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March 17, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Citizens Committee

FROM: Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2010**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 12:00 Noon, RPC 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st 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. Steffen Waendelin, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Lawrence Clark, Shelby County
Mrs. Nancy Clark, Shelby County
Mr. Courtney Newton, West / Southwest Jefferson County
Mr. David Russell, City of Birmingham
Mr. Gilbert Klein, City of Birmingham
Mr. Joel Gilbert, City of Birmingham

Mr. Jim Gunnin, East / Northeast Jefferson County

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Pat Hall, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Anna Brown, City of Birmingham
Ms. Barbara McKenna, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Bruce Ludwig, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Ms. Jackie Dye, Shelby County
Mr. Jeff Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County
Ms. Thelma Hodgson, North / Northwest Jefferson County
Mr. Jim Ketchersid, South / Southeast Jefferson County

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Bill Foisy, RPC
Mr. Charles Ball, RPC
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPC
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPC
Mr. Darrell Howard, RPC
Ms. Ruth Wright, League of Women Voters
Mr. John Echols, ALDOT
Mr. Wade Cox, McCalla
Mr. Kevin Stewart, ABC 33/40
Ms. Helen Rivas, CAC
Ms. Rhonda Siserir, BJCTA
Mr. Perry Macon, US Census Department

TCC Chairman Ouida Fritschi called the meeting to order at 12:03 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 February 17, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Willie Osborne seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a report on MPO actions. The MPO Subcommittee concurred with the TCC's decision to write a letter to ADECA requesting the local match for the High Speed Rail study. The MPO Subcommittee received information on the TIGER grant award for McCalla, the transit corridor studies for I-65, US 11, and US 280, Recovery Act project obligation, and the

public involvement timeline for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Rebalanced Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Determination.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. John Echols presented an update on the Arkadelphia Road widening project from I-59 to 2nd Street. The public involvement meeting was held in 2004. The Environmental Assessment was approved in 2005. The Design Hearing was held in 2005. The Finding of No Significant Impact was approved in 2006. Updates by Phase included:

Phase I – I-59 to Finley Blvd

Plans are at 85%

Bridge replacement: currently 4 lanes, designed for 6 lanes

Permanent Street Closures:

11th Court W (signal to be removed)

12th Court

13th Avenue W

14th Avenue W

15th Avenue W

21st Avenue W

Sidewalks on both sides

Right of way was authorized in 2007. All tracts have been acquired. Demolition plans are being developed for structural removal.

Utilities – targeted early 2011

Construction targeted late 20110

Phased construction – temporary detour

Phase II – Finley Blvd to 2nd Street (Pratt Highway)

Plans are at 65%

Bridge replacement: 6 lanes

Street closure:

Service Road spur @ the Public Safety Bldg

Right of way is targeted for 2014. Utilities are targeted for 2015. Construction is targeted for 2016.

Mr. Willie Osborne asked if this project was eligible for stimulus money. Mr. Echols noted that the project is not eligible due to only being at the 85% design mark.

ALDOT Requests

<u>STMFTA3</u> <u>C-53110</u>	100055017	Section 5311 ARRA Jefferson County Stimulus operating assistance	4/14/2010	TR	4/14/2010	2010	\$110,696.00	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>STMFTA3</u> <u>C-53110</u>	100055041	Section 5311 ARRA Jefferson/Shelby Counties Stimulus Capital Bus Other Program Items (PM)	4/14/2010	TR	4/14/2010	2010	\$51,171.00	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>SRTS-</u> <u>SR09 (915)</u>	100055092	Safe Routes to School FY2008 - construct sidewalks near Shades Cahaba Elementary (Devon & Windsor Drive) and Hall Kent Elementary (Hall Ave. & Oak Grove Rd.)	4/14/2010	CN	4/14/2010	2010	\$302,988	Exempt	Safety Program	11

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

Dr. Johnny Peebles, III made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

2010 U.S. CENSUS

Mr. Perry Macon of the U.S. Census Bureau presented information on the 2010 census. Census information was sent out March 15, 2010. The goal is to collect information from every citizen in the country. Census information is used to allocate money to states for varying projects, schools, and economic development. The higher the population, the more funding states receive.

National Census Day is April 1, 2010. A parade and rally will be held in traditionally low counted areas. Census takers will begin door to door collection of information beginning in May from those whom no information has been received. Mr. Macon noted that initiatives are in place to accurately count the homeless and those living in colleges, shelters, nursing care facilities and prisons.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe announced the call for public involvement for the 2035 Regional transportation Plan, Modified 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program and the Transportation Air Quality Conformity Report. All documents have gone through the Interagency Consultation Group review and are ready to go to public involvement. Upon the call for public involvement by the MPO Subcommittee, the Public Involvement meeting will be held on April 21, 2010 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the RPC 1st Floor Conference Room located at 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham. There will be a 21 day comment period following the meeting.

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OTHER

Chairman Ouida Fritschi reviewed the list of upcoming meetings.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman
Transportation Citizens Committee

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