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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Mr. David Hunke, Chairman /s/  
**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2010**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1731 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. David Hunke, Chairman, At-Large  
Mr. John Stewart, At-Large  
Ms. Rhonda Siserir, BJCTA Representative  
Mr. Phillip Garratt, P.E., At-Large  
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer  
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative  
Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large  
Ms. Mary Margaret Nicholson, At-Large  
Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT Preconstruction Engineer – Birmingham  
Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large  
Ms. Kim Fort, UAB Parking Services Dir. of Auxiliary Services  
Mr. John Tally, CLASTRAN Transportation Mobility Manager  
Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative  
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large  
Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery  
Mr. Scott Cothron, Sain Associates  
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham

Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative  
Represented by Mr. David Hunke  
Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large  
Represented by Mr. Chris Reeves  
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner  
Represented by Ms. Pam Jones  
Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jeff. County Dept. of Health Chief Meteorologist - Air Division  
Represented by Mr. Matt Lacke  
Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative  
Represented by Mr. Michael Ward  
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Representative-Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Lionel Harbin  
Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming  
Represented by Ms. Kim Fort  
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative  
Represented by Mr. John Tally

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Greg Dawkins, Vice-Chairman, City of Birmingham Traffic Engineer  
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large  
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large  
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham  
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover Engineer  
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Ron Clement, Railroad Representative  
Mr. Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Dept. of Roads and Transportation Representative  
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika, ALDOT Metropolitan Planning Engineer - Montgomery  
Mr. Ron Gore, ADEM (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Jeff Anoka, FTA (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Dave Harris, FHWA (Non-Voting Member)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Bill Foisy, RPC  
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPC  
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPC  
Mr. Darrell Howard, RPC  
Ms. Laurel Land, RPC  
Ms. Virginia Williams, Williams LLC  
Mr. Randy Sain, Sain Associates  
Mark McAdams, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

Luther Boudra, Mactec  
Ginny MacDonald, Birmingham News

Chairman David Hunke called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

### **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Attendees introduced themselves. With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

The MPO approved the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) modification, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modification and the Resolution of Support for the Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Project with three conditions for support. The MPO also received an update on the status of Recovery Act projects.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Nominating Committee of the Transportation Technical Committee met January 15, 2010 to recommend the following persons for membership as At-Large members:

Mr. Scott Cothron, Sain Associates  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT  
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham

Each person introduced himself to the committee.

Mr. Gregg Cobb made a motion to add Mr. Scott Cothron, Mr. Fred Hawkins and Mr. Randy Kemp to the TTC as At-Large members. Ms. Kim Fort seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote. A new membership list will be included in the February meeting package.

Two persons have been removed as At-Large members due to failure to meet attendance requirements.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a request from the RPC to modify the TIP to include funding for the Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium (ClasTran) for FY2011. The amount of federal funds requested is the same as the FY2010 funding in the amount of \$3,080,000. The funds are for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 on behalf of ClasTran. Staff is making an early request for to flex these funds, so that these monies will be available for drawdown at the beginning of the fiscal year (October 2010). This request is for level funding. Adequate funds are available in the FY 2008-2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program to accommodate this transfer.

Mr. Foisy and Mr. John Tally discussed the cash flow issues associated with delays in receiving the 5310 funds after the start of the fiscal year (October 1). Mr. Foisy and Mr. Hunke also discussed the importance of insuring adequate local match at 20% share to draw down the federal funds. Mr. Tally reviewed efforts to secure local match. Without the local match, service could be cut to critical needs clients. Attachment 1 shows a breakdown of trips and trip purpose. Seventy-five percent of all trips in FY 2009 were for dialysis, medical, and nutrition.

Areas of discussion included

- Ridership numbers
- Criteria for cutting routes
- Cost to riders
- Budget numbers

Mr. Chris Reeves made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Ms. Kim Fort seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **JOBS ACCESS / REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM GRANTS**

Ms. Laurel Land presented a report from the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Committee. The Committee met on January 12, 2010 to review eight proposals for projects to be funded with Jobs Access/Reverse Commute and/or New Freedom grant money. A request for proposals was issued in October 2009.

The JARC Program supports the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment. Funding under the New Freedom Program is for projects that overcome barriers and/or expand transportation mobility options available to individuals with disabilities.

The Committee recommended five projects for funding, including:

- Glenwood for \$12,500 under JARC funding
- Travelers Aid Society for \$25,000 under New Freedom funding
- Alabama Kidney Foundation for \$65,000 under New Freedom funding
- Yellow Cab for \$70,000 under New Freedom funding
- RPC's concept to support ITP (must refine and resubmit after ITP project approval)

Mr. Chris Reeves made a motion to recommend approval of the five projects. Ms. Kim Fort seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **RAIL VOLUITION**

Mr. John Stewart presented a report from the 2009 Rail-Volution Conference held in Boston, MA October 29 – November 1, 2009. Rail-Volution is an Annual Conference that was started in Portland, OR 13 years ago. It is held in a different city each year and the primary focus is on transit development and Urban Planning.

The conference includes:

- Inside presentations
- Outside Mobile Workshops
- Several choices at any one time
- Thursday through Sunday

Major Messages:

- Transit advocates, your time has come
- Need a new Surface Transportation Bill (now)
- Obama Administration has new vision
  - Not ready yet
  - Transit and Rail supportive
  - Key agencies must work together
- Obama Administration wants 18 months...
  - Time to develop their approach
  - Congress should act sooner, says Earl
- Key agencies work together
  - US DOT (FHWA, FTA, FRA, FAA)
  - US EPA – Transit can transform urban/industrial land
  - US HUD – Affordable Housing
- Find solutions not regulatory roadblocks
- Community Action
  - Community based organizations (CBO's)
  - Community Development Corporations (CDC's)

The 2010 Rail-Volution Conference will be held in Portland, OR.

### **THER**

Chairman David Hunke reviewed the list of meetings of interest to the committee that included:

- RPC Annual Meeting, January 27, 2010, The Club.
- MPO, February 10, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next Technical Committee meeting for Wednesday February 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m., RPC.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**APPROVED:**

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Mr. David Hunke, Chairman  
Transportation Technical Committee

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Date

**ClasTran Trips for FY 09**

Jefferson County	# Trips	Shelby County	# Trips
Adamsville	433	Alabaster	4,989
Bessemer	10,670	Calera	5,513
Birmingham	111,411	Chelsea	403
Brighton	4,621	Columbiana	1,998
Brookside	10	Harpersville	502
Cahaba Heights	165	Helena	500
Center Point	10	Hoover	1,181
Chalkville	11	Indian Springs	83
Clay	1,421	Maylene	503
Docena	66	Meadow Brook	1
Dolomite	2,319	Montevallo	3,875
East Lake	2	Pelham	2,056
Ensley	589	Shelby	385
Fairfield	4,349	Sterett	18
Forestdale	130	Vincent	1,793
Fultondale	359	Westover	98
Gardendale	1,153	Wilsonville	279
Grayson Valley	7	Wilton	25
Graysville	638	<b>Total</b>	<b>24,202</b>
Homewood	3,623		
Hoover	4,523		
Hueytown	1,787		
Indian Springs	8	Jefferson	165,432
Irondale	378	Shelby	24,202
Kimberly	192	<b>Total Trips 2009</b>	<b>189,634</b>
Leeds	3,052		
Lipscomb	11		
McCalla	280		
Meadow Brook	1		
Midfield	2,523		
Morris	1,243		
Mount Olive	1,811		
Mulga	816		
Palmerdale	33		
Pinson	615		
Pleasant Grove	824		
Pratt City	2		
Sayre	134		
Tarrant	261		
Trafford	461		
Trussville	745		
Vestavia	22		
Vestavia Hills	640		
Warrior	2,546		
West End	82		
Woodlawn	1		
Wylam	454		
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,432</b>		

**Trip Purpose**

