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June 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Secretary /s/
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 1:30 p.m., in the RPC 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st 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
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Represented by Ms. Martha Espy

Honorable Melanie Bouyer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Doug Brewer

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Craig Sanderson

Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Roger McCondichie

Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Andy Mayo

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Lance Taylor

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

Honorable Bobby Humphries, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Wayne Sullivan

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member
Represented by Mr. Dave Harris

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham

Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Edward May, Jefferson County Municipalities

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 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
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Steve Ostaseski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Yvonne Murray, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. T. Ray Mauldin, VPSI
Mr. Preston Huddleston, CDG
Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
Mr. Jeremy Grey, Birmingham News
Mr. Doug Hale, City of Birmingham
Ms. Anna Brown, Birmingham
Mr. Randy Sain, SAIN Associates
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, ARCA
Mr. Victor Blackledge, City of Birmingham
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County
Lane Morrison, City of Pelham
Mr. Matt Lacke, Jefferson County Department of Health
Mr. Randy Hays, West Jefferson
Mr. Brett Wadsworth, West Jefferson

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

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Ms. Doris Powell made a motion to approve the May 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Craig Sanderson seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the following projects:

ALDOT Requests

<u>STPAA-00250</u>	100055156	Resurface SR-25 (US 411) from SR-4 (US 78) to St. Clair County Line	6/9/2010	FM	6/25/2010	2010	\$786,173	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program	2
<u>UMTAC 53100</u>	100055102	Section 5310 City of Hoover Transit Capital Vehicle Procurement	6/9/2010	TR	4/1/2010	2010	\$52,128	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>UMTAC 53100</u>	100055168	Section 5310 Transit Kid One Transport Vehicle Capital	6/9/2010	TR	4/1/2010	2010	\$94,109	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>UMTAC 53100</u>	100055175	Section 5310 Transit Glenwood, Inc. Vehicle Capital	6/9/2010	TR	4/1/2010	2010	\$322,543	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>BR-10590</u>	100055163	Bridge painting various mainline and ramp bridges on I-59 at SR-79 (Tallapoosa Street) and on I-20 over Georgia Road	6/9/2010	PE	5/1/2010	2010	\$100,000	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
<u>BR-10590</u>	100055163	Bridge painting various mainline and ramp bridges on I-59 at SR-79 (Tallapoosa Street) and on I-20 over Georgia Road	6/9/2010	CN	9/24/2010	2010	\$1,400,000	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6

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

Ms. Doris Powell and Mr. David Hunke noted the Transportation Citizens and Technical Committees recommended approval of the TIP modification. Mayor Tom Henderson stated that the MPO Subcommittee recommended approval.

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Mr. Ray Hamilton seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe presented a report on the Public Involvement Meeting Documentation for the public involvement meeting held on April 21, 2010 for the following three documents:

- Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

- Rebalanced FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
- Air Quality Conformity Determination

Included in the report is information documenting the following:

- Outreach notification procedures.
- Attendance and distribution of information to include a sign in sheet and meeting evaluation with results.
- Summary of comments and questions.
- Outreach notification.
- Information distributed.
- Display information
- PowerPoint presentation.

The summary of comments and questions, with responses prepared by the RPC staff, were then reviewed by Ms. Crowe. Due to the abundance of comments and questions a “Supplemental Document (Individual Questions/Comments)” was prepared. In general, questions and comments included the following topics:

- Demographics.
- Pollution increase.
- Transit.
- Land use / city planning.
- U.S. 280.
- Active Transportation Plan (Bicycle Pedestrian Plan).
- I-65 geometric improvements.
- Capacity improvements.

The majority of questions and comments received were concerning the Northern Beltline. A summary response for comments is included on pages 4-10 to 4-19 of the Public Involvement Meeting Documentation Report. Mr. Foisy then reviewed the following information concerning the Birmingham Northern Beltline:

What is in the Plan?

1. All preliminary engineering.
2. All right-of-way.
3. Utilities and construction (U.S. 78 to I-59).
4. Maintenance.

Fiscally Constrained Portion of Plan

Appalachian Regional Commission (capacity)	\$1,253,177,306
Congressional (capacity)	\$ 52,572,913
Appalachian Regional Commission (maintenance)	\$ 17,639,867
Total	\$1,323,390,086

Visionary Portion of Plan	<u>\$ 587,118,655</u>
Total	\$1,910,508,741

Funding Availability (Future Projections)

- ARC Cost-to-Complete (every 5 years).
- FY2009 - \$117.5 million for Alabama.
- MPO/ALDOT refine fund availability and project costs for Plan amendment.

Segment Selection / Design Considerations

- 5 segments being designed simultaneously.
- Western segments have more involved design.

Environmental Document Reevaluation

- EIS approved 1997.
- Reevaluation required if 3+ years and not significant actions.
- SR79-SR75 approved by FHWA.
- Indirect and cumulative impacts.

Air Quality Impacts

- Emissions calculated for Plan projects as an “aggregate”.
- Emissions less than budget.
- Particulate PM2.5 analysis for Northern Beltline.
- No cause or contribution to increased violations.

Project Prioritization Methodology

- Congestion.
- Safety and security.
- Diesel truck volumes.
- Multimodal travel.
- Environmental impacts.

Economic Impacts/Land Use Planning

- ADHS \$3 benefit for \$1 investment.
- Northern Beltline Intersecting Roadways Plan.

Ms. Doris Powell stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee recommended approval of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Air Quality Conformity Report, 2008-2011 Rebalanced Transportation Improvement Program and the Public Involvement Documentation for the public meeting held in relation to the three documents with a recommendation that the MPO begin work with the Alabama Department of Transportation to refine the cost estimate and projected federal funding for the entire Northern Beltline and to present a proposed amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan that reflects refined cost and federal funding numbers for the project.

Mr. David Hunke reported that the Transportation Technical Committee approved motions to adopt the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the associated documentation of the Public Involvement Process for the Plan, Rebalanced FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report with a recommendation that RTP Policies in Chapter 3, Section 3.9 Policy Development, be refined through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee and the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Subcommittee and this Section be presented to the Committees and the MPO for an administrative amendment to the RTP.

Mayor Tom Henderson reported that the MPO Subcommittee recommended approval of the documents with the changes recommended by the Citizens and Technical Committees.

Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to approve the three resolutions for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Attachment 1), 2008-2011 Rebalanced Transportation Improvement Program (Attachment 2) and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (Attachment 3). Councilor Maxine Herring Parker seconded the motion. Councilor Valeria Abbott noted the word council needed to be changed to commission in the third paragraph of page one of the resolution for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was approved by voice vote with the recommended change.

OTHER

Chairman Brewer announced the award presented for the video "*Who is the RPCGB?*" and produced by Red Fox Media in Birmingham. The video won Bronze at the 2010 Telly Awards. The informational video focuses on the overall mission of the RPCGB and can be viewed at www.rpcgb.org.

Chairman Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Transportation Citizens Committee Meeting, June 16, 2010, 12:00 noon, RPC.
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, June 23, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Subcommittee meeting June 24, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, July 14, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

Mr. Bill Foisy announced a scoping meeting for the TIGER II grants to be held June 17, 2010 in the RPC 1st Floor Conference Room at 10 a.m.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary

Date

RESOLUTION 06-9-10-1

The Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Adopting the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated by the Governor of Alabama as the agency authorized, together with the State of Alabama, to conduct the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process for the Birmingham Urban Area in accordance with the applicable provisions of amended 23 USC 134, 135 (SAFETEA-LU Section 6001, August 2005); 42 USC 7401 et seq.; 49 USC 5303, 5304; 23 CFR 450 et al; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; 49 CFR 26 and 613; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR 450.322, the metropolitan transportation planning process requires the development of a transportation plan with a minimum 20-year horizon, includes long and short-range strategies for an integrated transportation network, requires review every four years in non-attainment or maintenance areas, and the effective date of which is determined by a conformity determination issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), as staff to the Birmingham MPO in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), has prepared a 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area as a requirement of 23 CFR 450.322; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), as staff to the MPO, has prepared the 2009 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the report demonstrates conformity in accordance with the applicable provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEB) for one-hour ground-level ozone (O₃), eight-hour ground-level ozone (O₃), and annual particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) for Jefferson, Shelby Counties, and the designated non-attainment portions of Walker County; and

WHEREAS, the results of a public involvement meeting, held on April 21, 2010, in accordance with Birmingham MPO public involvement procedures, have been documented in a report entitled "Public Involvement Meeting Documentation April 2010"; and

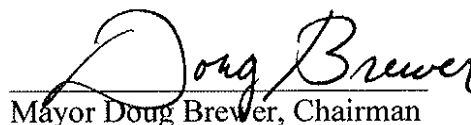
WHEREAS, the Transportation Citizens Committee, Transportation Technical Committee and MPO Subcommittee recommend the final report to the MPO; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Birmingham MPO adopts the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MPO begin work with the Alabama Department of Transportation to refine the cost estimate and projected federal funding for the entire Northern Beltline and to present a proposed amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan that reflects the refined cost and federal funding numbers for the project; and

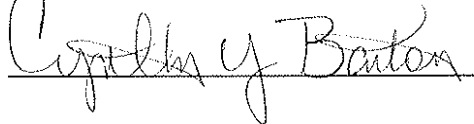
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the RTP Policies in Chapter 3, Section 3.9 Policy Development, be refined through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee and the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Subcommittee and this Section be presented to the Committees and the MPO for an administrative amendment to the RTP.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization at a meeting held on June 9, 2010.


Mayor Doug Brewer, Chairman

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Attest


Cynthia J. Barton

RESOLUTION 06-9-10-2

Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Adopting the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Metropolitan Planning Area

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated by the Governor of Alabama as the agency authorized, together with the State of Alabama, to conduct the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process for the Birmingham Urban Area in accordance with the applicable provisions of amended 23 USC 134, 135 (SAFETEA-LU Section 6001, August 2005); 42 USC 7401 et seq.; 49 USC 5303, 5304; 23 CFR 450 et al; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; 49 CFR 26 and 613; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.324 requires that transportation projects in urbanized areas funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) be included in a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and adopted annually by roll call vote of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in a non-attainment or maintenance area is required to be consistent with the approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) for attaining or maintaining the NAAQS under provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7506); and

WHEREAS, consistent with these provisions, the RPCGB, as staff to the MPO and in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), has prepared the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Birmingham Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), as staff to the MPO, has prepared the 2009 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the report demonstrates conformity in accordance with the applicable provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEB) for one-hour ground-level ozone (O₃), eight-hour ground-level ozone (O₃), and annual particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) for Jefferson, Shelby Counties, and the designated non-attainment portions of Walker County; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is consistent with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and consultation has been carried out with local governments and agencies as required in 23 CFR 450.322(g) and 324(g); and

WHEREAS, the results of a public involvement meeting, held on April 21, 2010, in accordance with Birmingham MPO public involvement procedures, have been documented in a report entitled "Public Involvement Meeting Documentation April 2010"; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Citizens Committee, Transportation Technical Committee and MPO Subcommittee recommend the final report to the MPO; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that the same does hereby adopt the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

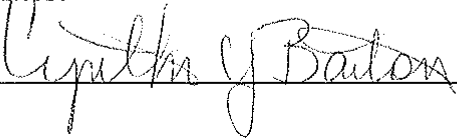
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RESOLUTION 06-9-10-3

Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Adopting the 2009 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been designated by the Governor of Alabama as the agency authorized, together with the State of Alabama, to conduct the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process for the Birmingham Urban Area in accordance with the applicable provisions of amended 23 USC 134, 135 (SAFETEA-LU Section 6001, August 2005); 42 USC 7401 et seq.; 49 USC 5303, 5304; 23 CFR 450 et al; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; 49 CFR 26 and 613; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) re-designated Jefferson and Shelby Counties as maintenance areas for ground-level ozone (O₃) on May 12, 2006, and a portion of Walker County are now classified by EPA as non-attainment for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) according to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and 40 CFR Parts 50 and 58; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), as staff to the MPO, has conducted regional emissions analyses for ground-level ozone (Jefferson and Shelby counties) and for fine particulate matter (Jefferson and Shelby counties and the non-attainment portion of Walker County), and the most recent motor vehicle emissions model was used to prepare the quantitative emission analyses as required in 40 CFR Part 93.111; and

WHEREAS, the MPO and RPCGB has participated in the Interagency Consultation process for Transportation, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) plans and programs, and that conformity determination was made according to the established interagency consultation procedures for Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report, as prepared by the RPCGB, demonstrates conformity in accordance with the applicable provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEB) for one-hour ground-level ozone (O₃), eight-hour ground-level ozone (O₃), and annual particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) for Jefferson, Shelby Counties, and the designated non-attainment portions of Walker County; and


WHEREAS, the Birmingham MPO has determined that the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008 – 2011 TIP are in compliance with 23 and 49 USC Transportation Planning and Programming requirements as amended by SAFETEA-LU Sections 3005, 3006, and 6001; and

WHEREAS, the results of a public involvement meeting, held on April 21, 2010, in accordance with Birmingham MPO public involvement procedures, have been documented in a report entitled "Public Involvement Meeting Documentation April 2010"; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Citizens Committee, Transportation Technical Committee and MPO Subcommittee recommend the final report to the MPO; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Birmingham MPO adopts the 2009 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report for the FY 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FY 2010 Rebalanced/Updated FY 2008-11 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area.

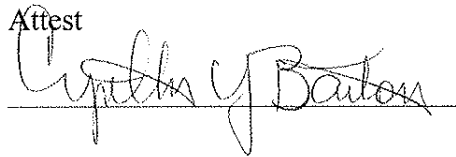
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