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May 12, 2010

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
**FROM:** Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Secretary /s/  
**SUBJECT:** **Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2010**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 1:30 p.m., in the RPC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1731 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Doug Brewer, MPO Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Thomas Henderson, MPO Vice Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena  
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham  
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover  
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Bobby Humphries, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Melanie Bouyer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County

Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County  
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Edward May, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative

**MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham  
    Represented by Ms. Martha Espy  
Mr. Dan Voketz, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
    Represented by Mr. Evan Williams  
Honorable David Frings, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster  
    Represented by Mr. George Henry  
Mr. Guin Robinson, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative  
    Represented by Ms. Doris Powell  
Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County  
    Represented by Mr. Ray Hamilton  
Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham  
    Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens  
Honorable Betty Fine Collins, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
    Represented by Ms. Donna Deloach

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member  
Honorable Jim Carns, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Scott Beason, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Johnathan Austin, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable LaShunda Scales, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Chris Cook, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Lawrence Oden, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Steve French, Remaining Voting Representative  
Honorable Mike Hill, Remaining Voting Representative  
Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Ray Morris, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Yvonne Murray, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Richard Amore, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Steve Ostaseski, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. T. Ray Mauldin, VPSI  
Ms. Rhonda Siserir, BJCTA  
Mr. Preston Huddleston, CDG  
Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA  
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT  
Ms. Christy Calahan, AECOM  
Mr. Jeremy Gray, Birmingham News  
Mr. Joel Gilbert, Balch & Bingham  
Mr. David Stewart Bradley Arant  
Ms. Kia Byrd, Gaston Saber Inc.  
Mr. Mark McAdams, Neel-Schaffer  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT  
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT  
Mr. Gilbert Klein, KAC  
Mr. Doug Hale, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Charles Jeffries, CAC / ONB  
Ms. Anna Brown, Birmingham  
Mr. Randy Sain, SAIN Associates  
Mr. Dennis Porche, Vulcan Materials  
Mr. George Putnam, Khafra  
Mr. Corey Masuca, Jefferson County Department of Health  
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, ARCA

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

### **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Mayor Gene Melton made a motion to approve the February 10, 2010 meeting minutes. Mayor Tom Henderson seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Darrell Howard presented information for discussion on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Information presented included the following:

### **Planning Considerations**

#### **Fiscal Constraint:**

- The Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan is required to demonstrate, and has demonstrated, fiscal constraint
  - Federal Funding Availability
  - Local Funding Capacity
- The Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan contains a total of \$4 billion (2010 dollars) in projects and programs

#### **Visionary Transportation Plan:**

- The Visionary Transportation Plan is comprised of:
  - Projects that address identified needs but there is insufficient funding to advance
  - Projects that were moved from the 2030 LRTP in order to meet fiscal constraint
  - New projects for which there is not enough information to justify their inclusion in the fiscally constrained plan

Mr. Bill Foisy then addressed issues concerning the Northern Beltline:

- \$1,965,627,167 billion available in Appalachian Regional Commission funding over 25 years (\$78.6 million per year in 2010 \$) for Jefferson County for Corridor X and Northern Beltline; (source: ALDOT/FHWA based on historic trends and known appropriations; Amount will change over time.)
- \$1,593,348,000 available for capacity for Corridor X and Northern Beltline
- \$372,279,167 available for operations/maintenance for Corridor X and Northern Beltline
- Appalachian Funds programmed for ARC Corridor X capacity - \$237,349,384
- Total Northern Beltline costs (source: ALDOT database) - \$1,909,842,523
- Funds programmed for Northern Beltline
  - \$1,253,177,306 (Appalachian capacity, fiscally constrained portion of Plan)
  - \$ 51,906,695 (Congressional capacity, fiscally constrained of Plan)
  - \$ 17,639,867 (Appalachian maintenance, fiscally constrained portion of Plan)
  - \$ 587,118,655 (Visionary/Needs portion of Plan)
  - \$1,909,842,523

- \$1.32 billion programmed under fiscally constrained portion of Plan for Northern Beltline includes all final design and right-of-way for all portions of Beltline; including \$150 million for grade and drain and right-of-way from I-459 to U.S. 78.
- This \$1.32 billion can be used for buying right-of-way and starting construction; progressing the project, now, is not an issue.
- Additional Appalachian construction funds will be programmed over time as specific Appalachian appropriations are identified by ALDOT.
- An updated roadway capacity projects map for fiscally constrained roadway capacity projects was included in the package. A dashed line, to depict that right-of-way is programmed, is included for the section of the Northern Beltline from U.S. 78 to I-459 in Bessemer.

Mr. Darrell Howard continued his presentation, discussing the following:

### **Financial Analysis**

#### How the Revenue Forecasts Were Developed

- Federal, State, and Local Funding Forecasts:
  - All Financial Forecasts are Developed Cooperatively Between the 3C Signatories (ALDOT, FHWA, BJCTA, MPO) and Local Governments

#### Fiscal Constraint Could Not Be Met

Forecast Revenues vs. Programmed Expenditures put the Capacity Program in the hole \$1.1 Billion

- Limitations of the Use of Funding
  - Appalachian Funding Can Only Be Applied to Corridor X and X1
  - Interstate Maintenance Funding Is Limited In Its Use
- Other Funding Sources Are Already Committed
- What Could We Do to Meet Fiscal Constraint?

### **Developing the Program**

#### Assessing Regional Priority

- Goal 1: System Sustainability
- Goal 2: System Integration and Connectivity
- Goal 3: Community Driven

#### Other Considerations

- Local Priority
- Funding Availability
- Project Status

### **Balancing the RTP**

Projects included in the Fiscally Constrained portion of the Plan meet the project evaluation and prioritization goals to include congestion relief (50% of total score), system sustainability, system integration and connectivity, and community driven. Other considerations include local priority,

funding availability and project status. The following table summarizes projects programmed by funding source compared to the federal funding available.

**Roadway Capacity and Transit Capital Projects**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Federal Funding Forecast</b>	<b>Programmed 2035 RTP Projects Federal Total</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>STP-BH</b>	<b>\$ 155,362,000</b>	<b>\$ 149,458,723</b>	<b>\$ 5,903,277</b>
STP-OA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STP-AA	\$ 14,580,000	\$ 11,083,169	\$ 3,496,831
NHS	\$ 221,723,000	\$ 211,485,125	\$ 10,237,875
Appalachian	\$ 1,593,348,000	\$ 1,490,526,690	\$102,821,310
Interstate Maintenance	\$ 34,310,000	\$ 26,282,880	\$ 8,027,120
Bridge	\$ 78,617,000	\$ 13,504,695	\$ 65,112,305
Safety (All)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity Bonus	\$ 44,085,000	\$ 41,606,433	\$ 2,478,567
<b>CMAQ</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Congressional	\$ 126,817,000	\$ 116,336,075	\$ 10,480,925
Transit	\$ 229,678,250	\$ 133,094,632	\$ 96,583,618
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,498,520,250</b>	<b>\$ 2,193,378,421</b>	<b>\$ 305,141,829</b>

**Operations and Maintenance Projects**

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Federal Funding Forecast</b>	<b>Programmed 2035 RTP Projects Federal Total</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>STP-BH</b>	<b>\$ 199,413,000</b>	<b>\$ 128,053,651</b>	<b>\$ 71,359,349</b>
STP-OA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STP-AA	\$11,929,000	\$ 11,752,762	\$ 176,238
NHS	\$ 147,815,000	\$ 4,239,291	\$143,575,709
Appalachian	\$ 372,279,167	\$ 17,639,867	\$354,639,300
Interstate Maintenance	\$ 308,794,000	\$121,767,497	\$ 187,026,503
Bridge	\$ 45,679,000	\$ 39,511,587	\$ 6,167,413
Safety (All)	\$ 37,517,000	\$ 3,028,791	\$ 34,488,209
Equity Bonus	\$ 29,390,000	\$ 19,562,759	\$ 9,827,241
<b>CMAQ</b>	<b>\$ 248,800,000</b>	<b>\$ 189,937,382</b>	<b>\$ 58,862,618</b>
Congressional	\$ 66,317,000	\$ 38,982,254	\$ 27,334,746
Transit	\$ 70,147,750	\$ -	\$ 70,147,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,538,080,917</b>	<b>\$ 574,475,841</b>	<b>\$ 963,605,076</b>

**Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham (STP-BH)**

- Capacity Projects
  - Finley Avenue Phase 1 Funded – 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Fred Shuttlesworth
  - Coalburg Road: Daniel Payne Drive to Corridor X
  - Morgan Road: Hwy 17 (Helena) to I-459 (Bessemer)
  - Cherry Avenue: Graysville to Corridor X
- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - U.S. 78 West: Intersection Improvements
  - Minor Parkway: Bridge Repair and Intersection Improvements
  - Interstate Lighting

**Surface Transportation Program – Any Area (STP-AA)**

- Capacity Projects
  - Valleydale Road: Riverchase Parkway to U.S. 31
- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - State Roadway Resurfacing Projects ex. AL-150

**National Highway System (NHS)**

- Capacity Projects
  - I-65 South Widening: SR 119 to U.S. 31 (Alabaster)
  - U.S. 280 Access Management: I-459 to Eagle Point Parkway
- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - U.S. 78 Graysville – Roadway Lighting Project
  - Bayview Lake Bridges

**Interstate Maintenance – (IM)**

- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - I-65 South Auxiliary Lanes: I-459 to Valleydale Road
  - I-65 South Bridge @ Wisteria Lane – Shoulder Improvement
  - I-20/59 Roadway Rehab: 18<sup>th</sup> Street (Bessemer) to Alabama Adventure

**Bridge - (BR)**

- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - U.S. 78 West - Bridge Replacement(s)
  - SR-269

**Safety**

- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - Railroad Crossing Removal/Signalization: Midfield, Lipscomb, Bessemer
  - Safe Routes to School (SR2S) - Fairfield

**Equity Bonus**

- Capacity Projects
  - SR 261 Widening: U.S. 31 (Pelham) to SR 105 (Helena)
  - SR 119: US 280 (Birmingham) to Lake Purdy Bridge (Leeds)

- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - Streetscape/Sidewalks (Midfield)

#### **Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)**

- Operations and Maintenance Projects
  - Traffic Control Systems: Birmingham, Hoover, various State Routes
  - Traffic Signal Retiming
  - Greenway Projects: Jefferson County, Shelby County, Homewood
  - Transit Vehicles (Fixed Route and Paratransit), and Maintenance Assistance – BJCTA Human Service Transportation Operating Assistance i.e. ClasTran
  - APCA – Various Clean Air Projects

#### **High Priority Project (HPP) i.e. Congressional Earmarks**

- **Capacity Projects**
  - Corridor X-1/Northern Beltline
  - Helena Bypass
  - Calera Bypass

#### **Transit Funding Programs (Formula and Appropriations)**

- **Capacity Projects**
  - Intermodal Phase 2 : Transit Terminal
  - Fixed Route Transit Vehicles (Local Service) - BJCTA
  - In-town Transit Partnership - Transit Vehicles
- **Operations and Maintenance Projects**
  - Purchased Transportation - ClasTran
  - Rural Public Transportation (Jefferson and Shelby Counties)

Copies of the Regional Transportation Plan and other related documents can be found at [www.bhammpo.org](http://www.bhammpo.org).

#### **OTHER**

Chairman Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Congestion Management Committee, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., RPC
- Transportation Citizens Committee Meeting, May 19, 2010, 12:00 noon, RPC.
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, May 26, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Subcommittee meeting May 27, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, June 9, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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**APPROVED:**

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Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary

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Date