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June 24, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Mr. David Hunke, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2009**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m., RPC 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. David Hunke, Chairman, At-Large
Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative
Ms. Kim Fort, UAB Parking Services Dir. of Auxiliary Services
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham
Mr. John Tally, CLASTRAN Transportation Mobility Manager
Mr. Greg Dawkins, Vice-Chairman, City of Birmingham Traffic Engineer
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover Engineer
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner
Ms. Mary Margaret Nicholson, At-Large
Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large
Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative
Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large
Ms. Wytangy Peak, BJCTA Representative
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer
Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery
Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jeff. County Dept. of Health Chief Meteorologist - Air Division

Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large
Mr. John Stewart, At-Large
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT Preconstruction Engineer – Birmingham
 Represented by Ms. Cynthia Hill
Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming
 Represented by Ms. Kim Fort
Mr. Phillip Garratt, P.E., At-Large
 Represented by Ms. Alicia Rudolph
Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large
 Represented by Mr. Rod Long
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative
 Represented by Mr. John Tally
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Engineer – Birmingham
 Represented by Mr. Lionel Harbin

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Dept. of Roads and Transportation Representative
Mr. Pascal Caputo, Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce (Non-Voting Member)
Ms. Carletta Singleton, At-Large
Mr. Dave Harris, FHWA (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Joe Bearrentine, At-Large
Mr. Ron Clement, Railroad Representative
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika, ALDOT Metropolitan Planning Engineer - Montgomery
Mr. Ron Gore, ADEM (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Jeff Anoka, FTA (Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Bill Foisy, RPC
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPC
Mr. Darrell Howard, RPC
Mr. Harry He, RPC
Mr. Tom Maxwell, RPC
Ms. Carmen Mays, RPC
Ms. Nadia Shalaby, Jefferson State Community College

Chairman David Hunke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Attendees introduced themselves. With no corrections or additions, the meeting minutes for May 27, 2009 were approved as written.

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a report on MPO actions. The MPO approved the request to amend the TIP to include the projects recommended by the TCC. The MPO received information on funding availability for supplemental discretionary grants for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) totaling \$1.5 billion. The MPO also received information on the CommuteSmart Rideshare program.

IN-TOWN TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP (ITP)

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a five-minute simulation video for the In-Town Transit Partnership that will be included as part of a discretionary grant request for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. The simulation will officially be unveiled at the Operation New Birmingham meeting to be held June 25, 2009.

Information was presented by Mr. Bill Foisy on the grant application process for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. The In-Town Transit Partnership project will be submitted for consideration, with a total project cost of \$65 million being requested. The costs include the BRT system, 12 BRT vehicles, street improvements, maintenance facility and 20 connector buses. The project has the support of Senators Shelby and Sessions along with Congressman Davis, Alabama Power, UAB, Children's Hospital and other local government representatives and businesses.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Darrell Howard presented an update on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

Federal Funds Assumed for Future Use

- Overall Funding Split = 51% Capacity/Capital Projects and 49% Operations and Maintenance Activities
 - * *Split differs by specific funding sources*
- Funding Assumptions are Based on Historic Authorizations i.e. How Money was Spent Previously

Funding Sources	25 Year Total	Capacity / Capital 25 Year Total	% of Total	Operations and Maintenance 25 Year Total	% of Total
STP-BH	\$354,775,000	\$155,362,000	44%	\$199,413,000	56%
CMAQ	\$248,800,000	\$ -	0%	\$248,800,000	100%
Non-Attributable	\$3,133,200,167	\$2,113,480,000	67%	\$ 1,019,720,000	33%
Transit	\$299,826,000	\$229,678,250	77%	\$ 70,147,750	23%
Total	\$4,036,601,167	\$2,451,578,250	61%	\$ 1,538,080,750	39%

Highway Capacity Projects

Capacity project funding for the total plan and the Surface Transportation Program Birmingham Attributable was then reviewed. Given that historical usage indicates that half of the funding is used for maintenance and operations, there is \$155 million available for highway capacity projects using Birmingham Attributable funds. Mr. Howard reviewed the steps taken to reduce the number of projects in the RTP with a total of \$13 million still over budgeted.

Proposed Capacity Projects (All)

Sponsor	All Capacity Projects	Amount Moved	Programmed Funds Remaining
ALDOT	35	\$ 1,065,027,059	\$ 2,112,758,061
Bessemer	0	\$ 613,692	\$ (0)
Birmingham	5	\$ 818,752	\$ 36,581,131
Homewood	2	\$ 1,817,088	\$ 6,752,043
Hoover	4	\$ 18,170,880	\$ 17,914,976
Jefferson County	7	\$ 39,456,768	\$ 43,648,169
Shelby County	10	\$ 100,845,921	\$ 47,808,275
Total	63	\$ 1,226,750,160	\$ 2,265,462,655
Change/Balance	31		\$ 3,379,345

Proposed Capacity Projects (Surface Transportation Program, Birmingham Attributable)

Sponsor	Capacity Projects (STP-BH)	Amount Moved	Programmed Funds Remaining
ALDOT *	2	\$ -	\$ 16,123,505
Bessemer	0	\$ 613,692	\$ 0
Birmingham	5	\$ 818,752	\$ 36,581,131
Homewood	2	\$ -	\$ 6,752,043
Hoover	3	\$ 18,170,880	\$ 17,914,976
Jefferson County	7	\$ 26,910,208	\$ 43,648,169
Shelby County	8	\$ 100,845,921	\$ 47,808,274
Total	27	\$ 147,359,453	\$ 168,828,000
Change/Balance	10		\$ (13,466,099)

RTP Operations & Maintenance Funding

25-Year Federal Forecast vs. Proposed RTP Funding			
Federal Funding			
Funding Sources	Forecast O&M Funding	Proposed (RTP) O&M Program	Balance
Attributable Funds			
STP-BH	\$199,413,000	\$38,293,728	\$161,119,272
CMAQ	\$248,800,000	\$209,842,137	\$38,957,863
Non-Attributable	\$1,019,720,167	\$239,357,640	\$780,362,527
Total	\$1,467,933,167	\$2,487,493,504	\$980,439,662

RTP Adoption Schedule

The preliminary adoption schedule was reviewed. It is subject to change dependent upon completion of the air quality conformity report and review and concurrence by the Interagency Air Group.

- June 30, 2009 - TIP Subcommittee
Review and concur with capacity project recommendations and financial assumptions
- July 8, 2009 - Interagency Consultation (IAC) Call
IAC group to review both RTP conformity documentation and financial plan and approve MPO to conduct public involvement
- July 15, 2009 - TCC meeting
Distribution of information to be presented at the public involvement meeting
- July 22, 2009 - TTC meeting
Distribution of information to be presented at the public involvement meeting
- July 23, 2009 - MPO Subcommittee
Distribution of information to be presented at the public involvement meeting and call for public involvement meeting
- August 19, 2009 - TTC meeting
RTP Public Involvement Meeting @ Citizen's Committee meeting
- September 8, 2009 - End of 21 day comment period
- September 16, 2009 - TCC meeting
Public Involvement documentation presented
- September 23, 2009 - TTC meeting
Public Involvement documentation presented
- September 24, 2009 - MPO Subcommittee
Accept Public Involvement documentation and send PI, RTP (2035), and Functional Plan Documents to MPO for adoption
- October 14, 2009 - MPO meeting
Formal adoption of PI, RTP (2035), and Functional Plan Documents

OTHER

Mr. Richard Caudle presented a report from the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is recommending the addition of Mr. Wallace to the TTC as an At-Large Member. Mr. McCord works with Bhate Geoscience and has been attending the TTC meetings for several months. Mr. McCord previously served on the TCC for several years. Mr. Richard Caudle made a motion to add Mr. McCord to the TTC as an At-Large member. Mr. Eric Womack seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote. Mr. Caudle then presented a recommendation from the Nominating Committee to move Mr. Al Folcher from the Vestavia Hills Representative position to an At-Large position due to his leaving the City of Vestavia Hills and have RPC staff ask the Mayor of Vestavia Hills to recommend another member to represent the City. Mr. Richard caudle made a motion to change Mr. Al Folcher to an At-Large member. Mr. Tom Magee seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Hunke reviewed a list of upcoming meetings of importance to the Committee, including:

- MPO Subcommittee, June 25th, 1:30 p.m. RPC.
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee, June 30th, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- MPO, July 8th, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next Technical Committee meeting for July 22nd, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- Bike-Ped Advisory Committee, July 23rd, 3:00 p.m., RPC.

Chairman David Hunke recognized Mr. Richard Caudle for winning the ITE Transportation Engineer of the Year award.

Mr. Darrell Howard discussed work being conducted by RPC Intern Carmen Mays to develop a functional Incident Management Plan.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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APPROVED:

Mr. David Hunke, Chairman
Transportation Technical Committee

Date