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May 27, 2010

## **MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**SUBJECT: MPO Subcommittee Minutes  
May 27, 2010**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, May 27, 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. Jesse Jowers, Shelby County – Pelham

## **MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County  
Represented by Mr. Scott Holladay

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT  
Represented by Mr. Lance Taylor

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

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens

Mr. Guin Robinson, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority  
Represented by Ms. Doris Powell  
Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram  
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Victor Blackledge

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Honorable Jim Carns, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Bobby Humphries, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Larry Dillard, Shelby 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  
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Allison Nichols, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Ricki Hall, Regional Planning Commission  
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Lou Willie, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, ARCA  
Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA  
Mr. Peter Behrman, BJCTA  
Ms. Renee Carter, CRT  
Ms. Pat Feemster, Clay

MPO Subcommittee Chairman Tom Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Ms. Cynthia Barton called roll. A quorum was declared. Mr. David Hunke made a motion to approve the April 29, 2010 MPO Subcommittee minutes. Ms. Doris Powell 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-0025Q</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 5310Q</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 5310Q</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 5310Q</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-1059Q</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-1059Q</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.

Mr. Wayne Sullivan made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Mayor Doug Brewer seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING DOCUMENTATION REPORT**

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:

- Project Summary/Description
- Funding Availability (Currently Projected)
- What is in the Plan?
- Funding Availability (Future Projections)
- Segment Selection
- Design Considerations
- Population and Employment Forecasts
- Environmental Document Reevaluation
- Air Quality Impacts
- Project Prioritization Methodology
- Economic Impacts
- Land Use Planning

Mr. David Hunke then reviewed the recommendations of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC). The TTC met on May 26, 2010 and 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.

Ms. Doris Powell reviewed the recommendations of the Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC). The TCC met on May 19, 2010 and approved a motion 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 for the MPO to 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.

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to concur with the Transportation Citizens Committee and Transportation Technical Committee recommendations and forward these to the MPO for approval. Mr. Wayne Sullivan seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote. Accompanying resolutions certifying the committee recommendations for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Rebalanced FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program and the Air Quality Conformity Determination were included in the meeting packages.

### **MPO MEETING AGENDA (JUNE 9, 2010)**

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to add Agenda items #2 (TIP) AND #3 (RTP) to the June 9, 2010 MPO meeting agenda. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **OTHER**

Ms. Pat Feemster of Clay commented on the large number of Northern Beltline comments received from the same Internet Protocol (IP) address. Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe noted that the RPC / MPO does not limit the number of comments due to public access to computers at libraries, etc. that would display an identical IP address.

MPO Subcommittee Chairman Tom Henderson announced a series 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.

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Honorable Tom Henderson  
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

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