



July 13, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Secretary /s/

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

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, July 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
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
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
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Doug Brewer

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell
Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Ms. Virginia Williams
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. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Represented by Mr. Josh Osborne
Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Andy Mayo
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Chris Brady

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable George Bowman, 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
Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Melanie Bouyer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gary Richardson, 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 Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County
Honorable Ken Gulley, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Andre Bittas, 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
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
 Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
 Mr. Ryan Parker, UWCA
 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. William Parker, Birmingham
 Ms. Chandra Abesingha, CEAssociates
 Mr. Matt Lacke, JCDH
 Mr. Troy Anderson, U.S. Representative Terri Sewell's Office
 Mr. Fenn Church, Clastran
 Ms. Cassandra Smith, U.S. Representative Terri Sewell's Office
 Mr. John Tally, Clastran
 Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
 Mr. Preston Huddleston

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Mr. Harvey Henley made a motion to approve the May 11, 2011 meeting minutes. Mayor Thomas Henderson 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

<u>STPBH-CN110</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-PE110</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-5311()</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-5311()</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-5310()</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-TR12()</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.

Mr. Kaczorowski then reviewed the ASAP 2010 Annual Report. The program assisted in changing over 3800 tires, assisting with traffic control measures, marked abandoned vehicles, and provided fuel to stranded vehicles as part of the service. Mr. Kaczorowski noted that “No Assistance” refers to the number of stops where no assistance was required, someone else had already assisted, or the vehicle was already gone before the ASAP representative could arrive on scene.

Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan discussed the need for better communication to reduce the number of “No Assistance” calls. Mayor Gene Melton equated the calls to 911 emergency response calls where there is no actual incident (i.e. lightning set off alarms).

The TCC suggested seeking additional funding in the future to expand service to weekends and the TTC suggested the ASAP program be expanded to additional high travel routes. RPCGB staff is currently reviewing alternative funding sources for the ASAP program. Mr. Kaczorowski stated that currently, State Farm sponsors vehicles in Atlanta. RPCGB staff will work with ALDOT to seek additional funding for the recommended expansions.

Mr. Scott Tillman stated that staff would request a better definition for “No Assistance.” Mayor Thomas Henderson stated that the MPO Subcommittee recommended approval of the TIP modification. Mr. Dave Hunke stated that the TTC recommended approval and Mr. Tillman noted that the TCC recommended approval.

Mr. Rod Long made a motion to approve the TIP modification. Mr. Randy Cole seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

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	United Way
Greater Birmingham Community Food Partners	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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OTHER

Chairman Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- FY2012-2015 TIP, Air Quality Conformity Determination, Amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Public Involvement Meeting, July 20, 2011, 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., RPCGB.
- Brown Bag Lunch Series – Brownfields, July 27, 2011, 11:30 a.m., RPCGB. (***Must RSVP***)
- Growth Scenario Planning Workshop, July 28, 2011, RPCGB. (***Must RSVP***)
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, September 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary

Date