



June 15, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC)
FROM: Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2011**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 12:00 Noon, RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jim Gunnin, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County
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
Ms. Judy Gordon, 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. Thurman Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Mr. Pittman Owen, City of Birmingham
Ms. Ruthie Royster, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jeff Havercroft, Shelby County

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman, South / Southeast 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
Dr. Johnny Peebles, III, South / Southeast Jefferson County
Mr. Gilbert Klein, City of Birmingham
Mr. David Russell, City of Birmingham
Ms. Joanne Adcock, East / Northeast Jefferson County
Dr. John Springer, City of Birmingham

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Scott Tillman, RPCGB
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPCGB
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPCGB
Ms. Cissy Crowe, RPCGB
Mr. Tom Maxwell, RPCGB
Mr. Greg Wingo, RPCGB
Ms. Laurel Land, RPCGB
Mr. Paul Godbey, Birmingham
Mr. Ryan Parker, United Way
Mr. John Tally, Clastran
Ms. Sandra Bonner, ALDOT
Mr. Matt Lacke, JCDH

Mr. Scott Tillman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum was declared. The meeting then proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Attendees introduced themselves. Ms. Anna Brown made a motion to approve the April 20, 2011 minutes. Mr. Willie Osborne seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote. Mr. Scott Tillman 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. The MPO also discussed the passing of Ms. Doris Powell. The MPO recognized Ms. Powell's tireless dedication to her community and the region as a whole. Several members of the MPO spoke about Doris' dedication to Fountain Heights and to the TCC. The MPO voted to sign the resolution as presented to the TCC in April.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

ALDOT Requests

<u>STPBH-CN11Q</u>	100056642	Service Patrol Operations for FY2011	7/13/2011	CN	7/14/2011	2011	\$500,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham Attributable	1
<u>STPBH-PE11Q</u>	100056486	Galleria Boulevard Extension from CR-458 (Lorna Rd.) to SR-150	7/13/2011	PE	7/14/2011	2011	\$125,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham Attributable	1
<u>BR-7118(601)</u>	100056389	BIN 005840 – bridge and approaches on CR-11 at Peavine Creek	7/13/2011	CN	8/26/2011	2011	\$2,071,645	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
<u>RPT-5311Q</u>	100056364	Section 5311 Transit Jefferson/Shelby Counties – Operating Assistance FY2012	7/13/2011	TR	9/30/2011	2011	\$287,906	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>RPT-5311Q</u>	100056365	Section 5311 Transit Jefferson/Shelby Counties – Administration Assistance FY2012	7/13/2011	TR	9/30/2011	2011	\$25,923	Exempt	Transit Projects	9

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

BJCTA Requests

<u>CMAQ-5310Q</u>	100056523	Flexible Funds Transfer to FTA for Paratransit Consortium FY2012	7/13/2011	TR	10/1/2011	2011	\$3,850,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects	13
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

RPCGB Requests

<u>STPBH-TR12Q</u>	100056481	Birmingham Ride Share Programs for FY2012	7/13/2011	PE	10/1/2011	2011	\$1,200,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham Attributable	1
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

Questions / comments in reference to the TIP amendments included:

- Will the April 27, 2011 tornadoes affect the federal dollars spent?
 - o The funds are regulated and are not affected by other sources.
- Is there a cost benefit to the CommuteSmart program?
 - o Yes. Over 29 million miles are reduced from the road annually and money saved in commute costs to the consumer is used in other areas, boosting the economy.
- Other areas of the country have requested information on the CommuteSmart program to use as a model for programs in their regions.

- There were several operational type questions in reference to the ASAP program. The ASAP Director will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the ASAP program further.

Mr. Willie Osborne made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Ms. Nancy Clark seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Cissy Crowe announced a Public Involvement Meeting in lieu of the July TCC meeting, pending final call by the MPO Subcommittee, for Wednesday, July 20, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., presentation at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., presentation at 5:00 p.m. All meeting documents and a video presentation of information presented at the PI meeting will be available online at www.rpcgb.org. The purpose of the PI meeting is to obtain public comments on the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Determination and Amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ryan Parker of the Health Action Partnership gave a presentation entitled, “Creating Livable Communities.” Information presented by Mr. Parker included the following:

Jefferson County is one of 50 communities working on two national initiatives aimed at preventing obesity and tobacco use through policy, systems, and environmental change. *Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities* is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant that focuses primarily on policy changes aimed at preventing childhood obesity. *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* is a CDC funded grant targeting public health efforts to improve nutrition, increase physical activity, reduce obesity, and decrease tobacco use. Health Action Partnership continues to work across both grants and beyond.

The participating partners in the program include:

American Lung Association	Jefferson County Department of Health
Better Basics	Jefferson County Land Development Office
Childcare Resources	Jones Valley Urban Farm
Children's Policy Council	Main Street Birmingham
Community Food Bank	Media for Health
Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham	Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Conservation Alabama Foundation	Success By 6
Freshwater Land Trust	The Modern Brand

Gateway
Greater Birmingham Community Food Partners

United Way
YMCA

Active Living Initiatives

- Developing greenway master plan for Jefferson County that will connect communities through a network of sidewalks, bike lanes, and walking trails.
- Providing technical assistance to local cities to look at how zoning codes and land-use laws affect physical activity opportunities.
- Promoting Complete Streets policies that would improve safety and accessibility for all users- pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists.
- Providing Safe Routes to School resources and implementing Walking School Bus best practices.

'Our One Mile' Greenway Master Plan: Working with RPCGB and local municipal staff to collect data and identify connectors throughout Jefferson County. A first draft of the plan was created in early April, with the final draft set to be finished in early 2012.

Livable Communities Network: Assisting municipalities in the pursuit of policies, planning, and initiatives to improve the quality of life throughout Jefferson County. Assistance in modifying codes to encourage

- Livable, Walkable Communities
- Mixed Use Development
- Strengthening Existing Communities
- Community and Stakeholder Collaboration

Complete Streets: Designing roads to enable safe access for all users. Drivers, walkers, bicyclists, and transit users of all ages and abilities are considered when planning new roads or renovating existing roads. Working with municipalities within Jefferson County to get policies adopted at the local level. Coordinating with AARP on legislation at the state level.

Safe Routes to School: Working with four local schools to improve safety and encourage more walking and biking. Benefits include reducing traffic congestion, increasing physical activity levels and improving air quality.

Programs-walking school bus

Projects- infrastructure and educational events

Policies- school wellness policies

For more information, contact Mr. Parker at:
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Health Action Partnership
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Questions / Comments included the following:

- Are you working with the Jefferson County Board of Education?
 - o Dr. Hammonds serves on the Leadership team.
- Sidewalks existing in older neighborhoods need replacing. Are there any plans to make damaged sidewalks walkable?
 - o The Complete Streets Program goal is to build / replace / repair sidewalks.
- Is proposed legislation going to be online?
 - o This program is funded with Stimulus money and therefore the health Action Partnership cannot propose legislation.
 - o AARP is sponsoring state level legislation next session that is available online.
 - o The proposed bill would ask for consideration of Complete Streets initiatives
- Is there any success in changing the City of Birmingham's views on sidewalks?
 - o The Team is currently working with the City of Birmingham on their existing system.
 - o The City of Birmingham has formed a Subcommittee to review.
- Which side of the streets are sidewalks planned?
- Is this program associated with the TEA-21 program that funded similar projects?
 - o No. This is funded with stimulus money.
- Will this allow for funds for transit to be all inclusive or is this in preparation of funding?
 - o No. This is a separate funding pot.
- If church buildings or other buildings are being constructed, will they be required to build sidewalks?
 - o This would depend on the different municipalities and the bill that is currently in committee.

OTHER

Mr. Scott Tillman reviewed the list of upcoming meetings, including the following:

- Transportation Technical Committee, June 22, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee, June 23, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- U.S. 11 Southwest Corridor Public Involvement Meeting, June 23, 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Fairfield Civic Center. Presentations 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- MPO, July 13, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

Ms. Jackie Dye discussed a recent visit to the RPCGB offices in May. She brought a group of church members to the RPCGB, where Mr. Greg Wingo gave an overview of RPCGB functions and activities, including the MPO and CommuteSmart Programs.

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Mr. Greg Wingo announced a new Brown Bag Lunch series to be held quarterly beginning July 27, 2011, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The first topic in the series will be Brownfields. Anyone with suggestions for future Brown Bag meetings can contact Greg at gwingo@rpcgb.org or (205) 264-8458.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Chairman
Transportation Citizens Committee

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