



April 27, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Technical Committee

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

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2011**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB 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. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer  
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner  
Mr. Randy Kemp, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large  
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large  
Ms. Virginia Williams, At-Large  
Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative  
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT  
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover Engineer  
Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative  
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham  
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large  
Mr. Dave Harris, FHWA (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jeff. County Dept. of Health Chief Meteorologist - Air Division  
Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT Preconstruction Engineer – Birmingham  
Mr. George Henry, At-Large  
Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming

Ms. Alicia Rudolph, At-Large  
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham  
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Mr. Greg Dawkins, Vice-Chairman, City of Birmingham Traffic Engineer  
Represented by Mr. Sedrick Rutledge  
Mr. Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Dept. of Roads and Transportation Representative  
Represented by Mr. Robert Shaw  
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Representative-Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Lionel Harbin  
Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large  
Represented by Mr. Tim Westhoven

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Robert Portera, At-Large  
Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative  
Ms. Mary Margaret Nicholson, At-Large  
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative  
Mr. Scott Cothron, Sain Associates  
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative  
Mr. John Tally, CLASTRAN Transportation Mobility Manager  
Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large  
Mr. Martin Edwards-Clarke, BJCTA Representative  
Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery  
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika, ALDOT Metropolitan Planning Engineer - Montgomery  
Mr. Ron Gore, ADEM (Non-Voting Member)  
Ms. Holly Peterson, FTA (Non-Voting Member)  
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance (Non-Voting Member)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Darrell Howard, RPCGB  
Ms. Cynthia Barton, RPCGB  
Mr. Scott Tillman, RPCGB  
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, RPCGB  
Mr. Shannon O'Dell, RPCGB  
Ms. Lindsey Gray, RPCGB  
Ms. Ouida Fritschi, TCC  
Mr. Blair Perry, Gresham Smith and Partners  
Mr. Ryan Parker, Health Action Partnership / UWCA  
Dr. Steven Jones, University of Alabama

- Ms. Frances Green, University of Alabama
- Ms. Elsa Tedla, University of Alabama
- Mr. Daniel Dye, University of Alabama
- Ms. Laura Beth Pockstaller, University of Alabama
- Ms. Kenyona Pierre, University of Alabama
- Ms. Amanda Wells, University of Alabama
- Ms. Morgan Caivano, University of Alabama
- Ms. Ozge Cavusoglu, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Mr. William Parker, Birmingham
- Mr. George Munchus, Birmingham

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 23, 2011 minutes were approved as written. Chairman Hunke reviewed the actions of the MPO. The MPO approved the 2008-2011 TIP modification and the FY 2011 UPWP modification as recommended by the TTC.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request from ALDOT to modify the FY2008-2011 TIP to include the following:

**ALDOT Requests**

<u>IM-1059Q</u>	100055633	I-59 Paverlaid Surface Treatment, concrete slab and concrete pavement lug replacement, thermoplastic striping, markings and raised reflective pavement markers from north SR-3 (US-31 EB Stephens Exp) to north of SR-79 (Tallapoosa St.)	5/11/2011	PE	5/12/2011	2011	\$250,000	Exempt	Interstate System Projects	5
<u>STPBH-Q</u>	100056169	Interstate lighting upgrade from north of SR-4 (Corridor X, I-22 Exit) to north of CR-120 (Walkers Chapel Rd. Exit)	5/11/2011	PE	5/12/2011	2011	\$150,000	Exempt	Surface Transportation Program – Birmingham Attributable	1

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

A question was asked in regards to the definition of paverlaid surface treatment. With no ALDOT representatives available, Chairman Hunke and RPCGB staff noted that they would get a better explanation of the process and report back to the committee.

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

**UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

Mr. Darrell Howard presented a request by the RPCGB to modify the FY2011 UPWP to incur PL expenses of \$4,975.07 for implementation of the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and in progressively maintaining the State of Alabama Information Technology Security Standard 670-08S1: Secure System Maintenance.

This request is applicable to FY2011 UPWP Task 1.0, Administration, Subtask E, COOP Implementation and COOP-IT. The purpose is to allow the current disaster recovery system room for growth for RPC transportation GIS Data and digital documentation backup in a secure location.

The specific software and hardware is the first required step in the implementation of the COOP in relation to disaster recovery, backup, and retention.

Mr. Randy Kemp made a motion to recommend approval of the UPWP modification as requested. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

**HEALTH ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Mr. Ryan Parker of the Health Action Partnership gave a presentation entitled, "Creating Livable Communities." Information presented by Mr. Parker included the following:

Jefferson County is one of 50 communities working on two national initiatives aimed at preventing obesity and tobacco use through policy, systems, and environmental change. *Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities* is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant that focuses primarily on policy changes aimed at preventing childhood obesity. *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* is a CDC funded grant targeting public health efforts to improve nutrition, increase physical activity, reduce obesity, and decrease tobacco use. Health Action Partnership continues to work across both grants and beyond.

The partners participating in the program include:

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| American Lung Association                  | Jefferson County Department of Health              |
| Better Basics                              | Jefferson County Land Development Office           |
| Childcare Resources                        | Jones Valley Urban Farm                            |
| Children's Policy Council                  | Main Street Birmingham                             |
| Community Food Bank                        | Media for Health                                   |
| Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham | Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham |
| Conservation Alabama Foundation            | Success By 6                                       |
| Freshwater Land Trust                      | The Modern Brand                                   |
| Gateway                                    | United Way   |
| Greater Birmingham Community Food Partners | YMCA   |

### Active Living Initiatives

- Developing greenway master plan for Jefferson County that will connect communities through a network of sidewalks, bike lanes, and walking trails.
- Providing technical assistance to local cities to look at how zoning codes and land-use laws affect physical activity opportunities.
- Promoting Complete Streets policies that would improve safety and accessibility for all users- pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists.
- Providing Safe Routes to School resources and implementing Walking School Bus best practices.

'Our One Mile' Greenway Master Plan: Working with RPCGB and local municipal staff to collect data and identify connectors throughout Jefferson County. A first draft of the plan was created in early April, with the final draft set to be finished in early 2012.

Livable Communities Network: Assisting municipalities in the pursuit of policies, planning, and initiatives to improve the quality of life throughout Jefferson County. Assistance in modifying codes to encourage

- Livable, Walkable Communities
- Mixed Use Development
- Strengthening Existing Communities
- Community and Stakeholder Collaboration

Complete Streets: Designing roads to enable safe access for all users. Drivers, walkers, bicyclists, and transit users of all ages and abilities are considered when planning new roads or renovating existing roads. Working with municipalities within Jefferson County to get policies adopted at the local level. Coordinating with AARP on legislation at the state level.

Safe Routes to School: Working with four local schools to improve safety and encourage more walking and biking. Benefits include reducing traffic congestion, increasing physical activity levels and improving air quality.

Programs-walking school bus

Projects- infrastructure and educational events

Policies- school wellness policies

For more information, contact Mr. Parker at:

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Chairman Hunke asked if this program is being coordinated with the Regional Thoroughfare Plan and how are the projects through this program being incorporated into the Regional Thoroughfare Plan. Chairman Hunke also asked if a similar program could be found in Shelby County.

Mr. Tom Maxwell and Mr. Darrell Howard noted that this program is an ongoing process and is being conducted in conjunction with current RPCGB corridor plans.

### **ALABAMA CHAPTER - AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Darrell Howard gave a report on awards presented by the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association to the RPCGB and the Birmingham Highland Park Neighborhood. Of the ten awards presented at the March 28, 2011 ceremony, four were awarded to RPCGB/MPO related projects, programs or members. The following awards were received:

- **Outstanding Planning Award for a Project/Program Tool**  
RPCGB Building Communities Program
- **Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan**  
Highland Park Neighborhood Association for the "Highland Park Neighborhood Plan"  
This plan was funded through the RPCGB Building Communities Program.
- **Distinguished Leadership Award for an Elected Public Official**  
Mayor Doug Brewer, City of Graysville, MPO Chairman
- **Kenneth J. Groves, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Professional**  
RPCGB Executive Director, Charles Ball  
City of Mountain Brook Planning Director, Dana Hazen

### **OTHER**

Chairman David Hunke discussed the passing of Transportation Citizens Committee Vice Chairman Ms. Doris Powell who passed away on April 13, 2011. Ms. Powell also served as a proxy for the BJCTA Board on the MPO. Ms. Powell was described as the "Classic Citizen Activist," with a never give up attitude.

Attendees described Ms. Powell as the Energizer Bunny who kept going and going. She was instrumental in naming the In-Town Transit Partnership project. Ms. Powell was always courteous, grateful and thankful in everything.

Mr. Darrell Howard then read a resolution in honor of Ms. Doris Powell. The resolution will be signed by the MPO, TCC, TTC and RPCGB before being framed and given to Ms. Powell's family.

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

- MPO Subcommittee meeting April 28, 2011, 1:30, RPCGB
- MPO meeting, May 11, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB

- Bike to Work Day, May 20, 2011, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Railroad Park
- Announcement of next Technical Committee meeting for Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Mr. David Hunke, Chairman  
Transportation Technical Committee

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