committee Chairman  
Ms. Ouida Fritschi, TCC Chairman, ex-officio, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Jackie Dye, Shelby County  
Mr. Butch Ferrell, West / Southwest Jefferson County  
Mr. Harry Giddens, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Jeff Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County  
Mr. Willie Osborne, City of Birmingham  
Mr. T.H. Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County

Two people were recommended for membership based on district vacancies and bylaws attendance criteria and were added to the committee in September 2009. One additional person, Mr. Courtney Newton, was recommended for membership in the West / Southwest Jefferson County district, but the recommendation was put on hold at Mr. Newton's request until 2010. The committee's recommendation from September to add Mr. Newton is being brought forward for consideration as Mr. Newton has maintained attendance requirements since his original membership recommendation. Dr. Johnny Peebles made a motion to add Mr. Courtney Newton to the TTC. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a request from the RPC to modify the TIP to include funding for the Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium (ClasTran) for FY 2011. The amount of federal funds requested is the same as the FY 2010 funding in the amount of \$3,080,000. The funds are for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 on behalf of ClasTran. Staff is making an early request for to flex these funds, so that these monies will be available for drawdown at the beginning of the fiscal year (October 2010). Adequate funds are available in the FY 2008-2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program to accommodate this transfer.

Mr. Fenn Church, Clastran Executive Director, discussed the cash flow issues associated with delays in receiving the Section 5310 funds after the start of the fiscal year (October 1). Mr. Church also discussed the process of soliciting funds from local municipalities in order to secure the 20% match required to draw down the federal funds. Without the local match, service could

be cut to critical needs clients. Attachment 1 shows a breakdown of trips and trip purpose. Seventy-five percent of all trips in FY 2009 were for dialysis, medical, and nutrition.

Areas of discussion included:

- Ridership numbers.
- Criteria for cutting routes.
- Cost to riders.
- Budget numbers.

Dr. Johnny Peebles III made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Mr. Willie Osborne seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **JOBS ACCESS / REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM GRANTS**

Ms. Laurel Land presented a report from the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee. The Committee met on January 12, 2010 to review eight proposals for projects to be funded with Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) and/or New Freedom grant money. The JARC Program supports the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment. Funding under the New Freedom Program is for projects that overcome barriers and/or expand transportation mobility options available to individuals with disabilities.

A request for proposals was issued in October 2009. The Committee recommended five projects for funding, including:

- Glenwood for \$12,500 under JARC funding.
- Travelers Aid Society for \$25,000 under New Freedom funding.
- Alabama Kidney Foundation for \$65,000 under New Freedom funding.
- Yellow Cab for \$70,000 under New Freedom funding.
- RPC's concept to support the In-Town Transit Partnership (ITP) (must refine and resubmit after ITP project approval).

Dr. Johnny Peebles III made a motion to recommend approval of the five projects. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote. Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer made a motion to recommend that future grant awards require the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Mr. Bruce Ludwig seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **OTHER**

TCC Chairman Ouida Fritschi reviewed a list of upcoming meetings of interest to the group. Meetings included:

- RPC Annual Meeting, January 27, 2010, The Club.
- MPO, February 10, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

The next meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee will be held February 17, 2010, 12:00 Noon, RPC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1731 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham.

Mr. Bill Foisy reviewed a bill that came out of the State House banning texting while driving. The bill will now be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

Mr. Darrell Howard reviewed a list of suggestions for meeting agenda items that was submitted to RPC staff by TCC members. The four major areas of interest included transit, congestion management, MPO process, and safety. Suggestions were made to add the Alabama Transit Coalition to the list.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman  
Transportation Citizens Committee

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Date

**ClasTran Trips for FY 09**

Jefferson County	# Trips	Shelby County	# Trips
Adamsville	433	Alabaster	4,989
Bessemer	10,670	Calera	5,513
Birmingham	111,411	Chelsea	403
Brighton	4,621	Columbiana	1,998
Brookside	10	Harpersville	502
Cahaba Heights	165	Helena	500
Center Point	10	Hoover	1,181
Chalkville	11	Indian Springs	83
Clay	1,421	Maylene	503
Docena	66	Meadow Brook	1
Dolomite	2,319	Montevallo	3,875
East Lake	2	Pelham	2,056
Ensley	589	Shelby	385
Fairfield	4,349	Sterett	18
Forestdale	130	Vincent	1,793
Fultondale	359	Westover	98
Gardendale	1,153	Wilsonville	279
Grayson Valley	7	Wilton	25
Graysville	638	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,202</b>
Homewood	3,623		
Hoover	4,523		
Hueytown	1,787		
Indian Springs	8	Jefferson	165,432
Irondale	378	Shelby	24,202
Kimberly	192	<b>Total Trips 2009</b>	<b>189,634</b>
Leeds	3,052		
Lipscomb	11		
McCalla	280		
Meadow Brook	1		
Midfield	2,523		
Morris	1,243		
Mount Olive	1,811		
Mulga	816		
Palmerdale	33		
Pinson	615		
Pleasant Grove	824		
Pratt City	2		
Sayre	134		
Tarrant	261		
Trafford	461		
Trussville	745		
Vestavia	22		
Vestavia Hills	640		
Warrior	2,546		
West End	82		
Woodlawn	1		
Wylam	454		
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,432</b>		

**Trip Purpose**

