



July 24, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chairman /s/

**SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2013**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2 Twentieth Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Rod Long, Vice-Chairman, City of Hoover Representative
Mr. Richard Abel, CLASTRAN
Mr. Chris Brady, City of Vestavia Hills Representative
Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Engineer
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large
Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative
Mr. Chris Hatcher, Operation New Birmingham
Mr. Fred Hawkins, At-Large
Mr. George Henry, At-Large
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative
Ms. Denise Hornbuckle, Traffic Safety Representative
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner
Mr. Blair Perry, At-Large
Ms. Alicia Rudolph, At-Large
Mr. Winston Sitton, Blount County
Mr. Keith Strickland, At-Large

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY

Ms. Sheila Chaffin, UAB Exec. Dir. Campus Planning and Facilities Programming
Represented by Andre Davis
Mr. Scott Cothron, Sain Associates
Represented by Becky White
Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chairman, City of Birmingham Traffic Engineer
Represented by Sedrick Rutledge
Mr. Charles Malone, ALDOT Maintenance Representative-Birmingham
Represented by Jesse Miller
Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large
Represented by Michelle Best
Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large
Represented by Richard Caudle
Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT Preconstruction Engineer – Birmingham
Represented by Dannette Ratcliff

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Alfredo Acoff, ALDOT Environmental Coordinator – Montgomery
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Dept. of Roads and Transportation Representative
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative
Mr. Dan Dahlke, St. Clair County
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large
Mr. Ron Gore, ADEM (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Dave Harris, FHWA (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Jason Howanitz, Jeff. County Dept. of Health Chief Meteorologist - Air Division
Mr. David Hunke, At-Large
Elizabeth Lawlor, Railroad Representative
Mr. Chris Leffert, BJCTA Representative
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika, ALDOT Metropolitan Planning Engineer – Montgomery
Mr. Robert Portera, At-Large
Ms. Abigail Rivera, FTA (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large
Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Willie Osborne, TCC
Ms. Samantha St. John, CLASTRAN
Mr. Zak Robertson, EDT
Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
 Mr. Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
 Mr. Harry He, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
 Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Vice-Chairman Rod Long called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

Attendees introduced themselves. Mr. George Henry made a motion to approve the May 22, 2013 minutes. Mr. Scott Holloway seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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

ALDOT Requests

<u>BR-37130</u>	100060249	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-59130</u>	100060574	Bridge replacement of CR-52 Bin #3267 over Buck Creek	8/14/2013	PE	8/15/2013	2013	\$105,465	Exempt	Bridge Projects
<u>ACAA5554ATRP</u>	100055554	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-037-999-0110</u>	100060661	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-TR130</u>	100060787	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
<u>FTA3C-TR130</u>	100060853	Section 5309 Transit – Shelby Volunteers in Service Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$47,677.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR130</u>	100060816	Section 5309 Transit – City of Montevallo Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$51,889.50	Exempt	Transit Funds
<u>FTA3C-TR130</u>	100060791	Section 5309 Transit – City of Columbiana Capital Rolling Stock (1 MV)	8/14/2013	TR	8/15/2013	2013	\$50,321.50	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 st Ave, 2 nd Ave, SR-119, 5 th St, 6 th St, and 7 th 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

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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 questions were asked:

1. Did the 3 TAP projects consume all available funds? Yes, it did consume the \$1.2 million.

Mr. Doug Hale moved to approve the TIP amendments. Ms. Alicia Rudolph seconded the motion that passed on a voice vote.

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the following information. This a required federal document for the MPO to operate. This UPWP addresses the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st 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

Mr. Scott Holladay made a motion to approve the 2014 UPWP as presented. Mr. Richard Caudle seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

Mr. Darrell Howard presented the 2012 Congestion Management Report that was released in May 2013. The report:

1. Identifying congestion
2. Identifying source of congestion
3. The report does not give any remedies.

In the 2008 toolkit that was developed, it provides different strategies on how congestion may be addressed and is all done at the project level. There are system-wide recommendations that will be in the update to the Regional Transportation Plan using this data.

The following are comments/questions :

1. Negative changes good and positive changes bad? The negative numbers mean we improved. The Travel Time Index ratio is indicated for congestion which is the travel time ratio against the free flow travel time.
2. Points of feedback were given to presenter in May asking if the data could not be just from October and not be just from GPS feedback they were getting. Did presenter get back? The reason October chosen was we had a full month of data to be purchased. For 2012 and 2013 we were able to purchase a full year of data. We have good data for arterials and interstates but not for county roads and local roads because fleets do not travel those roads. We have supplemented with cell phone data but it is really expensive. FHWA announced they have purchased data for entire nation and will make available to MPOs.

OTHER

Vice Chairman Rod Long reviewed the list of meetings of interest to the committee. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

APPROVED:

Mr. Greg Dawkins, Chairman
Transportation Technical Committee

Date