



**MINUTES**  
**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**April 11, 2018**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 1:30 p.m., RPCGB, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2 Twentieth Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Allen Armstrong, Blount County Public Transportation  
Mr. Cletus Beard, District 6, St. Clair County  
Mr. Andre Bittas, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Randy Cole, MPO Vice Chairman, District 5, Shelby County  
Honorable Thomas Henderson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Stan Hogeland, MPO Secretary, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable David Jones, District 6, St. Clair County  
Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, ALDOT East Central Region  
Mr. Rod Long, District 5, Shelby County-City of Hoover  
Mr. Tom Magee, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Othell Phillips, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Mr. Clyde Rice, St. Clair County Public Transportation

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY PROXY**

Honorable Valerie Abbott, District 1, City of Birmingham Represented by Mr. Marcus O'Dell  
Honorable Buddy Choat, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
    Represented by Mr. Wayne Sullivan  
Mr. Greg Dawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham,  
    Represented by Mr. Zeke Willis  
Honorable Marty Handlon, District 5, Shelby County  
    Represented by Mr. Brian Binzer  
Ms. Christie Pannell-Hester, District 5, Shelby County  
    Represented by Mr. Chad Scroggins  
Mr. Brett King, Blount County Transportation  
    Represented by Honorable Allen Armstrong  
Honorable Joe Knight, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
    Represented by Mr. Zach Brooks  
Councilor Darrell O'Quinn, City of Birmingham  
    Represented by Ms. Earlene Pines

Mr. Tim Westhoven, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County  
Represented by Mr. Rod Long

Honorable Randall Woodfin, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Represented by Mr. Kevin Owens

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mr. Mark Bartlett, FHWA, Non-Voting Member  
Mr. Slade Blackwell, State of Alabama, Non-Voting Member  
Honorable Jerry Brasseale, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Julio Davis, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Ms. Ruby Davis, BJCTA  
Honorable Mark Hall, District 5, Shelby County  
Mr. Fred Hawkins, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Scott Holladay, District 5, Shelby County  
Mr. Michael Hora, ALDOT, Non-Voting Member  
Honorable Jim Lowery, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Cal Markert, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Scott McBrayer, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Roger McCondichie, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Ms. Zhaleh McCullers, District 2, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Charles Moore, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable William Parker, MPO Chairman, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Stevan Parsons, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Johnny Ragland, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Mr. Allan Rice, District 4, City of Hoover, Jefferson County  
Honorable Gary Richardson, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable James Roberson, District 1, City of Birmingham  
Honorable Rick Shepherd, District 5, Shelby County  
Honorable Jimmie Stephens, Unincorporated Jefferson County  
Honorable Loxil Tuck, District 3, Jefferson County Municipalities  
Honorable Gary Waters, District 5, Shelby County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Mr. Scott Tillman, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Lisa Smith, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Ms. Ashley Ward, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
Mr. Willie Osborne, Transportation Citizens Committee Chairman  
Mr. Keith Strickland  
Mr. Andy Mayo, City of Birmingham  
Mr. Preston Huddleston, Sain Associates  
Mr. Matthew Burgess, Garver  
Ms. Carolyn Buck  
Mr. Lance Taylor, ALDOT

Mr. Randy Cole called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting proceeded with the scheduled agenda items.

### **INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

Attendees introduced themselves. Honorable David Jones moved, and Honorable Stan Hogeland seconded to approve the February 14, 2018 minutes. Motion passed on a voice vote.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Scott Tillman 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	COMPLETE STREET 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	ATRP 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. Osborne stated the TCC recommended approval with the request that one of the Clastran para transit vans use alternative fuels. Mr. Tom Magee stated the TTC also recommended approval. Honorable Allen Armstrong moved, and Mr. DeJarvis Leonard seconded to recommend approval of the TIP amendments. Motion passed on a voicevote.

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

Mr. DeJarvis Leonard 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. Lisa Smith 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

### **TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) UPDATE**

Mr. Scott Tillman 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.

Honorable Stan Hogeland moved, and Honorable Thomas Henderson seconded to approve the TAP Update. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**OTHER**

Mr. Randy Cole reviewed the list of meetings.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Honorable Stan Hogeland  
MPO Policy Committee Secretary

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Date