



March 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC)
FROM: Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2011**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 12:00 Noon, RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Doris Powell, Vice Chairman, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jim Gunnin, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Ms. Anna Brown, City of Birmingham
Ms. Judy Gordon, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Dr. Johnny Peebles, III, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Ms. Barbara McKenna, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Lawrence Clark, Shelby County
Mrs. Nancy Clark, Shelby County
Mr. Bruce Ludwig, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Calvin Rumph, Shelby County
Mr. Willie Osborne, City of Birmingham
Mr. Butch Ferrell, West / Southwest Jefferson County
Ms. Jackie Dye, Shelby County
Mr. Harry Giddens, City of Birmingham
Mr. Joel Gilbert, City of Birmingham
Mr. Gilbert Klein, City of Birmingham
Mr. David Russell, City of Birmingham

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman, South / Southeast Jefferson County

Mr. Thurman Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Joanne Adcock, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Pat Hall, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Robert Smith, City of Birmingham
Mr. Courtney Newton, West / Southwest Jefferson County
Mr. Nichalaus Sims, West / Southwest Jefferson County
Mr. Pittman Owen, City of Birmingham
Ms. Ruthie Royster, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jeff Havercroft, Shelby County
Mr. Steffen Waendelin, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Dr. John Springer, City of Birmingham

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, RPCGB
Mr. Darrell Howard, RPCGB
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPCGB
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPCGB
Mr. Scott Tillman, RPCGB
Mr. Brett Isom, RPCGB
Mr. Greg Wingo, RPCGB
Ms. Cissy Crowe, RPCGB
Mr. Matt Lacke, JCDH
Ms. Ruth Wright, League of Women Voters
Ms. Marva Douglas, Greater Birmingham Ministries
Mr. Paul Godbey, Birmingham

Vice Chairman Doris Powell called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was declared. 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 16, 2011 minutes. Ms. Nancy Clark seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote. Mr. Darrell Howard noted the MPO did not meet in March so there were no MPO actions.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY2008-2011 TIP to include the following:

ALDOT Requests

<u>BR-1065()</u>	100055334	Bridge widening on I-65 south of SR-3 (US-31) in Alabaster – Bridges over L&N RR, CR-26, and L&N RR/CR-87	4/13/2011	PE	5/1/2011	2011	\$1,170,907	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
<u>DE-A194()</u>	100054895	SR-75 revitalization from 13 th Ave to CR-1824 (26 th Ave NE) 11 intersections and equipment installation in 40-50 City/County vehicles and landscaping at various locations in Centerpoint	4/13/2011	CN	5/27/2011	2011	\$219,000	Exempt	High Priority and Congressional Earmark Projects	14
<u>STPTE-TE12()</u>	100056144	Landscaping along Ball Park Road from CR-105 (Bearden Road) to SR-3 (US-31) in the City of Pelham	4/13/2011	CN	12/15/2011	2011	\$70,000	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8

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

<u>NH-HHP-1065(354)</u>	100044672	I-65 add lanes from SR-3 (US-31) to CR-52 (8-LN) (Phase 2)	4/13/2011	CN	6/24/2011	2011	\$64,896,000	Non-Exempt	National Highway System and High Priority and Congressional Earmark Projects	3 and 14
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This project is non-exempt from regional emission analysis. This project is part of a larger project which is included in the adopted and approved regional emissions analysis. See Appendix 5C of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

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

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request by the RPCGB to modify the FY2011 UPWP to add Task 7.5 and incur 5309 (FTA) expenses of approximately \$1,994,819 federal for the U.S. 11 East / U.S. 78 East Alternatives Analysis. The task would be completed by RPCGB staff and a 3rd Party Contractor.

The proposed FY 2011 UPWP Task 7.5 reads as follows:

7.5 U.S. 11 East /U.S. 78 East Alternatives Analysis

Objectives: Provide public transportation alternatives to improve travel in the U.S. 11 East travel corridor. This would include alternatives that augment, support, and complement previous recommendations to improve non-motorized travel, expand roadway capacity, and manage access to U.S. 11 East and U.S. 78 East. This will also include exploration of public transportation alternatives

to improve travel from downtown Birmingham to the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport.

Anticipated work activities will consider alternatives that augment, support, and complement recommendations to improve existing transit services, non-motorized travel, and roadway operations and management. The study will also provide land development/redevelopment scenarios for the proposed travel corridor between downtown Birmingham and the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. Alternatives for connecting the airport with the City of Trussville and the City of Leeds along U.S. 11 East and U.S. 78 respectively will also be explored along with potential land development/redevelopment scenarios within each of these corridors as they both enter and exit the airport property.

Land use scenarios shall be supportive of the potential alternatives for transportation system improvements, influencing the character of the transportation system where appropriate, and likewise responding to the needs of the transportation system.

The study should consider and build upon the preliminary recommendations identified in the Birmingham Regional Alternatives Analysis of 2004, the plan that developed the basis of the regional transit system plan.

Previous Work:

City of Leeds Master Plan and Major Street Plan
City of Irondale Crestwood Boulevard/U.S. 78 Corridor Study
Five Mile Creek Partnership
Route level planning by BJCTA for Airport Shuttle
BJCTA Transit Development Program

Proposed Work:

Proposed work for FY 2011 includes:

- Establishment of the project study area boundaries
- Data compilations and analysis
- Develop agency and contractor work programs
- Develop Request for Proposal for 3rd Party Services

End Products

Corridor Data Files
Procurement Process

Staffing

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and 3rd party contractor.

Timeline for Proposed Work

- A. Project Administrative Processes (Spring/Summer 2011)
- B. Procurement Process (Summer 2011)

Financial Responsibility:

Total	\$2,493,524
5309 (FTA)	\$1,994,819
Local	\$ 498,705

Mr. Howard noted that funds allocated for this project cannot be used for other types of projects. Any funds not utilized will be sent back to Washington DC for use by other states.

Ms. Anna Brown asked about the source for local match. Mr. Howard explained that in-kind services can be applied to the local match for this type of project per FTA regulations. Services can include mapping, data collection, aerial photography / mapping, and / or airport authority data with the value of each compiled and applied. Mr. Howard also noted that in-kind match can only be applied to planning related projects. Construction projects are not eligible.

Additional questions included the timeline for the project and the availability for funding to implement the project once the study is complete. The timeline for this request is FY 2011. Once the study has been completed, the project will be ready for implementation once money has been secured.

Dr. Johnny Peebles III made a motion to recommend modification of the FY2011 UPWP to include Task 7.5. Ms. Nancy Clark seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Vice Chairman Doris Powell noted that RPCGB staff would be available after the meeting for any additional questions.

U.S CENSUS DATA

Mr. Brett Isom gave an update on the 2010 Census. Information presented included:

- Total population by County
- Percent change in population by County 2000 to 2010
- Population estimates of Alabama Counties 1960-2010
- Population and Housing Units in Alabama Counties, 2010
- Alabama Population Characteristics by City
 - White
 - Black
 - Asian

- Two-Plus
- Hispanic
- Non-Hispanic
- Minority
- Population Change by number and percent

The population of Alabama increased by 7 ½%. The Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) population increased by 7% and includes Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Bibb, Walker, Chilton and Blount Counties. For the MPO area, Shelby County population increased by 36% and Jefferson County decreased by 0.5%. The City of Calera saw population increase by 268%. Chelsea increased by 245%. The Town of Cardiff population saw a 33% decrease or 27 people and Brighton had a 19% decrease in population since the 2000 census. Birmingham saw a 12 ½% decrease in population. The Birmingham area housing vacancy rate was 15-16%.

Mr. Isom addressed questions asked during the presentation as follows:

- No determination has been made about the money lost to the City of Birmingham, but an initial conversation prior to the census was that there could be a \$10,000 loss per person per decade not counted. This reason is why there is a push for persons to be counted.
- For the 2010 census, college students were counted in the area in which they spent the most time and fall under institutionalized population.
- Two-plus refers to those individuals that consider themselves of more than one race. In the 2010 Census additional information was included concerning the Hispanic population since that is an ethnicity rather than a race.
- Census does not break down information by death / loss / moving. Incarcerated individuals are counted under the institutionalized population.
- Census information is compiled by address. Unincorporated area information is available for various sub-geographies and can be extracted from the collected data.
- The X by certain cities for 2000 information means that city / town was not incorporated during the 2000 census, but has been incorporated since that time.
- Information for a city / town that dissolves or is annexed into another city will reflect in the area's information. If a city dissolves and is not annexed into another area, the information would be reflected in unincorporated area information. If an area is annexed into a city, the data would be reflected in the newly larger city's information. Odenville is one example. Branchville was included in the 2000 census, but dissolved and the town was annexed into Odenville. Odenville showed an almost 217% increase in population for the 2010 census over the 2000 census with a population spike from 1,131 in 2000 to 2,454 in 2010.
- The MSA is determined by the number of commuters into an area. More than 50% of a county's commuters must commute into the core area to be included in the MSA.

OTHER

A list of upcoming meetings of importance to the committee included:

- Transportation Technical Committee, March 23, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee, March 24, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- MPO, April 13, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Announcement of next Citizens Committee meeting for April 20, 2011, 12:00 Noon, RPCGB

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman
Transportation Citizens Committee

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