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August 26, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mayor Tom Henderson, Subcommittee Chairman/s/

SUBJECT: **MPO Subcommittee Minutes
August 26, 2010**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, August 26, 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. Jesse Jowers, Shelby County – Pelham
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Ken Boozer
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 Ms. Virginia Williams

Mr. Guin Robinson, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
Represented by Ms. Doris Powell

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Tom Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Honorable Bobby Humphryes, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Jim Carns, Unincorporated Jefferson County
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. Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission
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. Philip Amthor, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Richard Amore, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Briana Gaston, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham
Mr. John Gordon, Wiser Co.
Mr. Marty Conners, Wiser, Co.
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer 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 July 29, 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 project:

ALDOT Requests

BR-10650	100055322	Bridge widening on I-65 over CSX RR & Buxahatchee Creek, South of Exit 228 (Calera Exit)	9/8/2010	PE	6/1/2011	2011	\$674,172	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
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This project will not add capacity and is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

Mr. David Hunke noted that the Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of the TIP amendment, but also noted the need to present to the transportation committees the process for programming funding for bridges on the state highway system. Ms. Doris Powell stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee recommended approval of the TIP modification.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Bill Foisy presented the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program for review and adoption. A detailed list of program areas and projects to be conducted in FY 2011 by the RPC and the ALDOT, including third-party contractors was included in the packet.

Mr. Foisy reviewed the seven task areas consistent with the RPC Work Program goals, including:

1. Administration.
2. Data Collection and Analysis.
3. Unified Planning Work Program.
4. Public Involvement.
5. Environmental Mitigation and Streamlining.
6. Transportation Systems.
7. Special Projects and Corridor Management Planning.

The federal funding source for each task area and project was also identified. Total federal funds available for each source are as follows:

1. FHWA PL = \$1,075,273
2. FHWA STP = \$1,593,267
3. FTA 5309 = \$2,332,751

4. FTA 5310, 5316/5317 = \$145,000
5. FHWA CMAQ = \$1,325,000

The MPO is responsible for adoption of the proposed work program including funding sources. The Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee is responsible for programming staff and match dollars in its annual budget for the five funding sources in order to complete the planning projects.

Mr. Foisy noted that one line item will need to be added to the funding chart under task 7.4 for \$150,000 for potential projects during FY11.

Mr. David Hunke noted that the Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of the 2011 UPWP. Ms. Doris Powell stated that the Transportation Citizens Committee also recommended approval of the 2011 UPWP.

BUILDING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Mr. Philip Amthor gave a presentation on the completed and on-going Building Communities Program projects. The purpose of the Building Communities program is to the metropolitan transportation planning process shall promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns and address the relationship between transportation and land use, recognizing that land use decisions have impacts on the transportation system and vice-versa. The Building Communities program provides grants to local communities within the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area to support land use integration, economic vitality, safety and security, accessibility and mobility, environmental/air quality improvement, and system preservation.

Projects that have been completed or are ongoing include:

- Graysville – Form-Based Code
- Birmingham
 - City Center One Way Street Conversion Study
 - Fountain Heights 16th Street Corridor Design Plan
 - Collegeville Plan and Access Study
 - Highland Park Neighborhood Assessment and Zoning Code Review
- Calera – Comprehensive Plan Update
- Chelsea –Major Street Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation Update
- Fairfield – Comprehensive Plan
- Bessemer – Transportation/Transit Plan, Master Plan Update, Form-Based Code Overlay
- Leeds – Master Plan Update and Major Street Plan
- Vestavia Hills
 - Cahaba Heights Neighborhood Plan
 - Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation Update

- Five Mile Creek – Strategic Plan for Implementation of the Trail Location Study
- Irondale – U.S. 78 Corridor Study

Mr. Richard Amore noted that all adopted plans are available for review on the RPC website at www.rpcgb.org.

Ms. Virginia Williams stated that coordination with the cities is important on these projects.

MPO MEETING AGENDA (SEPTEMBER 8, 2010)

Mr. David Hunke made a motion to include Agenda Item #2 (TIP), Agenda Item #3 (UPWP), and Agenda Item #3 (Building Communities Program) to the September 8, 2010 MPO agenda. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer noted the meetings listed on the agenda for August and September, including:

- MPO TIP Subcommittee Meeting, August 27, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Meeting September 8, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Transportation Citizens Committee Meeting, September 15, 2010, 12:00 noon, RPC.
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, September 22, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting September 23, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Honorable Tom Henderson
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

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