



July 17, 2013

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Citizens Committee (TCC)

**FROM:** Ms. Jackie Dye, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2013**

A meeting of the Transportation Citizens Committee was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 12:00 Noon, RPCGB 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2 Twentieth Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Jackie Dye, Chairman, Shelby County  
Mr. Willie Osborne, Vice Chairman, City of Birmingham  
Ms. Anna Brown, City of Birmingham  
Ms. Peggy Cochran, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Elizabeth Denson, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Joel Gilbert, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Richard Goldstein, South/Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Judy Gordon, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Dr. Johnny Peebles, III, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Pittman Owen, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Thurman Robertson, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Calvin Rumph, Shelby County  
Dr. John Springer, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Phillip Wiedmeyer, South / Southeast Jefferson County

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Ms. Joanne Adcock, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Lawrence Clark, Shelby County  
Mrs. Nancy Clark, Shelby County  
Ms. Ouida Fritschi, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Mr. Jeff Havercroft, Shelby County  
Mr. Bruce Ludwig, South / Southeast Jefferson County  
Ms. Barbara McKenna, East / Northeast Jefferson County

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Butch Ferrell, West / Southwest Jefferson County  
 Mr. Harry Giddens, City of Birmingham  
 Ms. Pat Hall, East / Northeast Jefferson County  
 Ms. Ruthie Royster, City of Birmingham

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
 Ms. Ruth Wright  
 Mr. Paul Godsby  
 Mr. Michael Davis  
 Ms. Sandra Bonner, ALDOT

Chairman Jackie Dye called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum was declared.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Weidmeyer moved and Dr. Johnny Peebles seconded to accept the May 15, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented following requests to amend the FY2013-2015 TIP.

**ALDOT Requests**

<u>BR-3713()</u>	10006 0249	Bridge replacement of Bin #4911 on (CR-65) Minor Parkway over Burlington Northern Railroad	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$311,328	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>BR-5913()</u>	10006 0574	Bridge replacement of CR-52 Bin #3267 over Buck Creek	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$105,465	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>ACAA55554ATRPU</u>	10005 5554	Interchange improvements I-65 at SR-3 (US-31) Exit 231 (ATRIP #59-05-28)	8/14/2013	CN	2/28/2014	2013	\$10,000,000	Exempt	Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program
<u>ST-037-999-011()</u>	10006 0661	Additional lanes on SR-150 from 0.062 miles west of Lake Crest Drive, to 0.45 miles east of I-459, on I-459 northbound ramps	8/14/2013	CN	9/27/2013	2013	\$3,993,169	Exempt	State Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR13()</u>	10006 0787	Section 5309 Transit – City of Pelham Senior Center Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$45,437.50	Exempt	Transit Funds

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

**RPCGB Requests – TAP Projects**

<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Leeds TAP project; FY2013; sidewalks and streetscape improvements – US-78 (Parkway Dr), 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, SR-119, 5 <sup>th</sup> St, 6 <sup>th</sup> St, and 7 <sup>th</sup> St.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Birmingham TAP Project; FY2013; sidewalks and pedestrian improvements near Robinson Elementary, Barrett Elementary, and Ossie-Ware Middle Schools.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program
<u>To be determined</u>	tbd	City of Bessemer TAP Project; FY2013; multi-use trail on abandoned railroad along SR-150 from Fairfax Ave to Berkley Ave.	8/14/2013	CN	8/14/2015	2013	\$500,000	Exempt	Transportation Alternatives Program

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

There were three (3) submittals for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). They all were reviewed and are eligible for funding which will expend all dollars available. ALDOT will have a final review of projects.

The following comments/questions were asked:

1. Morgan Road is a 2-lane road with no shoulders with a creek on each side. It is a dangerous road. Any hope of work being performed on this road? There is a \$10,000,000 project in the TIP to widen Morgan Road through Jefferson County
2. The Pelham Senior Center already has a van. They are either buying another one or replacing the one they have.
3. I-20 West construction does not have sufficient signage to direct cars in the correct direction for visitors and local residents. Ms. Bonner replied that she will check into this with the construction department and ask for additional signage if feasible or clarify that the required signage is provided.
4. Suggest that Leeds people talk to Vestavia people. Sidewalks ready and ALDOT said there were problems and it cost additional time and money.
5. City of Birmingham TAP project: Does this take into consideration the airport expansion? This is a City of Birmingham project and they will coordinate with airport
6. City of Birmingham TAP project: Does this take into consideration the closing of some schools such as Barrett? They wanted to show all they are doing in the area. The solid yellow lines is relative to the TAP project. Sidewalks are still needed in the area regardless of school. They are doing some ADA ramps in the vicinity also.
7. Is there extra funding for ADA ramps? Not specifically. The TAP funds can be used to retrofit.

Dr. Johnny Peebles moved and Mr. Calvin Rumph seconded to move the amendments to the MPO for approval. Motion passed on a voice vote.

## **UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

This a required federal document for the MPO to operate. This UPWP addresses the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), the federal transportation law, requirements.

There are seven task areas in the 2014 UPWP:

- Task 1.0 Administration
- Task 2.0 Planning Information
- Task 3.0 Public Involvement
- Task 4.0 Environmental Process Planning
- Task 5.0 Transportation Systems
- Task 6.0 Program Planning.
- Task 7.0 Special Projects and Corridor Management Planning.

The federal funding source for each task area and project is also identified which totals approximately \$5.3 million in federal funds. Total federal funds available for each source include:

1. FHWA PL = \$1,032,728
2. FHWA STP = \$2,100,000
3. FTA 5309 = \$1,133,742
4. FHWA CMAQ = \$800,000

The following questions were asked:

1. Request to receive the UPWP prior to having to make a vote. It was noted that a link to the website was sent in the meeting notice. If there is a hardship, we can provide a hard copy.
2. It seems like in our area project delays continue. Mr. Cooper, Director of Transportation, has made it a high priority of his to move projects forward more so than there was in the past. He has put in place systems to give the Division office more hands on responsibility for projects. Now you can go to 3<sup>rd</sup> Division rather than Montgomery. Hopefully, this will reduce the time frame. The Birmingham MPO has a program called APPLE which is designed to help cities develop a scope and look at NEPA and costs helping them to identify and come to the MPO with a viable project.
3. How does FY2014 funding compare to previous years? The funding for PL is lower even though our population has increased. Other funding sources are about the same.

Mr. Weidmeyer moved and Dr. Johnny Peebles seconded to move the UPWP to the MPO for approval. Motion passed on a voice vote.

## **TCC NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Willie Osborne, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented Ms. Sarah Stokes, South/Southeast and Mr. Robert Richardson, Shelby County for membership on the Citizens Committee. They have met all the requirements.

Dr. Peebles moved and Mr. Calvin Rumph seconded to approve the nominations as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**OTHER**

Vice-Chairman Willie Osborne reminded everyone that according to the bylaws in Article 3, Section 4

D. Only Officers and RPCGB Director of Planning and Operations are authorized to use the Committee name within their discretion and to issue a position statement for and on behalf of the Committee not inconsistent with the established positions of the Committee.

Mr. Scott Tillman explained that meetings would be cancelled if there is not any business to vote on in order to be considerate and not waste everyone's time. For quite a while, the TCC has been meeting on an every other month basis and it seems to be working well. Also, other MPOs in the state were reviewed and they meet quarterly (4) or every other month (6). Everyone agreed that this was satisfactory.

Mr. Howard updated the committee on the Ambassador program. There was a training event in June and about 15 citizens attended. Outreach efforts through this program are proving to be successful. Staff is in the process of compiling information and comments received. Overall, 120 surveys have been completed online. There are already emerging themes

The list of upcoming meetings were reviewed.

With no other business, the committee adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Ms. Jackie Dye, Chairman

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