



**MINUTES**  
**TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**March 21, 2018**

A meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m., RPCGB 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2 Twentieth Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Chris Brady, City of Vestavia Hills Representative  
Mr. Matthew Burgess, At-Large  
Mr. Richard Caudle, At-Large  
Mr. Fenn Church, Trucking Representative  
Mr. Matthew Cobb, City of Homewood Representative  
Mr. James Fowler, UAB Campus Planning Representative  
Mr. Doug Hale, Bicycle / Pedestrian Representative  
Ms. Alacyia Hall, Traffic Safety Representative  
Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester, At-Large  
Mr. Scott Holladay, Shelby County Highway Department Representative  
Mr. Matt Lacke, Jefferson County Department of Health Representative  
Mr. Greg Lowe, At-Large  
Mr. Tom Magee, City of Birmingham Chief Planner  
Mr. Blair Perry, At-Large  
Mr. Doug Seagle, At-Large  
Mr. Jeff Stephenson, At-Large  
Mr. Dustin Stewart, Blount County Engineer  
Mr. Lance Taylor, East Central Region Representative  
Mr. Brett Tucker, At-Large  
Mr. Ben Wieseman, REV Birmingham Representative  
Mr. Eric Womack, Shelby County Development Services Representative

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Mr. Dan Dahlke, St. Clair County Engineer Representative  
    Represented by Mr. Blake Phillips  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, At-Large  
    Represented by Mr. Mike Eddington  
Mr. Charles Malone, Birmingham Area Representative  
    Represented by Mr. Roddy Mitchell  
Ms. Sherri Proctor, City of Alabaster Representative  
    Represented by Mr. Brett Tucker  
Mr. Andrew Sullivan, At-Large  
    Represented by Dr. Ossuma Ramadan

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Richard Abel, CLASTRAN Representative  
Mr. Clint Andrews, FHWA (Non-Voting Member)  
Ms. Nan Baldwin, Birmingham Business Alliance (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Ken Boozer, Jefferson County Department of Roads and Transportation  
Mr. Richard Darden, At-Large  
Mr. Andre' Davis, UAB Parking and Trans Services Representative  
Mr. Greg Dawkins, City of Birmingham Traffic Engineer  
Mr. Al Folcher, At-Large  
Mr. Ron Gore, ADEM (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Darrell Howard, At-Large  
Mr. Joshua Johnson, BJCTA Representative  
Ms. Elizabeth Lawlor, Railroad Representative  
Mr. Rod Long, City of Hoover Representative  
Mr. Wallace McCord, At-Large  
Mr. Doug Peterson, At-Large  
Mr. Bob Portera, At-Large  
Mr. Chris Reeves, At-Large  
Ms. Nichole Spivey, FTA (Non-Voting Member)  
Mr. Keith Strickland, At-Large  
Mr. Rob Vermillion, At-Large  
Vacant, ALDOT Design Bureau (Non-Voting Member)  
Vacant, ALDOT Metropolitan Trans Planning Admin (Non-Voting Member)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Sharee Small, Jefferson County Department of Health Representative  
Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Mr. Mike Kaczorowski, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Lisa Smith, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Ashley Ward, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Jeniese Hosey, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Mr. Scott Leach, Garver  
Ms. Melanie Roberts, Gonzalez Strength and Associates  
Mr. Matt Adams, Building and Earth  
Mr. Richard Brown, Building and Earth

Chairman Christie Pannell-Hester called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Richard Caudle moved and Mr. Scott Holladay seconded to approve the January 24, 2018 minutes. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the TIP amendments.

**City of Birmingham request Move the following project from FY2018 to FY2020**

100056176	CMAQ-3700	RAILROAD RESERVATION/1ST AVENUE SOUTH PHASE 2 AND 3 ENGINEERING: 1ST AVENUE SOUTH FROM 18TH STREET TO 32ND STREET AND NORTH TO SLOSS FURNACE.	4/11/2018	PE	10/1/2019	2020	\$312,916	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

**City of Birmingham requests Add the following project to the TIP**

To be determined	CMAQ-tbd	GREENWAY AND ROAD DIET ON RICHARD ARRINGTON BLVD FROM 15 AVE S TO VALLEY AVE	4/11/2018	PE	6/1/2018	2018	\$300,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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These projects are exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

**Pelham requests to Move the following project from 9/15/2019 TO 10/1/2019 (FY2019 to FY2020)**

100067294	TAPAA-CMAQ-TA17(904)	MULTI-USE TRAIL AND GREENWAY SYSTEM ALONG THE SR-3 (US-31) CORRIDOR ADJACENT TO BISHOP CREEK IN PELHAM; PHASES 3 AND 4	4/11/2018	CN	10/1/2019	2020	\$1,478,786	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

**City of Alabaster requests Add \$1,685,818 of CMAQ funding to the following project**

100061118	ACAA61118-ATRP(012)	ADDITIONAL LANES ON SR-119 FROM CR-80 TO CR-26	4/11/2018	CN	2/22/2019	2018	\$12,372,508	Non-Exempt	ATRIP and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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This project is non-exempt and is included in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (see Map ID 978).

**Shelby County requests Increase CMAQ funding for the following project**

100059509	CMAQ-5918	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CR-52 AND CR-93	4/11/2018	CN	6/29/2018	2018	\$950,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

**University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) requests to Modify the Limits of the following project**

To be determined	CMAQ-tbd	13 <sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH - ADD BIKE LANES AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS FROM 1 <sup>ST</sup> AVE SOUTH TO 10 <sup>TH</sup> AVE SOUTH	4/11/2018	PE	10/1/2018	2019	\$370,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

**BJCTA requests to Add the following project to the TIP**

To be determined	CMAQ-tbd	PURCHASE THREE NEW PARA-TRANSIT BUSES	4/14/2018	TR	5/1/2018	2018	\$275,184	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

**BJCTA and ClasTran requests to Add the following project to the TIP**

To be determined	CMAQ-tbd	PURCHASE SIX NEW PARA-TRANSIT VANS	4/14/2018	TR	5/1/2018	2018	\$330,000	Exempt	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
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This project is exempt from regional emission analysis under 40 CFR 93.126. Table 2.

The Committee discussed the TIP Amendments. Mr. Tom Magee moved, and Mr. Doug Hale seconded to recommend approval of the TIP amendments. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **ALDOT UPDATE ON I-20/59 CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Lance Taylor from ALDOT presented the following update on I-20/59 Construction:

Phase A – Reconstruction of 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North 31<sup>st</sup> Street North bridges has been completed.

Phase 1 – Bridge Widening on I-65 over 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North has been completed.

Phase 2 – Reconstruction of I-65 and I-59/20 Interchange ramps is currently under construction. Began March 6, 2016 and is scheduled for completion August 31, 2018.

- If completed on or before August 31, 2018, contractor will receive \$10 million-dollar bonus
- If not completed by August 31, 2018, contractor will be assessed a disincentive \$200,000/day

Phase 3 – Reconstruction of RME Ramps and reconstruction of mainline bridges is under construction. Began March 2017 and is scheduled for completion November 2020.

- Contractor will receive \$250,000/day incentive for early completion with \$15 million maximum.
- Contractor will be assessed \$250,000/day disincentive for late completion with no maximum
- Contract completion date – November 1, 2020. Liquidated damages will be assessed \$35,000/day for late completion

Contractor will have 14 months to close the interstate for demolition and reconstruction of the CBD Bridges.

Phase 3 Milestone – Closing of I-59/20 Bridges. Scheduled to begin late 2018 till late 2019.

### **COMMUTESMART ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Jeniese Hosey presented an overview of the 2017 annual report as follows:

- Reduction in vehicle miles, emission and cost savings to commuters
- Incentive Programs – Get Green and CommuterClub
- Commuter Club Program
- Emergency Ride Home Benefit
- Vanpool program
- Outreach Activities
- Advertising and Public Relations
- CommuteSmart commercial produced by 6Foot5 Productions
- Program audit with SIR involving Strategic stakeholder interviews with key takeaways

Mr. Doug Hale asked if Uber/Lyft was covered under the Emergency Ride home benefit. Ms. Hosey advised that those charges would be reimbursable under this benefit.

**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) UPDATE**

Mr. Mike Kaczorowski presented the TAP update.

- ALDOT applications must be received or postmarked no later than May 1, 2018. Application says “prior to”, but ALDOT confirmed that they could be postmarked on May 1 and still be accepted.
- MPO applications must be received or postmarked no later than May 8. The MPO application is identical to the ALDOT application (except for how and where it is delivered).
- The application has changed significantly from previous years:
  - More ROW detail
  - More Utility detail
  - More Social/environmental impact detail
- The MPO and ALDOT applications can be downloaded from the RPCGB website: <http://rpcgb.org/transportation-alternatives-program>
- The limit was increased to \$800K (\$640K fed) last year and is still the maximum.
- ALDOT plans to have the FY2018 TAP applications awarded in early April.
- The MPO TAP Selection Committee will make their recommendations to the MPO Committees in May.
- ALDOT will automatically enter the FY2018 applications that are not awarded to the list of FY2019 applications.

Mr. Richard Caudle asked if Right of Way and Utility costs could be funded. Mr. Kaczorowski said that they would be considered on a case by case basis.

**OTHER**

Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester presented a List of Acronyms included in the packets for review. Ms. Hester also reviewed the list of meetings.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester  
Transportation Technical Committee

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