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January 28, 2010

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

**FROM:** Mayor Tom Henderson, Subcommittee Chairman/s/

**SUBJECT: MPO Subcommittee Minutes  
January 28, 2010**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1731 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Doug Brewer, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Bobby Humphries, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Jesse Jowers, Shelby County – Pelham

## **MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. Scott Holladay  
Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram  
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT  
Represented by Ms. Cindy Hill  
Mr. Ray Hamilton, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. David Hunke

Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. David Ricker  
Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens  
Mr. Guin Robinson, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority  
Represented by Ms. Doris Powell

### **MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Honorable Larry Dillard, Shelby County  
Honorable Jim Carns, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Mark Bartlett, Federal Highway Administration (Non-Voting Member)  
Honorable Stan Batemon, ex-officio, St. Clair County Commission  
Honorable Bruce Hamrick, ex-officio, Walker County Commission  
Honorable Tim Mims, ex-officio, Chilton County Commission  
Honorable David Standridge, ex-officio, Blount County Commission

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission  
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. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Laurel Land, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Tom Maxwell, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Fenn Church, ClasTran

MPO Subcommittee Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Ms. Cynthia Barton called roll. A quorum was declared. New members and proxies were introduced to the committee. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a report from the TIP Subcommittee. The Subcommittee met January 21, 2010 to review the list of Recovery Act (Stimulus) projects and solicited updates from the project sponsors. To date, \$20,720,966 (90%) of the \$22,996,589 stimulus funds have been obligated. The remaining projects are planned to be obligated in February. As discussed in

previous meetings, due to low bids (averaging about 20% less than the project cost estimates), \$3,166,603 million will be de-obligated by the ALDOT. These de-obligated funds must be obligated again before March 2, 2010 or the Birmingham MPO will lose the stimulus funding.

In December, the TIP Sub-Committee discussed the appropriate distribution of the de-obligated stimulus funds. As a result of the discussion, the utility portion of the Jefferson Avenue-Phase II project and the Chapel Lane Extension utility project will be obligated with remaining stimulus funds. However, the de-obligated stimulus funds will not cover both projects in their entirety. The Committee agreed to split the amount not covered with stimulus funds evenly between the two utility projects and that amount would be covered at 80%/20% with their original funding sources.

In addition, the construction portion of the Jefferson Avenue-Phase II project will receive all de-obligated stimulus funds after bids are received on the remaining projects after March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attachment 1 is a Project Status Summary of the Recovery Act projects.

At the request of RPC staff, the TIP Sub-Committee recommended the current CMAQ list of projects be modified to create a sufficient balance to include a request for FY 2011 ClasTran funding. It was suggested that the construction phase of the ITS Traffic Signalization project be moved to FY2012 since the preliminary engineering for this project would not begin until FY2011. The TIP Sub-Committee agreed to this modification which would create the necessary balance to fund ClasTran for FY2011 if the Birmingham MPO resolves to add it to the TIP. Attachment 2 is a list of CMAQ projects which shows the results of this modification.

Mr. Bill Foisy then presented a request from the RPC to modify the TIP to include funding for the Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium (ClasTran) for FY2011. The amount of federal funds requested is the same as the FY2010 funding in the amount of \$3,080,000. The funds are for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 on behalf of ClasTran. Staff is making an early request for to flex these funds, so that these monies will be available for drawdown at the beginning of the fiscal year (October 2010). This request is for level funding. Adequate funds are available in the FY 2008-2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program to accommodate this transfer.

Mr. Fenn Church discussed the cash flow issues associated with delays in receiving the 5310 funds after the start of the fiscal year (October 1). Mr. Church also discussed the process of soliciting funds from local municipalities in order to secure the 20% match required to draw down the federal funds. Without the local match, service could be cut to critical needs clients. He stated that Hoover, Bessemer and Birmingham were considering requests for local match. Mayor Doug Brewer of Graysville noted that with the trip information provided in the packet, he will submit a budget modification in February to help fund Clastran. Attachment 3 shows a breakdown of trips and trip purpose. Seventy-five percent of all trips in FY 2009 were for dialysis, medical, and nutrition.

Ms. Doris Powell noted that the Transportation Citizens Committee recommended approval to modify the TIP. Mr. David Hunke stated that the Transportation Technical Committee also

recommended approval and noted that they are encouraged by Birmingham's efforts to consider additional funding for Clastran. Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Mr. Kevin Owens seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski discussed preliminary information regarding another Recovery Act (unofficially named Recovery Act II) currently being debated in Congress. The TIP Sub-Committee had a general discussion on the possible requirements for projects that could be funded with this potential source. The emphasis will be on congestion management and safety projects rather than resurfacing projects. Another requirement may be that the projects may have to be awarded (not just obligated) in 90 days. The TIP Sub-Committee has agreed to begin planning for the potential Recovery Act and be prepared for it if and when it is approved.

### **JOBS ACCESS / REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM GRANTS**

Ms. Laurel Land presented a report from the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee. The Committee met on January 12, 2010 to review eight proposals for projects to be funded with Jobs Access/Reverse Commute and/or New Freedom grant money. A request for proposals was issued in October 2009. The Committee recommended five projects for funding, including:

- Glenwood for \$12,500 under JARC funding
- Travelers Aid Society for \$25,000 under New Freedom funding
- Alabama Kidney Foundation for \$65,000 under New Freedom funding
- Yellow Cab for \$70,000 under New Freedom funding
- RPC's concept to support ITP (must refine and resubmit after ITP project approval)

Ms. Doris Powell and Mr. David Hunke noted that the Citizens and Technical Committees both recommended approval of funding for the five projects and commended the Coordinated Human Services Committee for their work reviewing the proposals and carefully selecting the five recommended for approval. It was also noted by the Citizens Committee that alternative fuel vehicles be required for future capital projects. Mr. Jim Byram made a motion to recommend approval of the five projects for funding. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **MPO MEETING AGENDA (FEBRUARY 10, 2010)**

Mr. David Hunke made a motion to include Agenda Items #1 (TIP), #2 (Jobs Access/Reverse Commute-New Freedom grants), and an MPO Chairman Address to the Committee. Mr. Jim Byram seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

**OTHER MEETINGS**

Subcommittee Chairman Tom Henderson announced a series of upcoming meetings, including:

- MPO, February 10, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Transportation Citizens Committee meeting February 17, 2010, 12 p.m. noon, RPC.
- Transportation Technical Committee meeting February 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Subcommittee meeting, February 25, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

Mr. Bill Foisy reviewed the information for the High Speed Rail Conference to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Birmingham on January 29, 2010. Mr. Foisy also reviewed the announcement on the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program TIGER awards. Alabama received \$200,000 for a planning study for the north/south corridor between Birmingham and Mobile. The MPO passed a resolution of support for this project in December 2009.

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Honorable Tom Henderson  
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

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**Recovery Act STMBH (Stimulus Birmingham) Project Status Summary**  
**Birmingham MPO - Transportation Improvement Program**  
**FY 2009/2010**

Project Number	Sponsor	Project Description	Project Recovery Act at 100%	Final Bid Amount + 15%	Recovery Act Funding to be De-obligated	Funding Agreements Signed?	Environmental Clear?	Funds Obligated?	Project has been Bid?	Project Status (as of January 21st)
100007607	Birmingham	East Lake Blvd (turn lanes)	\$339,737			Yes	Yes		Mar.	Funding agreement is signed - Waiting for utility clearances - Categorical Exclusion reevaluation is required - Environmental issues have been resolved with FHWA - ALDOT will obligate funds in February and bid in March
100029491	Birmingham	Jefferson Ave. from 50th St. to 40th St. (Phase I)	\$2,971,198	\$2,624,716	\$346,482	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bid on September 25th
100007610	Birmingham	Tarrant-Huffman Rd. Phase 1 (intersection improvements)	\$3,706,164	\$2,900,627	\$805,538	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bid on September 25th
100052764	Birmingham	Traffic Management Center Upgrade Phase 1	\$726,426	\$759,446	\$0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dec.	Agreement at ALDOT-Div.3 and is pending - Cost increased to \$726,426 as per Birmingham's request - Environmental is clear with a Programmatic CatEx - bid on December 4th - Final bid amount was \$660,388
100050646	BJCTA	Bus and Bus Related Capital	\$709,929	\$709,929	\$0	n/a	Yes	Yes	n/a	RPC request to Flex funds sent to ALDOT Multi-Modal on July 20th - ALDOT submitted fund transfer to FHWA on Nov. 6th - FHWA transferred funds to FTA on Nov. 23rd - ALDOT confirmed funds are obligated
100052169	BJCTA	Bus and Bus Related Capital Paratransit Vehicles	\$1,057,841	\$1,057,841	\$0	n/a	Yes	Yes	n/a	RPC request to Flex funds sent to ALDOT Multi-Modal on July 20th - ALDOT submitted transfer to FHWA on Nov. 6th - FHWA transferred funds to FTA on Nov. 23rd - ALDOT confirmed funds are obligated
100053532	RPC/Clastran	Vehicle Acquisition (16 vehicles)	\$784,030	\$784,030	\$0	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Agreement signed on August 12th - RPC has submitted orders for new vehicles to ALDOT - funds authorized September 22nd
100029509	Hoover	Hoover Topics Phase 6 (Lorna Rd.) (signal/intersection improvements)	\$1,296,053			Yes	Yes		Mar.	Funding Agreement and Environmental are clear - Relocating utilities - ALDOT will obligate funds in February and bid in March
100007545	Hoover	Hoover Topics Phase 7 (Shades Crest Road) (intersection improvements)	\$2,298,891	\$1,878,318	\$420,573	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bid in August, 2009
100048387	Hoover	Sidewalks along Rockview Lane and Cloudland Drive	\$161,055			Yes	Yes		Mar.	Environmental is clear - revisions of plans for Geotechnical Engineering have been approved - ALDOT will obligate funds in February and bid in March
100048388	Hoover	Sidewalks along Park Ave	\$466,125			Yes	Yes		Mar.	Environmental is clear - revisions of plans for Geotechnical Engineering have been approved - ALDOT will obligate funds in February and bid in March
100007554	Jefferson County	Patton Chapel Road from Crayrich Dr. to US31 (additional lanes)	\$1,375,027			Yes	Yes	Yes	Feb.	Had to be pulled from the Jan. 15th bid list due to an issue with specs. - Plan to bid in February
100042381	Leeds/Jefferson	Rex Lake Road (additional lanes)	\$7,091,459	\$5,497,449	\$1,594,010	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Bid on September 25th - under construction
<b>Total Programmed</b>			\$22,983,937	\$16,212,356	\$3,166,603	<b>Total Authorized:</b>		\$20,720,966		
<b>Total Available</b>			\$22,996,589					90%		

**Alternate Stimulus Projects**

Project Number	Sponsor	Project Description	Project Cost Estimate	Recovery Act funds for project	Project Cost funded by STPBH	Funding Agreements Signed?	Environmental Clear?	Funds Obligated?	Project has been Bid?	Project Status (as of January 21st)
100040853	Birmingham	Jefferson Ave. from B-ham City Limits to 50th St. (Phase II) - Util.	\$1,408,330	\$1,276,293	\$132,037				Mar.	Agreements with the Utility Companies are being finalized
100039930	Hoover	Chapel Lane Extension from Current Terminus to New Road - Util.	\$2,035,000	\$1,902,963	\$132,037				Mar.	Agreements with the Utility Companies are being finalized
<b>Total of Alternate Utility Projects:</b>			\$3,443,330							
<b>Current Stimulus funds available:</b>			\$3,179,256	=> includes the de-obligated funds (\$3,166,603) plus the \$12,652 that has not been programmed as a result of previous transfers (\$2,996,589 minus \$22,983,937)						
<b>Project to receive all de-obligated stimulus funds available after bids are received from other projects</b>										
100029490	Birmingham	Jefferson Ave. from B-ham City Limits to 50th St. (Phase II) - Const.	\$3,187,733						May	

### CMAQ FY2009 to 2011

(matches projects in Federal funds report dated January 22, 2010)

FY	Project No.	Description	Federal Funds	Scope	Sponsor
2009	100044641	CR-97 (Shades Crest Rd) intersection improvement @ CR-42 (West Oxmoor Rd) & Tyler Rd, PH VII	\$781,364	UT	Hoover
2009	100045575	Ozone Awareness Program	\$1,400,000	PE	RPCGB
<b>2009 Total Planned and Authorized</b>			<b>\$2,181,364</b>		
Carryover from 2008			\$851,713		
FY 2009 Apportionment			\$1,616,148		
<b>FY 2009 Balance</b>			<b>\$86,497</b>		

\* Authorized Projects

2010	100029490	2. Jefferson Av from B'ham CL to 50th Street (Phase II)	\$2,550,188	CN	Birmingham
2010	100032381	Trussville Greenway and Walkway Multi-Use Trail	\$26,997	RW	Trussville
2010	100039844	Village Creek Greenway Phase 1, from Ave. F(Ensley) to 3rd St. West	\$157,481	RW	Birmingham
2010	100039845	Village Creek Greenway Phase 1, from Ave. F(Ensley) to 3rd St. West	\$1,703,314	CN	Birmingham
2010	100039855	Railroad Reservation, Phase 1: 1st Ave. South from 14th St. to 18th St.	\$148,000	PE	Birmingham
2010	100039856	Railroad Reservation, Phase 1: 1st Ave. South from 14th St. to 18th St.	\$1,985,711	CN	Birmingham
2010	100040855	Phase 3 and 3A. Congestion Management/Area Wide Traffic System/Traffic Management Center	\$8,999	UT	ALDOT
2010	100043449	Homewood-Shades Creek Greenway-Section 1	\$21,632	UT	Homewood
2010	100044653	Hoover Topics Phase 6, Loma Rd from US-31 N to US-31 @ SR-150, Phase 6	\$44,995	UT	Hoover
2010	100050385	High Line Rail Trail, acquisition of approximately 2 miles of abandoned RR R.O.W. from Milstead Rd in Fairfield south to Wenonah Road in Birmingham near proposed Red Mountain Park	\$944,886	RW	Jefferson
2010	100052622	Divisionwide park-and-ride lots for 3rd Division Phase I	\$416,000	CN	Shelby County
2010	100053804	Signalization CR-115 (Loma Rd) from SR-3 (US-31) @ SR-150 to SR-3 (US-31) near I-65	\$149,811	CN	Hoover
2010	100053818	City of Birmingham Traffic Management Center modifications and upgrade, Phase 1.	\$17,670	CN	Birmingham
2010	100054513	Ozone Awareness Program	\$1,000,000	PE	RPCGB
<b>2010 Total Planned</b>			<b>\$9,235,682</b>		
Carryover from 2009			\$86,497		
FY 2010 Apportionment			\$10,088,717		
<b>FY 2010 Balance</b>			<b>\$939,532</b>		

2011	100029534	CBD Incident and Congestion Management Program	\$1,111,834	CN	Birmingham
2011	100029559	CBD Incident and Congestion Management Program	\$210,575	PE	Birmingham
2011	100032370	Trussville Greenway and Walkway Multi-Use Trail - Phase II	\$1,205,309	CN	Trussville
2011	100032375	Mountain Brook Village Walkway System Phase 6	\$311,463	CN	Mountain Brook
2011	100032376	Mountain Brook Village Walkway System Phase 7	\$293,868	CN	Mountain Brook
2011	100032383	Helena Buck Creek/Tocoa Rail-Trail Systems Phase 1. Buck Creek East From SR-261 to Helena	\$157,229	CN	Helena
2011	100032384	Helena Buck Creek/Tocoa Rail-Trail Systems Phase 2., Ph 2: Buck Creek From SR-261 to Tocoa	\$109,499	CN	Helena
2011	100039846	Village Creek Greenway Phase 2, from 3rd St. West to Tallapoosa St.	\$421,149	PE	Birmingham
2011	100039847	Village Creek Greenway Phase 2, from 3rd St. West to Tallapoosa St.	\$210,575	RW	Birmingham
2011	100039849	Village Creek Greenway Phase 3, from Huffman to 65th Street North	\$280,766	PE	Birmingham
2011	100039866	1. ITS Traffic Signalization, Phase 1, Upgrade Traffic Signal System for ITS at 100 intersections.	\$467,943	PE	Birmingham
2011	100039868	2. ITS Traffic Signalization, Phase 2, Upgrade Traffic Signal System for ITS at 100 intersections.	\$467,943	PE	Birmingham
2011	100050647	Birmingham Transit bus and bus related capital FY2011	\$656,000	TR	BJCTA
2011	100052630	Trussville Greenway and Walkway multi-use trail from Chalkville Mtn Rd (CR-10) to Calumet Parkway, Phase 1	\$936,000	CN	Trussville
<b>2011 Total Planned</b>			<b>\$6,840,153</b>		
Carryover from 2010			\$939,532		
FY 2011 Apportionment			\$10,088,717		
<b>FY 2011 Balance</b>			<b>\$4,188,097</b>		

#### Potential Additional Project to be Added to FY2011

	Flexible Funds Transfer to FTA for Paratransit Consortium(ClasTran) FY 2011	\$3,080,000	TR	ClasTran
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#### Additional Authorized CMAQ Transit Projects

2009	100050415	Flexible Funds Transfer to FTA for Paratransit Consortium(ClasTran) FY 2009	\$2,800,000	TR	ClasTran
2010	100053746	Flexible Funds Transfer to FTA for Paratransit Consortium(ClasTran) FY 2010	\$3,080,000	TR	ClasTran
2009	100050644	Birmingham Transit bus and bus related capital FY2008	\$520,000	TR	BJCTA
2009	100050645	Birmingham Transit bus and bus related capital FY2009	\$709,929	CN	BJCTA
2008	100052027	Flexible Funds Transfer to FTA for Paratransit Consortium(ClasTran) FY 2008	\$250,000	TR	ClasTran
2009	100052188	Bus and bus related capital Paratransit vehicles	\$1,057,841	CN	BJCTA
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$8,417,770</b>		

**ClasTran Trips for FY 09**

Jefferson County	# Trips
Adamsville	433
Bessemer	10,670
Birmingham	113,700
Brighton	4,621
Brookside	10
Cahaba Heights	165
Center Point	10
Chalkville	11
Clay	1,421
Docena	66
Dolomite	1,160
Fairfield	4,349
Forestdale	130
Fultondale	359
Gardendale	1,153
Grayson Valley	7
Graysville	638
Homewood	3,623
Hoover	4,523
Hueytown	1,787
Indian Springs	8
Irondale	378
Kimberly	192
Leeds	3,052
Lipscomb	11
McCalla	280
Meadow Brook	1
Midfield	2,523
Morris	1,243
Mount Olive	1,811
Mulga	816
Palmerdale	33
Pinson	615
Pleasant Grove	824
Sayre	134
Tarrant	261
Trafford	461
Trussville	745
Vestavia Hills	662
Warrior	2,546
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,432</b>

Shelby County	# Trips
Alabaster	4,989
Calera	5,513
Chelsea	403
Columbiana	1,998
Harpersville	502
Helena	500
Hoover	1,181
Indian Springs	83
Maylene	503
Meadow Brook	1
Montevallo	3,875
Pelham	2,056
Shelby	385
Sterett	18
Vincent	1,793
Westover	98
Wilsonville	279
Wilton	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,202</b>

Jefferson	165,432
Shelby	24,202
<b>Total Trips 2009</b>	<b>189,634</b>

**Trip Purpose - FY 09**

