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April 28, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Mr. David Hunke, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2010**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 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. Greg Dawkins, Vice-Chairman, City of Birmingham Traffic Engineer
Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large
Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT Preconstruction Engineer – Birmingham
Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham
Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative
Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham
Ms. Rhonda Siserir, BJCTA Representative
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative
Ms. Kim Fort, UAB Parking Services Dir. of Auxiliary Services
Ms. Mary Margaret Nicholson, At-Large
Mr. John Stewart, At-Large
Mr. Phillip Garratt, P.E., At-Large

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative
Represented by Mr. Michael Ward
Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative
Represented by Mr. David Hunke
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Representative-Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Lionel Harbin

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover Engineer
Mr. John Tally, CLASTRAN Transportation Mobility Manager
Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jeff. County Dept. of Health Chief Meteorologist - Air Division
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative
Mr. Scott Cothron, Sain Associates
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large
Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large
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)
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance (Non-Voting Member)

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Bill Foisy, RPC
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPC
Mr. Darrell Howard, RPC
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, RPC
Mr. Harry He, RPC
Mr. Bob Portera, Neel-Schaffer
Ms. Virginia Williams, V. Williams, LLC
Mr. David Willingham, Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, Cannon

Chairman David Hunke called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Attendees introduced themselves. With no additions or corrections, the March 24, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a report from the MPO Subcommittee. The MPO approved the TIP modifications as recommended by the TTC. The MPO also reviewed the schedule for the public involvement process for the Regional Transportation Plan, Air Quality Conformity Determination, and Rebalanced FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program along with information on the U.S 280 Transit Study project.

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski discussed meetings that were held with mayors and local officials along the U.S. 280 Corridor for the transit corridor analysis. The meetings were held to get a better perspective of what is needed in each area and to determine how each area feels about the proposed projects for U.S. 280. Mr. Kaczorowski noted that the next step will be data collection and analysis.

Mr. Bill Foisy discussed Senate Bill 121 that passed the Alabama legislature and will come to a vote of the public in November. Senate Bill 121 proposes an amendment to the Constitution to provide a ten year road, bridge and other transportation related construction and improvement program to be funded with appropriations from the Alabama Trust Fund and to provide for a transfer to the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Foisy announced that the second round of TIGER applications will be accepted upon notice in the Federal Register with applications due in August and awards announced in September. More information will be presented as it becomes available.

NOMINATING / MEMBERSHIP

Chairman David Hunke gave a report of the Nominating / Membership Committee. The Committee met April 20, 2010 to recommend the following person for membership as an At-Large member:

Ms. Virginia Williams, Hoover

Ms. Williams introduced herself to the committee and discussed her background and desire to be a part of the TTC. Ms. Sheila Chaffin made a motion to add Ms. Virginia Williams to the TTC as an At-Large member. Mr. Chris Reeves seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Darrell Howard reviewed the components of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Information presented included the following:

Planning Considerations

Fiscal Constraint:

- A demonstration of sufficient funds (Federal, State, local, and private) to implement proposed transportation system improvements, as well as to operate and maintain the entire system, through the comparison of revenues and costs.
- The Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan is required to demonstrate, and has demonstrated, fiscal constraint
 - Federal Funding Availability
 - Local Funding Capacity
- The Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan contains a total of \$4 billion (2010 dollars) in projects and programs

Visionary Transportation Plan:

- A “needs list” of sorts, the Visionary Transportation Plan is a listing of projects that have not been able to identify funding sources that are adequate to demonstrate fiscal constraint
- The Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan contains \$3.1 billion (2010 dollars) total in projects
- The Visionary Transportation Plan is comprised of:
 - Projects that address identified needs but there is insufficient funding to advance
 - Projects that were moved from the 2030 LRTP in order to meet fiscal constraint
 - New projects for which there is not enough information to justify their inclusion in the fiscally constrained plan

Financial Analysis

Fiscal Constraint Could Not Be Met

Forecast Revenues vs. Programmed Expenditures put the Capacity Program in the hole \$1.1 Billion

- Limitations of the Use of Funding
 - Appalachian Funding Can Only Be Applied to Corridor X and X1
 - Interstate Maintenance Funding Is Limited In Its Use
- Other Funding Sources Are Already Committed
- What Could We Do to Meet Fiscal Constraint?

Developing the Program

Assessing Regional Priority

- Goal 1: System Sustainability
- Goal 2: System Integration and Connectivity
- Goal 3: Community Driven

Other Considerations

- Local Priority
- Funding Availability
- Project Status

Balancing the RTP

Projects included in the Fiscally Constrained portion of the Plan meet the project evaluation and prioritization goals to include congestion relief (50% of total score), system sustainability, system integration and connectivity, and community driven. Other considerations include local priority, funding availability and project status. The following table summarizes projects programmed by funding source compared to the federal funding available.

Roadway Capacity and Transit Capital Projects

Funding Sources	Federal Funding Forecast	Programmed 2035 RTP Projects Federal Total	Balance
STP-BH	\$ 155,362,000	\$ 149,458,723	\$ 5,903,277
STP-OA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STP-AA	\$ 14,580,000	\$ 11,083,169	\$ 3,496,831
NHS	\$ 221,723,000	\$ 211,485,125	\$ 10,237,875
Appalachian	\$ 1,593,348,000	\$ 1,490,526,690	\$102,821,310
Interstate Maintenance	\$ 34,310,000	\$ 26,282,880	\$ 8,027,120
Bridge	\$ 78,617,000	\$ 13,504,695	\$ 65,112,305
Safety (All)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity Bonus	\$ 44,085,000	\$ 41,606,433	\$ 2,478,567
CMAQ	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Congressional	\$ 126,817,000	\$ 116,336,075	\$ 10,480,925
Transit	\$ 229,678,250	\$ 133,094,632	\$ 96,583,618
Total	\$2,498,520,250	\$ 2,193,378,421	\$ 305,141,829

Operations and Maintenance Projects

Funding Sources	Federal Funding Forecast	Programmed 2035 RTP Projects Federal Total	Balance
STP-BH	\$ 199,413,000	\$ 128,053,651	\$ 71,359,349
STP-OA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STP-AA	\$11,929,000	\$ 11,752,762	\$ 176,238
NHS	\$ 147,815,000	\$ 4,239,291	\$143,575,709
Appalachian	\$ 372,279,167	\$ 17,639,867	\$354,639,300
Interstate Maintenance	\$ 308,794,000	\$121,767,497	\$ 187,026,503
Bridge	\$ 45,679,000	\$ 39,511,587	\$ 6,167,413
Safety (All)	\$ 37,517,000	\$ 3,028,791	\$ 34,488,209
Equity Bonus	\$ 29,390,000	\$ 19,562,759	\$ 9,827,241
CMAQ	\$ 248,800,000	\$ 189,937,382	\$ 58,862,618
Congressional	\$ 66,317,000	\$ 38,982,254	\$ 27,334,746
Transit	\$ 70,147,750	\$ -	\$ 70,147,750
Total	\$ 1,538,080,917	\$ 574,475,841	\$ 963,605,076

Mr. Howard reviewed some local projects of significance in the RTP, including the Northern Beltline, U.S. 280, Finley Avenue, and the UAB and U.S. 31 interchanges on I-65.

All segments of the Northern Beltline project are included in either the fiscally constrained plan or the visionary plan. All final design and right-of-way for all segments of the Portions in the visionary plan can be moved to the fiscally constrained plan once Appalachian funds are appropriated.

Copies of the Regional Transportation Plan and other related documents can be found at www.bhammpo.org.

OTHER

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

- MPO Subcommittee, April 29th, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Congestion Management Committee, May 18th, 2:00 p.m., RPC
- MPO, May 12th, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next Technical Committee meeting for Wednesday May 26th, 10:00 a.m., RPC.

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

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APPROVED:

Mr. David Hunke, Chairman
Transportation Technical Committee

Date