



September 14, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
FROM: Mr. Wayne Sullivan, Secretary /s/
SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2011

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Organization was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m., in the RPCGB 1st Floor Conference Room, 1731 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Doug Brewer, MPO Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Thomas Henderson, MPO Vice Chairman, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham
Ms. Virginia Williams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Harvey Henley, District, 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Rod Long, District 4, Shelby County- City of Hoover
Mr. Randall Kemp, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Maxine Herring Parker, District 1, City of Birmingham
Honorable Steve Parsons, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Delor Baumann, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Gene Melton, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Ray Hamilton, District 4, Shelby County
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Kim Rafferty, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham
Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Mr. Walter Jackson, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Ms. Karen Waddlington
Honorable William Bell, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens
Mr. Brian Davis, ALDOT, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Ms. Cindy Hill
Mr. Jesse Jowers, District 4, Shelby County- City of Pelham
Represented by Mr. Josh Osborne
Ms. Tracey Adams, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Andy Mayo
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Sedrick Rutledge
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Marcus Huskey
Honorable George Bowman, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Represented by Mr. Richard Finley
Honorable Jay Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham
Represented by Mr. Jeffery McDaniels
Honorable Larry Dillard, District 4, Shelby County
Represented by Mr. Ray Hamilton
Honorable Ken Gulley, Jefferson County Municipalities
Represented by Mr. Forrest Davis
Mr. Patrick Sellers, BJCTA, Remaining Voting Representative
Represented by Mr. Martin Edwards-Clark

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Mr. Randy Cole, District 4, Shelby County
Honorable Sandra Little Brown, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Alberto Zaragoza, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Tommy Alexander, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Tom Henderson, Sr., District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Othell Phillips, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Melanie Bouyer, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable Loxcil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities
Honorable David Frings, District 4, Shelby County- City of Alabaster
Mr. Robert Caliento, District 4, Shelby County- City of Helena
Mr. Robert Jilla, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member
VACANT, Remaining Voting Representative
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OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Tom Maxwell, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Oscar Berry, U.S. Representative Terri Sewell's Office
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance
Mr. Jim Meads, Sain Associates
Mr. William Parker, Birmingham
Ms. Chandra Abesingha, CEAssociates
Mr. Matt Lacke, JCDH
Mr. Fred Hawkins, EDT
Mr. David Hunke, Shelby County
Mr. David Ricker, City of Birmingham
Ms. Paige Coker, Greater Birmingham Transportation Services
Mr. Bob Portera, Neel-Schaffer
Mr. George Munchus, UAB
Ms. Christy Cahalan, AECOM

MPO Chairman Doug Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Councilor Maxine Herring Parker made a motion to approve the July 13, 2011 meeting minutes. Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT

Ms. Cissy Crowe and Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the Public Involvement Documentation report from the July 20, 2011 Public Involvement Meeting for the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Determination and amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

The meeting documentation included outreach procedures, information presented at the meeting, as well as a summary of comments and questions received.

Mr. Kaczorowski reviewed the comments/responses received during the 21-day comment period. Forty-seven comments were received regarding the Northern Beltline. Seven comments were received in relation to carbon footprints, air modeling, Lakeshore Extension, transit funding, and support for the plans. Comments received during the comment period were included in the final document.

The report can be viewed on line at <http://rpcgb.org/events/2011/06/27/tip-public-involvement/>.

Mr. Kaczorowski announced two public meetings hosted by ALDOT on the Northern Beltline projects. The meetings will be held Tuesday September 27, 2011 at the Gardendale Civic Center and Thursday September 29, 2011 at the Bessemer Civic Center. Both meetings will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Crowe noted that all comments received in relation to the Northern Beltline during the public involvement comment period were forwarded to the ALDOT.

Mr. Scott Tillman reviewed the three resolutions presented for approval for the FY 2012-2015 TIP, Amended 2035 RTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination report. The full documents are available for review at www.rpcgb.org.

Councilor Valerie Abbott made a motion to approve the Air Quality Conformity Determination report resolution. Councilor Maxine Herring Parker seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Ray Hamilton made a motion to adopt the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) resolution. Mayor Gene Melton seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Martin Edwards Clark made a motion to approve the amended 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) resolution. Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Scott Tillman gave a presentation on the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program. The UPWP lists the transportation planning program areas and projects to be conducted in FY 2012 by the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the Alabama Department of Transportation, including third-party contractors.

Mr. Tillman's presentation included the following:

What is required of the MPO process?

- Develop and maintain:
 - Metropolitan Transportation Plan i.e. Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Transportation Improvement Program
 - Unified Planning Work Program

- Congestion Management Process (metro areas of 50,000 people or greater)
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis (federally designated air quality non-attainment areas)

FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program is the Annual Work Program for the Birmingham MPO. It directs and prioritizes MPO staff work, including:

- Required Activities
- Information Management
- Regular Planning Functions
- Support for Partner Planning Agencies
- Special Studies
- New Activities

Why Not ALDOT or BJCTA?

- The RPCGB is Tasked Through the “3C Agreement” to carry out a Comprehensive, Cooperative, and Continuing Planning Process. The 3C Agreement is a formal agreement (Contract) that identifies the roles and responsibilities of the:
 - ALDOT
 - ADEM
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization
 - BJCTA and
 - Jefferson County Health Department (U.S. EPA designee)

The Birmingham MPO Manages:

Funding Source	Federal	Local Match
FHWA - PL	\$1,050,273	\$ 262,568
FHWA - STP (Birmingham)	\$2,185,000	\$ 246,250
FTA - 5309	\$2,493,929	\$ 623,482
FTA - 5316/5317	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
FHWA - CMAQ	\$1,500,000	\$ 0
Total	\$7,279,202*	\$1,132,300

* Excludes \$200,000 in State Planning and Research (SPR) Used by ALDOT for Their Administrative Expenses

\$5.3 million of \$7.3 million Programmed to 3rd Party for Projects and Programs. DBE Utilization is currently at 16%. DBE Participation Averages 12% over Previous 3 Quarters.

Other Notable Expenditures Include:

- \$150k of \$1 million is Programmed to Support Transit Planning Activities
- \$585k is Programmed for Local Planning Assistance (Building Communities)
- \$105k is Programmed for Local Planning Assistance for Transportation (APPLE)
- \$200k is Programmed for Congestion Management Activities

Mr. Tillman then reviewed the resolution presented for approval for the FY2012 UPWP. Councilor Maxine Herring Parker made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program resolution. Councilor Valerie Abbott seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

OTHER

Chairman Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming meetings including:

- Building Communities Conference, November 3, 2011, McWane Center.
- RPCGB Annual Meeting, January 25, 2011, The Club
- Announcement of next MPO Meeting, October 12, 2011, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB- *Cancelled*
- ALDOT Northern Beltline Meetings, September 27 & 29, 2011, Gardendale and Bessemer Civic Centers

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Wayne Sullivan, MPO Secretary

Date