



March 24, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

FROM: Mayor Thomas Henderson, Subcommittee Chairman/s/

**SUBJECT: MPO Subcommittee Minutes
March 24, 2011**

A meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Subcommittee was held on Thursday, March 24, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Thomas Henderson, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Doug Brewer, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Andre Bittas, City of Birmingham

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

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

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

Honorable William Bell, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Tom Magee

Mr. Peter Sellers, Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
Represented by Ms. Doris Powell

Honorable Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. David Ricker

Honorable Sandra Little Brown, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Walter Mitchell

Honorable Delor Bauman, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Jim Byram

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Jesse Jowers, Shelby County – Pelham
Mr. Randy Cole, Shelby County
Mr. Walter Jackson, 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. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Honorable Gene Melton, City of Trussville
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, City of Birmingham
Mr. George Henry, City of Alabaster
Mr. Randall Kemp, City of Birmingham
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover
Ms. Wytangy Peak, BJCTA
Mr. William Parker, Birmingham

MPO Subcommittee Chairman Mayor Thomas Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Ms. Cynthia Barton called roll. A quorum was declared. Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to approve the January 27, 2011 MPO Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Andre Bittas 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>BR-10650</u>	100055334	Bridge widening on I-65 south of SR-3 (US-31) in Alabaster – Bridges over L&N RR, CR-26, and L&N RR/CR-87	4/13/2011	PE	5/1/2011	2011	\$1,170,907	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
<u>DE-A1940</u>	100054895	SR-75 revitalization from 13 th Ave to CR-1824 (26 th Ave NE) 11 intersections and equipment installation in 40-50 City/County vehicles and landscaping at various locations in Centerpoint	4/13/2011	CN	5/27/2011	2011	\$219,000	Exempt	High Priority and Congressional Earmark Projects	14
<u>STPTE-TE120</u>	100056144	Landscaping along Ball Park Road from CR-105 (Bearden Road) to SR-3 (US-31) in the City of Pelham	4/13/2011	CN	12/15/2011	2011	\$70,000	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8

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

<u>NH-HHP-1065(354)</u>	100044672	I-65 add lanes from SR-3 (US-31) to CR-52 (8-LN) (Phase 2)	4/13/2011	CN	6/24/2011	2011	\$64,896,000	Non-Exempt	National Highway System and High Priority and Congressional Earmark Projects	3 and 14
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This project is non-exempt from regional emission analysis. This project is part of a larger project which is included in the adopted and approved regional emissions analysis. See Appendix 5C of the Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski then presented a request from the City of Center Point for additional funding of \$582,400 federal for the Reed-Harvey Park Greenway Corridor, Segment 2 Project #100054521. The City of Center Point would provide the \$145,600 local match.

Mr. David Hunke noted that the TTC recommended approval of the TIP modification. Ms. Doris Powell stated that the TCC also recommended approval. Both noted that the committees had not viewed the Center Point request. Mr. Kaczorowski explained there was a timing issue in presentation to the TCC and TTC but that the TIP Subcommittee did recommend approval of additional funding for this project.

Ms. Doris Powell made a motion to move this item forward to the MPO for approval including the Center Point request. Mayor Doug Brewer seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request by the RPCGB to modify the FY2011 UPWP to add Task 7.5 and incur 5309 (FTA) expenses of approximately \$1,994,819 federal for the U.S. 11 East / U.S. 78 East Alternatives Analysis. The task would be completed by RPCGB staff and a 3rd Party Contractor.

The proposed FY 2011 UPWP Task 7.5 reads as follows:

7.5 U.S. 11 East /U.S. 78 East Alternatives Analysis

Objectives: Provide public transportation alternatives to improve travel in the U.S. 11 East travel corridor. This would include alternatives that augment, support, and complement previous recommendations to improve non-motorized travel, expand roadway capacity, and manage access to U.S. 11 East and U.S. 78 East. This will also include exploration of public transportation alternatives to improve travel from downtown Birmingham to the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport.

Anticipated work activities will consider alternatives that augment, support, and complement recommendations to improve existing transit services, non-motorized travel, and roadway operations and management. The study will also provide land development/redevelopment scenarios for the proposed travel corridor between downtown Birmingham and the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. Alternatives for connecting the airport with the City of Trussville and the City of Leeds along U.S. 11 East and U.S. 78 respectively will also be explored along with potential land development/redevelopment scenarios within each of these corridors as they both enter and exit the airport property.

Land use scenarios shall be supportive of the potential alternatives for transportation system improvements, influencing the character of the transportation system where appropriate, and likewise responding to the needs of the transportation system.

The study should consider and build upon the preliminary recommendations identified in the Birmingham Regional Alternatives Analysis of 2004, the plan that developed the basis of the regional transit system plan.

Previous Work:

City of Leeds Master Plan and Major Street Plan
City of Irondale Crestwood Boulevard/U.S. 78 Corridor Study
Five Mile Creek Partnership
Route level planning by BJCTA for Airport Shuttle
BJCTA Transit Development Program

Proposed Work:

Proposed work for FY 2011 includes:

- Establishment of the project study area boundaries
- Data compilations and analysis
- Develop agency and contractor work programs
- Develop Request for Proposal for 3rd Party Services

End Products

Corridor Data Files
Procurement Process

Staffing

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and 3rd party contractor.

Timeline for Proposed Work

- A. Project Administrative Processes (Spring/Summer 2011)
- B. Procurement Process (Summer 2011)

Financial Responsibility:

Total	<u>\$2,493,524</u>
5309 (FTA)	\$1,994,819
Local	\$ 498,705

Mr. Howard noted that funds allocated for this project cannot be used for other types of projects. Any funds not utilized will be sent back to Washington DC for use by other states.

Mr. David Hunke stated that the TTC unanimously recommended approval of the UPWP modification. Ms. Doris Powell stated that the TCC also recommended approval.

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to move the UPWP modification forward to the MPO for consideration. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski gave a report on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee meetings held to discuss the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP Subcommittee met March 8 and 23, 2011 to review project requests submitted for the FY 2012-2015 TIP. The TIP Subcommittee reviewed all project requests and submitted recommendations to be included in a full report being prepared by RPCGB staff. A full report and project list will be presented to the committees for consideration during the April meeting cycle.

Mr. Kaczorowski then reviewed the timeline for adoption of the FY 2012-2015 TIP, taking into consideration ALDOT and IAC input and considerations.

MPO MEETING AGENDA (APRIL 13, 2011)

Mayor Doug Brewer made a motion to include Agenda Item #2 (TIP), Agenda Item #3 (UPWP), an update on the 2010 U.S. census data and possible presentation by Governor Robert Bentley on the April 13, 2011 MPO meeting agenda. Ms. Doris Powell seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

MPO Vice Chairman Mayor Thomas Henderson reviewed the meetings listed on the agenda for April, including:

- MPO Meeting April 13, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB
- Transportation Citizens Committee, April 20, 2011, 12:00 p.m., RPCGB
- Transportation Technical Committee Meeting, April 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB
- MPO Subcommittee Meeting, April 28, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

With no other business, the Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

APPROVED:

Honorable Tom Henderson
MPO Subcommittee Chairman

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