



April 20, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC)

FROM: Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 12:00 Noon, RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Jim Gunnin, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Ms. Judy Gordon, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Dr. Johnny Peebles, III, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Ms. Barbara McKenna, East / Northeast 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. Gilbert Klein, City of Birmingham
Mr. David Russell, City of Birmingham
Ms. Joanne Adcock, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Thurman Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Pittman Owen, City of Birmingham
Ms. Ruthie Royster, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jeff Havercroft, Shelby County
Dr. John Springer, City of Birmingham

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Anna Brown, City of Birmingham
Mr. Lawrence Clark, Shelby County

Mrs. Nancy Clark, Shelby County
Mr. Harry Giddens, City of Birmingham
Mr. Joel Gilbert, City of Birmingham
Ms. Pat Hall, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Bruce Ludwig, South / Southeast 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. Steffen Waendelin, South / Southeast Jefferson County

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Darrell Howard, RPCGB
Ms. Cissy Crowe, RPCGB
Mr. Tom Maxwell, RPCGB
Mr. Greg Wingo, RPCGB
Ms. Laurel Land, RPCGB
Ms. Ruth Wright, League of Women Voters
Mr. Paul Godbey, Birmingham
Mr. Corey Masuca, Jefferson County Department of Health

Chairman Ouida Fritschi called the meeting to order at 12:16 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 March 16, 2011 minutes. Ms. Jackie Dye seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote. Mr. Darrell Howard reviewed the action of the MPO. The MPO approved the 2008-2011 TIP modification and the FY 2011 UPWP modification as recommended by the TCC.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

ALDOT Requests

<u>IM-1059()</u>	100055633	I-59 Paverlaid Surface Treatment, concrete slab and concrete pavement lug replacement, thermoplastic striping, markings and raised reflective pavement markers from north SR-3 (US-31 EB Stephens Exp) to north of SR-79 (Tallapoosa St.)	5/11/2011	PE	5/12/2011	2011	\$250,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>STPBH-()</u>	100056169	Interstate lighting upgrade from north of SR-4 (Corridor X, I-22 Exit) to north of CR-120 (Walkers Chapel Rd. Exit)	5/11/2011	PE	5/12/2011	2011	\$150,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham Attributable	1

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. Judy Gordon 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 incur PL expenses of \$4,975.07 for implementation of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and in progressively maintaining the State of Alabama Information Technology Security Standard 670-08S1: Secure System Maintenance.

This request is applicable to FY2011 UPWP Task 1.0, Administration, Subtask E, COOP Implementation and COOP-IT. The purpose is to allow the current disaster recovery system room for growth for RPCGB transportation GIS Data and digital documentation backup in a secure location.

The specific software and hardware is the first required step in the implementation of the COOP in relation to disaster recovery, backup, and retention.

Questions were raised regarding the need for the software. Staff explained that RPCGB is reaching critical storage levels and more storage is needed or there is a risk for vital data loss. Staff will notify the committee at the next meeting of exact storage needs.

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Ouida Fritschi, Ms. Cissy Crowe and Mr. Darrell Howard presented honorariums to Ms. Doris Powell who passed away April 13, 2011. David Russell moved that the meeting room be

named after Ms. Powell. Chairman Fritschi state that this recommendation and others would be discussed after the meeting.

Mr. Darrell Howard read an article written by Vicki Howell of Birmingham View Magazine April 14, 2011 titled, "A Hole in Our Community – Missing Doris Powell." A copy was included in the meeting packet.

Ms. Cissy Crowe read a resolution to be signed by the Chairs of the MPO Committees. Dr. Johnny Peebles made a motion to adopt the Resolution as written. Ms. Jackie Dye seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

A video was shown that featured Ms. Doris Powell performing as Lieutenant Uhura of Star Trek during a Saturday Night Live Skit entitled "Star Trek – The Final Voyage." The skit also featured John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Chevy Chase, Garrett Morris and Elliot Gould.

ALABAMA CHAPTER - AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Greg Wingo gave a report on awards presented by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association to the RPCGB and the Birmingham Highland Park Neighborhood. Of the ten awards presented at the March 28, 2011 ceremony, four were awarded to RPCGB/MPO related projects, programs or members. The following awards were received:

- **Outstanding Planning Award for a Project/Program Tool** for the RPCGB Building Communities Program
- **Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan** presented to the Highland Park Neighborhood Association for the "Highland Park Neighborhood Plan." The Plan was funded through the Building Communities Program.
- **Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Public Official** presented to Mayor Doug Brewer, City of Graysville, MPO Chairman
- **Kenneth J. Groves, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Professional** presented to RPCGB Executive Director, Charles Ball

OTHER

Chairman Ouida Fritschi announced the Nominating Committee will need to meet to discuss Ms. Powell's replacement as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Johnny Peebles, III and Ms. Judy Gordon volunteered to serve on the committee if vacancies are available.

Ms. Jackie Dye asked about solar panels on US 280 and I-459. ALDOT will provide additional information at a future meeting.

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 1:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman
Transportation Citizens Committee

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