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May 26, 2010

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Technical Committee

**FROM:** Mr. David Hunke, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2010**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) was held on Wednesday, May 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. 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  
Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative  
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer  
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham  
Ms. Rhonda Siserir, BJCTA Representative  
Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative  
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT  
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative  
Ms. Mary Margaret Nicholson, At-Large  
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. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large  
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large  
Ms. Virginia Williams, At-Large

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative  
    Represented by Mr. Michael Ward  
Mr. Phillip Garratt, P.E., At-Large  
    Represented by Ms. Alicia Rudolph  
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Representative-Birmingham  
    Represented by Mr. Lionel Harbin

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming  
Ms. Kim Fort, UAB Parking Services Dir. of Auxiliary Services  
Mr. John Stewart, At-Large  
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham  
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large  
Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery  
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. Harry He, RPC  
Mr. Scott Tillman, RPC  
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, RPC  
Mr. Bob Portera, Neel-Schaffer  
Mr. Randy Sain, Sain Associates  
Ms. Liuia Ryan, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, ARCA  
Mr. Zak Robertson, EDT

Chairman David Hunke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Attendees introduced themselves. With no additions or corrections, the April 28, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a report on MPO actions. The MPO Subcommittee, and subsequently the MPO, reviewed the components of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan, Alabama Senate Bill 121 (specifically transit targeted dollars), and TIGER II grant guidelines recently released from the U.S. DOT. Mr. Charles Ball spoke further on the competitive nature of TIGER II and that awarded projects will require a minimum 20% local match.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Bill Foisy presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY 2008-2011 TIP to include the following projects:

**ALDOT Requests**

<u>STPAA-00250</u>	100055156	Resurface SR-25 (US 411) from SR-4 (US 78) to St. Clair County Line	6/9/2010	FM	6/25/2010	2010	\$786,173	Exempt	Other Surface Transportation Program	2
<u>UMTAC 53100</u>	100055102	Section 5310 City of Hoover Transit Capital Vehicle Procurement	6/9/2010	TR	4/1/2010	2010	\$52,128	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>UMTAC 53100</u>	100055168	Section 5310 Transit Kid One Transport Vehicle Capital	6/9/2010	TR	4/1/2010	2010	\$94,109	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>UMTAC 53100</u>	100055175	Section 5310 Transit Glenwood, Inc. Vehicle Capital	6/9/2010	TR	4/1/2010	2010	\$322,543	Exempt	Transit Projects	9
<u>BR-10590</u>	100055163	Bridge painting various mainline and ramp bridges on I-59 at SR-79 (Tallapoosa Street) and on I-20 over Georgia Road	6/9/2010	PE	5/1/2010	2010	\$100,000	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6
<u>BR-10590</u>	100055163	Bridge painting various mainline and ramp bridges on I-59 at SR-79 (Tallapoosa Street) and on I-20 over Georgia Road	6/9/2010	CN	9/24/2010	2010	\$1,400,000	Exempt	Bridge Projects	6

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

Mr. Rod Long made a motion to recommend approval of the TIP modification. Ms. Denise Hornbuckle seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT**

A report was given by Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe on the Public Involvement Meeting Documentation for the public involvement meeting held on April 21, 2010 for the following three documents:

- Birmingham 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Rebalanced FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Meeting documentation included outreach procedures, information presented at the meeting, as well as a summary of comments and questions received. All comments, questions, suggestions were compiled in a supplemental document and is available online at [www.bhammpo.org](http://www.bhammpo.org). Some areas of questions / comments received included:

- Demographics
- Pollution increase
- Transit
- Land use / city planning
- US 280
- Active Transportation Plan (Bicycle Pedestrian Plan)
- I-65 geometric improvements
- Capacity improvements

The majority of questions / comments received were in relation to the Northern Beltline. Mr. Bill Foisy addressed some of the questions / comments including what portions of the project are in the fiscally constrained plan and what portions are in the visionary plan. Mr. Foisy explained that those portions in the visionary plan can be moved into the fiscally constrained plan as money is made available. Mr. Foisy also discussed the environmental document reevaluation, design considerations, project methodology, air quality impacts and economic impacts.

Mr. Darrell Howard reviewed some of the Policies included in the Plan to implement the goals and objectives, particularly Policy 6 that addressed increases in project costs. After discussion, Mr. Richard Caudle made a motion to adopt the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with a recommendation that the RTP Policies in Chapter 3, Section 3.9 Policy Development, be refined through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee and the Congestion Management Process (CMP) Subcommittee and this Section be presented to the Committees and the MPO for an administrative amendment to the RTP. Mr. Scott Holladay seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Ms. Denise Hornbuckle made a motion to approve the associated documentation of the Public Involvement Process for the Regional Transportation Plan, Rebalanced FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report. Mr. Rod Long seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

### **OTHER**

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

- MPO Subcommittee, May 27, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- MPO, June 9, 2010, 1:30 p.m., RPC.
- Announcement of next Technical Committee meeting for Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m., RPC.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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**APPROVED:**

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Mr. David Hunke, Chairman  
Transportation Technical Committee

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