



April 13, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB 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
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Tom Henderson, Sr., District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mayor Roger McCondicchie

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Ms. Karen Waddlington

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Marcus Huskey

Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Virginia Williams

Honorable David Frings, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Represented by Mr. George Henry

Honorable George Bowman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Richard Finley

Honorable Ken Gulley, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Forrest Davis

Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. David Hunke

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Ms. Cindy Hill

Mr. Peter Sellers, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Ms. Doris Powell

Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. Randy Cole

Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Christopher Brady

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Melanie Bouyer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena

Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham

Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover

Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member

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OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brett Isom, Regional Pl
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Transportation Citizens Committee
Ms. Sherrina Rice-Franklin, City of Bessemer
Mr. Joe Meads, Sain Associates
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
Mr. Matt Lacke, JCDH
Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
Mr. Greg Cobb, City of Homewood
Ms. Selena Rodgers, EDT
Mr. Fed Hawkins, EDT
Ms. Sylvia Williams, City of Birmingham
Ms. Sadie Swyne, Conservation Alabama
Ms. Christy Cahalan, AECOM
Ms. Kamilah Gray, City of Birmingham
Mr. Oscar Berry, U.S. Representative Terri Sewell's Office
Mr. David Ricker, City of Birmingham
Mr. George Munchus
Mr. William Parker

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Randy Cole made a motion to approve the February 9, 2011 meeting minutes. Councilor Maxine Herring Parker seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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

ALDOT Requests

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| <u>BR-10650</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-A1940</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-TE120</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.

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| <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. Mike Kaczorowski then presented a request from the City of Center Point for additional funding of \$582,400 federal for the Reed-Harvey Park Greenway Corridor, Segment 2 Project #100054521. The City of Center Point would provide the \$145,600 local match.

Ms. Doris Powell stated that the TCC recommended approval of the TIP modification. Mr. David Hunke noted that the TTC also recommended approval. It was noted that the TCC and TTC had not viewed the Center Point request. Mr. Kaczorowski explained there was a timing issue in presentation to the TCC and TTC but that the TIP Subcommittee and MPO Subcommittee did recommend approval of additional funding for this project. It was noted that the cost increases for the Center Point project include utility relocation and additional right-of-way acquisition.

Mr. Harvey Henley made a motion to approve the TIP modification to include the ALDOT requested projects and the Center Point request. Councilor Maxine Herring Parker seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

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:

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| 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.

This project will complete the last of the corridor studies that were identified in the regional Alternatives Analysis project from 2004.

Ms. Doris Powell stated that the TCC recommended approval of the UPWP modification. Mr. David Hunke stated that the TTC unanimously also recommended approval.

Councilor Kim Rafferty asked several questions in relation to the request, including:

1. What is the definition of non-motorized travel referenced in the request?
 - Non-motorized means anything without a motor (bicycles, walking, etc.)
2. Is the requested money comparable to other funded studies?
 - This amount encompasses two corridors so the request is less than the other corridor studies that have been done through the 2004 Alternatives Analysis project.
3. Is this the study Mayor William Bell has referenced?
 - This project is partially in response to a request by Mayor Bell.

Mr. Harvey Henley made a motion to approve the UPWP modification as requested. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

U.S CENSUS DATA

Mr. Brett Isom gave an update on the 2010 U.S. Census. The Public Law portion of 2010 Census Data has been released. 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. The MPO area saw a 6% increase with a Shelby County population increase of 36% and a Jefferson County decrease of 0.5%. The urbanized area population increased by 17,000 people. 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 noted that Summary File Data 1 comes out in the summer of 2011. Additional information will be released throughout the remainder of this year and for the next couple of years.

OTHER

Chairman Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Transportation Citizens Committee, April 20, 2011, 12:00 p.m., RPCGB
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, April 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting April 28, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, May 11, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

Chairman Brewer congratulated Charles Ball and the RPCGB for winning awards presented by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association during their annual meeting. Mr. Ball received the Kenneth J. Groves, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Professional and the RPCGB Building Communities Program received the Outstanding Planning Award for a Project/Program Tool.

Mr. Tom Magee noted that Chairman Brewer also won the Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Public Official.

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With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary

Date