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September 23, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Mr. David Hunke, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2009**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Wednesday, September 23, 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. Richard Darden, At-Large
- Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large
- Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover Engineer
- Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner
- Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large
- Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative
- Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative
- Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large
- Ms. Wytangy Peak, BJCTA Representative
- Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative

Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT Preconstruction Engineer – Birmingham
Ms. Mary Margaret Nicholson, At-Large
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative
Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming
Mr. John Stewart, At-Large

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jeff. County Dept. of Health Chief Meteorologist - Air Division
Represented by Mr. Matt Lacke
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Representative-Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Lionel Harbin

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery
Mr. Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Dept. of Roads and Transportation Representative
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance (Non-Voting Member)
Ms. Carletta Singleton, At-Large
Mr. Phillip Garratt, P.E., At-Large
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, 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. Dennis Dickey, City of Birmingham
Mr. Randy Sain, Sain Associates
Mr. Scott Cothron, Sain Associates
Mr. Steve Ostaseski, RPC
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPC
Mr. Charles Ball, RPC
Mr. Harry He, RPC
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, RPC

Chairman David Hunke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Attendees introduced themselves. With no corrections or additions, the meeting minutes for July 22, 2009 were approved as written.

Mr. Steve Ostaseski presented a report on MPO actions. The MPO did not meet in September. The MPO Subcommittee received information on rebalancing the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program in light of federal funding rescissions. Information on the status of the MPO approved Recovery Act projects was also presented.

Ms. Denise Hornbuckle reported a concern from a citizen concerning the increase in speed by the Crescent at the junction of Center Street. The speed is reported to increase from 35 – 70 mph. Mr. Ostaseski will talk with Mr. Craig Thomas and Mr. Hunke will followup with staff and report back.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented a request to modify the TIP to include the following:

ALDOT Request –Enhancement Projects

<u>SRTS</u> <u>RW10()</u>	100054271	Birmingham safe routes to school, acquire property as part of STPBH-CN07(906) a project to build sidewalks near Martha Gaskins School	10/14/2009	RW	10/1/2009	2010	\$88,500.00	Exempt	Safety Projects	11
<u>STPTE</u> <u>TE09(975)</u>	100054269	Sidewalks along AL-25 at the intersection with US 280 in the Town of Harpersville	10/14/2009	CN	12/15/2009	2010	\$214,607.25	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8
<u>DEMO</u> <u>A188()</u>	100054137	Sidewalks & Landscaping along Cahaba Road between the Botanical Gardens & the Birmingham Zoo	10/14/2009	PE	11/21/2009	2010	\$107,500.00	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8
<u>DEMO</u> <u>A188()</u>	100054138	Sidewalks & Landscaping along Cahaba Road between the Botanical Gardens & the Birmingham Zoo	10/14/2009	CN	7/30/2010	2010	\$967,500.00	Exempt	Enhancement Projects	8

This request is for sidewalks and landscaping and is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

<u>STPAA</u> <u>PE09()</u>	100054259	Traffic study on McAshan Drive accessing Norfolk Southern Railroad yard freight corridor access from CR-18 (Eastern Valley Road) to I-59	10/14/2009	PE	10/1/2009	2010	\$150,000.00	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program	2
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This request is for a traffic study and is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

Mr. Doug Hale moved and Mr. Rod Long seconded to approve the TIP modifications as presented. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. U.S. DOT TIGER GRANT

Mr. Rod Long reported that the City of Hoover submitted a TIGER grant for a proposed project which includes the extension of Ross Bridge Parkway in Hoover, Alabama to Shelby

County Road 52 in Helena, Alabama, an interchange with Interstate 459, and the widening of Shelby County Road 52 for nearly 2.5 miles. This could be an alternate route for I-65. Requested funding is \$75 million.

Mr. Lance Taylor reported that ALDOT submitted a TIGER grant for two proposed projects in the Birmingham Area: The proposed projects widening I-65 from U.S. 31 to CR 52 (\$75 million) and US 280 elevated roadway (\$450 million).

Mr. Charles Ball reported that a grant application was submitted to the U. S. Department of Transportation under the TIGER grant program for \$65 million in support of the In-Town Transit Partnership Bus Rapid Transit Project. The application submission included 42 letters of support and resolutions. RPC has received letters of commitment of financial support for the project from Alabama Gas Corporation, Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, UAB and the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. Notice of award should be no later than February 2010. The RPC will manage the grant for construction and completion in cooperation with the BJCTA who will, at a minimum, be responsible for bus specifications and procurement, and operation of the neighborhood connector routes.

4. OTHER

- MPO Subcommittee, September 24th, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- I-65 Mobility Matters Steering Committee, October 1st, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- MPO, October 14, 2009, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next Technical Committee meeting for October 28th, 10:00 a.m., RPC.
- Annual Building Communities Conference, Modern Roundabouts, November 5, 2009, McWane Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

DH:cb

APPROVED:

Mr. David Hunke, Chairman
Transportation Technical Committee

Date