



May 11, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Secretary /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2011**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, May 11, 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 Tom Henderson, Sr., District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
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. 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
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. Scott Holladay
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Jimmy Crews

Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Delan Davis

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

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell

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

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

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

Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Ken Bynum

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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

Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable David Frings, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster

Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham

Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities

Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County

Honorable Ken Gulley, Jefferson County Municipalities

Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham

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

Mr. Peter Sellers, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative

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. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
 Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
 Ms. Ouida Fritschi, Transportation Citizens Committee
 Mr. Martin Edwards-Clark, BJCTA
 Ms. Sadie Swyne, Conservation Alabama
 Mr. Oscar Berry, U.S. Representative Terri Sewell’s Office
 Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance
 Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
 Mr. Keith Strickland, GMC
 Ms. Renee Carter, CRT
 Mr. George Munchus, Birmingham
 Mr. William Parker, Birmingham

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Harvey Henley made a motion to approve the April 13, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Wayne Sullivan seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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

ALDOT Requests

<u>IM-1059Q</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-Q</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.

Mr. Rod Long made a motion to approve the TIP modification. Ms. Virginia Williams seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Scott Tillman 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.

Mr. Harvey Henley made a motion to approve the UPWP modification as requested. Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

ALABAMA CHAPTER – AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Darrell Howard gave a report on awards presented by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association during its spring 2011 conference. 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**
RPCGB Building Communities Program
- **Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan**
Highland Park Neighborhood Association for the "Highland Park Neighborhood Plan" This plan was funded through the RPCGB Building Communities Program.
- **Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Public Official**
Mayor Doug Brewer, City of Graysville, MPO Chairman
- **Kenneth J. Groves, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Professional**
RPCGB Executive Director, Charles Ball
City of Mountain Brook Planning Director, Dana Hazen

HEALTH ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Due to the absence of a presenter, this item was deferred.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MPO Chairman Mayor Doug Brewer discussed the passing of Ms. Doris Powell who passed away on April 13, 2011. Ms. Powell served as Vice Chairman of the Transportation Citizens Committee and also served as a proxy for the BJCTA Board on the MPO. Chairman Brewer then opened the floor for those who would like to comment on Ms. Powell and her passing.

TCC Chairman Ouida Fritschi spoke of Ms. Powell, saying that “Doris was the epitome of the Citizens Committee. She was a very active citizen’s activist.”

TTC Chairman David Hunke discussed his memories of Ms. Powell, noting that during his tenure with the City of Birmingham the first neighborhood plan he remembered being developed was for Fountain Heights due in large part to Ms. Powell bringing the needs of her community forward even though at the time she was not a neighborhood officer. Ms. Powell continued to keep the plan in the forefront to get it implemented. Mr. Hunke praised Ms. Powell as a “role model” for others.

Mr. Harvey Henley noted that Ms. Powell worked very hard for the TCC.

Mr. Charles Ball stated, “If you ever did anything nice for Doris, she thanked you immediately and often. Doris was a grateful, unpretentious person.” Mr. Ball noted that due to Ms. Powell’s soft voice, RPCGB staff began bringing a gavel to the meetings. At one point, staff even considered giving her a microphone to use during meetings so she could be heard more easily. Mr. Ball also stated that despite her soft voice, “When you did hear Doris, you definitely understood what she was saying.” Mr. Ball noted that there is now a “big gap in the community.”

Mr. Darrell Howard told of how Ms. Powell would scold him, encourage him or a combination of both and how she challenged him to “get better.”

Chairman Doug Brewer discussed meeting Ms. Powell six years ago and how the region is a “better place” because of her. Ms. Powell was a “true supporter of the underdog.” He also noted the numerous discussions the two had in regards to her time as a producer for *Saturday Night Live* and all of the stories she shared with him.

Chairman Brewer then presented a resolution in honor of Ms. Doris Powell. Councilor Valerie Abbott made a motion to move the resolution. Mr. Harvey Henley seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

Chairman Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Transportation Citizens Committee, May 18, 2011, 12:00 p.m., RPCGB
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, May 25, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting May 26, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, June 8, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary

Date