

Montgomery MPO Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2009

Voting Members

Mr. James Brown
Mr. Roger Burnette
Ms. Valeria Harman
Mr. David Martin
Ms. Ruth Ott
Mr. Blair Rehnberg
Mr. Edward Stevens
Ms. Gracie Stroud
Mr. Theodore White
Mr. Augustus Townes, Jr.

Guests

Mr. David Bollie, ALDOT
Ms. Barbara Hendricks, ALDOT
Mr. Kelvin Miller, MATS

MPO Staff

Ms. April Delchamps
Mr. James Askew
Mr. Robert Smith
Mr. Kindell Anderson

At the regular scheduled meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on September 15, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Montgomery Intermodal Facility Conference Room in Montgomery, Alabama, the aforementioned members were present.

Mr. Robert Smith began the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced that a quorum was reached. He said that he was the chair for the meeting, due to David Sikes being absent, per the bylaws. There was brief discussion of the issue of vacant seats on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Mr. Smith stated that the MPO was aware of the vacant positions, but haven't filled them as of yet.

Mr. Smith moved to Agenda Item #4 Meeting minutes and MPO resolutions from last meeting. Minutes were motioned, seconded and approved.

Mr. Smith continued to Agenda Item# 5. Consider Final FY-2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). There are no changes to document since last time document was reviewed. A 14 day public comment period was completed. No comments were received from the general public. The total budget may decrease slightly because of items held up in City Finance, but not a significant amount. The Final FY-2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) document was motioned, seconded and approved.

Mr. Smith moved on to Agenda Item #6. Consider Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP document. Mr. Smith went through the projects as follows:

Page 2: State of Alabama project to resurface the SR9 (US-331) from the City of Montgomery southern city limits to SR-6 (US-82); 2.05 mile of Roadway. Total Cost: \$2,934,753.

Page 3: Move new Principle Arterial from current year to outer year of TIP. Montgomery Outer Loop north of I-85 interchange, Phase 3, Grade, Drain, Base, Pave, and Bridge on relocation of SR-126, widen I-85 Southbound bridge over Millies Creek, and Grade portions of ramps 1 and 2. Total Cost: \$19,404,724. Mr. Smith said this project was placed on the TIP at the last set of meetings; but upon review by FHWA and ALDOT the funding was determined to be not concrete

Page 4: Move new Principle Arterial from current year to outer year of TIP. Montgomery Outer Loop from south of SR-110 thru I-85 interchange, Phase 5, BSP Outer Loop, service road, ramps at SR-110 interchange and I-85 interchange. It is a total of 2.9 miles. Total cost: \$16,085,517.

There were questions about why the projects have to be shifted to an outer year of the TIP. FHWA's reasoning for moving the projects to an out year. The idea that I-85 extension funds being transferred to the Outer Loop would require a change in law in Congress and a signature by the President; therefore, these funds do not pass the reasonably expected to be available test for fiscal constraint until Congress takes action and the President signs it. Further ALDOT has not committed Stimulus funds to project,

so is not reasonably expected to be available. Lastly, the State DOT is applying for TIGER Discretionary Funds to fund whole loop, and until those funds are awarded they will not be reasonable expected to be available. Amendments were motioned, seconded, and approved.

Mr. Smith moved on to Agenda Item #7. Transportation Projects Status Report. Mr. Bollie stated there are no updates at this time.

Finally, there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.