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July 29, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mayor Tom Henderson, Subcommittee Chairman/s/

**SUBJECT: MPO Subcommittee Minutes
July 29, 2010**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, July 29, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Doug Brewer, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Unincorporated Jefferson County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mayor Doug Brewer

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

Mr. Jesse Jowers, Shelby County – Pelham
Represented by Mr. Josh Osborne

Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT
Represented by Ms. Cindy Hill

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

Honorable Bobby Humphries, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Wayne Sullivan

Mr. Guin Robinson, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
Represented by Ms. Doris Powell
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Lou Willie

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
Honorable Jim Carns, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham
Honorable Larry Dillard, Shelby County
Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities
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. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Rhonda Siserir, BJCTA
Ms. Nan Baldwin, BBA
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham
Mr. Keith Strickland, Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:34 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 June 24, 2010 MPO Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Scott Holladay seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a request from ALDOT to modify the 2008-2011 TIP to include the following projects:

ALDOT Requests

These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

<u>IM-1065()</u>	100055414	Concrete pavement rehab, underseal, grinding, paverlaid surface treatment, underdrain, shoulder pavement, guardrail on I-65 from I-459 to Raleigh Ave. Overpass	8/11/2010	PE	10/1/2010	2010	\$250,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>IM-1065()</u>	100055415	Concrete pavement rehab, underseal, grinding, paverlaid surface treatment, underdrain, shoulder pavement, guardrail on I-65 from I-459 to Raleigh Ave. Overpass	8/11/2010	CN	5/27/2011	2011	\$7,520,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>HSIP-0003()</u>	100055331	Resurface (2 foot safety widening) SR-3 (US-31) from 52 nd Avenue to 0.4 miles north of Black Creek, Phase 1.	8/11/2010	CN	8/15/2010	2010	\$125,000	Exempt	Safety Projects	11
<u>BR-1065()</u>	100055324	Bridge widening on I-65, South of SR-3 (US-31) in Alabaster over L&N RR, and over CR-26, and over CR-87	8/11/2010	PE	5/1/2011	2011	\$1,170,907	Non-Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
<u>BR-1065()</u>	100055332	Bridge widening on I-65 over L&N RR – 0.8 miles North of SR-3 (US-31) in Calera	8/11/2010	PE	11/1/2012	2011	\$360,144	Non-Exempt	Bridge Projects	6

These are preliminary engineering studies for widening projects that are non-exempt from regional emission analysis. These projects are part of a larger project which was included in the adopted and approved regional emissions analysis. See Map ID 162 on page 5C-17 of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

<u>DEMO-A016()</u>	100055406	Demolition and structure removal at 2 locations along the Northern Beltline (SR-959)	8/11/2010	CN	9/24/2010	2010	\$13,500	Non-Exempt	High Priority and Congressional Earmark	14
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This project is non-exempt from regional emission analysis. This project is part of the Northern Beltline which was included in the adopted and approved regional emissions analysis. See Map ID 172 on page 5C-17 of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

<u>IM-1459()</u>	100055279	Pvt rehab, mill, patch, resurface, PATB, binder, wearing layer, underdrain, shoulder treatment and guardrail on I-459 from just north of SR-150 to the South end of SR-3 (US-31) overpass	8/11/2010	PE	8/15/2010	2010	\$250,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>IM-1459()</u>	100055280	Pvt rehab, mill, patch, resurface, PATB, binder, wearing layer, underdrain, shoulder treatment and guardrail on I-459 from just north of SR-150 to the South end of SR-3 (US-31) overpass	8/11/2010	CN	12/3/2010	2011	\$4,300,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>IM-1459()</u>	100054988	I-459 pvt rehab, mill, patch, resurface with binder and wearing layers, shoulder treatment and guardrail from SR-38 (US-280) to CR-143 (Grants Mill Rd.)	8/11/2010	PE	8/15/2010	2010	\$250,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5

<u>IM-1459()</u>	100054990	I-459 pvt rehab, mill, patch, resurface with binder and wearing layers, shoulder treatment and guardrail from SR-38 (US-280) to CR-143 (Grants Mill Rd.)	8/11/2010	CN	9/24/2010	2010	\$12,390,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>IM-1459()</u>	100054989	I-459 pvt rehab, mill, patch, resurface with binder and wearing layers, shoulder treatment and guardrail from CR-143 (Grants Mill Rd.) to SR-7 (US-11)	8/11/2010	PE	8/15/2010	2010	\$250,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>IM-1459()</u>	100054991	I-459 pvt rehab, mill, patch, resurface with binder and wearing layers, shoulder treatment and guardrail from CR-143 (Grants Mill Rd.) to SR-7 (US-11)	8/11/2010	CN	9/24/2010	2010	\$6,750,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5

These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request to modify the 2010 Unified Planning Work Program to incur PL expenses of approximately \$13,600 federal for strategic planning activities in support of the development of the Transit Development Program (TDP).

The adopted FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program includes the following task:

- Task 6.3, Public Transit Planning, Including Transit Development Program Task A., Short-Range Transit Planning – Transit Authority Planning Assistance; Conduct continuing planning assistance to the BJCTA concerning the TDP update, program maintenance, and program implementation.

Task A would be modified to read as follows:

Update Transit Development Plan. Update the existing Transit Development Plan and Operations Analysis to refine maps, evaluate transit routes, and identify both passenger and system-wide needs. The plan update will consist of multiple phases to be accomplished over the course of two fiscal years. The plan update will also standardize the plan horizon to more closely match with the metropolitan transportation plan horizon as well as adjustments to better coordinate TDP recommendations with regional transportation plan recommendations. Phase 1 activities will occur in FY 2010 and are described below:

Vision and Goal Setting – Transit Board of Directors

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority’s Board of Directors will be engaged in a strategic planning session in order to develop an updated vision for the transit system’s future given the existing and expected financial constraints, as well as the desired condition of the Authority. This will be followed by the establishment of specific goals and SMART (Specific, Measurable, Agree-Upon, Realistic, and Time-Bound) objectives for achieving the articulated vision.

Deliverable: Strategic Plan and Action Report for input to Chapter 1 of the TDP.

Vision and Goal Setting – Key Stakeholders (Funding Partners)

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority's funding partners (i.e. participating municipalities and contract agencies) will be engaged through stakeholder interviews and/or focus groups in order to obtain information about their perspective of the transit authority's existing operations, their vision/desires for public transit services as it relates to the region, and their desires for transit system funding. Stakeholder inputs will be used to inform the development of specific goals and SMART objectives for achieving the articulated vision.

Deliverable: Stakeholder Interview Summary Report for input to Chapter 1 of the TDP.

Vision and Goal Setting – Partnering Agencies/Committees

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority's partnering agencies and committees (i.e. the BJCTA Transit Advisory Committee, BJCTA VIP Advisory Committee, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham/Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization, Jefferson County Department of Public Health, Birmingham Business Alliance, Blue Ribbon Transit Committee, etc.) will be engaged through one on one stakeholder interviews in order to obtain perspectives about the transit authority's existing operations, and to gather their vision/desires for public transit services as it relates to the region. Stakeholder inputs will be used to inform the development of specific goals and SMART objectives for achieving the articulated vision.

Deliverable: Partnering Agency/Committees Summary Report for input to Chapter 1 of the TDP.

Vision and Goal Setting – Riders

The Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority's riders will be engaged through public outreach activities in order to obtain input to the development of the BJCTA's vision for the provision of public transit services. Rider input also will be used to inform the development of specific goals and SMART objectives for achieving the vision.

Deliverable: Rider Input Summary Report for input to Chapter 1 of the TDP.

Staffing for Task A will include the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and a contract employee.

Mr. Howard noted that verbal approval has been given by ALDOT, on behalf of FHWA and FTA for this project. Ms. Rhonda Siserir discussed the request made to the MPO for strategic planning funds as part of the BJCTA's Transit Development Plan. The BJCTA is in the first stage of updating the TDP, including data collection and ridership counts.

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer asked for the recommendations of the TCC and the TTC. Ms. Doris Powell noted that the TCC voted to recommend approval of the UPWP modification. Mr. David Hunke noted that the TTC voted the same.

MPO Chairman then asked for the recommendations of the TCC and TTC for the TIP modifications. Ms. Powell stated that the TCC voted to recommend approval of the TIP modifications. Mr. Hunke noted that the TTC voted to approve the TIP modifications, but that the committee did have two comments, including the following:

1. How interstate needs are prioritized. Mr. Lance Taylor explained to the committee that projects are prioritized statewide and local governments with concerns can contact Charles Malone at the 3rd Division office.
2. Will the resurfacing project on US 31 meet the new bike/ped regulation thresholds? Mr. Taylor noted that this is a preventative maintenance project and does not need to meet that requirement at this time.

Mr. Tim Westhoven asked if the I-459 project included ramp work. Mr. Lance Taylor stated that the project will include ramps.

MPO MEETING AGENDA (AUGUST 11, 2010)

Mr. David Hunke made a motion to include Agenda Item #2 (TIP), Agenda Item #3 (UPWP), CommuteSmart Rideshare Annual Report and the U.S. 280 Transit Study Update to the August 11, 2010 MPO agenda. Mr. Wayne Sullivan seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer reviewed the information on the Railroad Grad Crossing Meeting to be held August 12, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the RPC 1st Floor Conference Room.

Mayor Brewer noted the meetings listed on the agenda for August, including:

- MPO Meeting August 11, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Railroad Grade Crossing Meeting, August 12, 2010 1:00 p.m., RPC.
- Transportation Citizens Committee Meeting, August 18, 2010, 12:00 noon, RPC.
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, August 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting August 26, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

Honorable Tom Henderson
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

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