

Montgomery Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2009

Voting Members

Mr. David Sikes
Mr. Roger Burnette
Ms. Valeria Harman
Mr. Johnny Jackson
Mr. Blair Rehnberg
Ms. Ruth Ott
Mr. Edward Stevens
Mr. Theodore White
Mr. Augustus Townes, Jr.
Mr. James Brown
Ms. Mary Stephens

Guests

Mr. David Bollie, ALDOT
Ms. Barbara Hendricks, ALDOT
Mr. Crews Reaves, Citizen
Dr. Michael Anderson, Consultant
Mr. Kelvin Miller, MATS
Mr. Rod Wilburn, Independent Contractor
Mr. Richard Fangmann, Consultant

MPO Staff

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

At the regular scheduled meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on February 4, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Montgomery Intermodal Facility Conference Room in Montgomery, Alabama, the aforementioned members were present.

Mr. David Sikes began the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced that a quorum was reached and there were 2 guests present: Mr. Crews Reaves, and Mr. Long.

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

Mr. Sikes continued to Agenda Item# 5. Consider Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP document. Mr. Smith went through the projects as follows:

Page 2: State project; Old Farm Lane from SR-6 to Prattville City limits for Preliminary Engineering, Roadway improvements. Total Cost: \$985,000. Mr. Smith asked Mr. David Bollie of ALDOT were the improvements for capacity? Mr. Bollie stated that this is a multi phase project that will go to SR-14.

Page 3: State project for Roadway improvements on US 231 from Athey Road to near Canty Road for PE and CN. Total Cost: \$4.7 million. Mr. Bollie stated this is for corrections, cross sections and safety.

Page 4: State project for Bridge Replacement at SR-206 over the Autauga Creek Bridge. This is for Right of Way, total cost: \$52,000.

Page 5: Transit project for Family Guidance Center of Alabama project for Vehicle procurement using FTA funds. Total cost: \$43,022.

Page 6: Transit project for Montgomery ARC project for Vehicle procurement for several vehicles. Total cost: \$537,862. Mr. Stevens asked would the vehicles come with special equipment. Mr. Smith stated yes.

Page 7: State project at US 231 from Anderson Road to Redland Road, adding an additional lane, this project starts in Montgomery County and ends in Elmore this is for right of way and total cost is \$65,000. Mr. Sikes asked if the bridge could accommodate another lane. Mr. Bollie stated that the bridge is currently wide enough but may be done in the future. Mr. Stevens asked when right of way is acquired if they consider bike lanes for the future. Mr. Smith stated that if financially feasible it is considered. Mr. Bollie stated that they are required to consider all forms of locomotion on each project but that some routes are not bike friendly.

Page 8: State project on US 231 from Redland Road to near CR-200 at the Wetumpka Welcome Center adding additional lane, this is for Right of way. Total Cost: \$65,000.

Page 9: City of Wetumpka project on SR-14 from East End of Relief to West end of Coosa River bridge widening and adding turn lane this is a cost increase from original cost \$250,000 to \$642,891. This increase was requested by the City of Wetumpka.

Page 10: Elmore County project on CR-59 from Marshell road to Redland Road, resurfacing project with total cost: \$1,133,740.

Page 11: Elmore County project on CR-59 from Rifle Range Road to Redland Road, this is a shoulder widening project and total cost is \$210,180. Mr. Burnett asked if the widening would be enough for cyclists? Mr. Bollie stated that it would have scoring on it and wouldn't be a smooth surface.

Page 12: State project for Resurfacing with 2' widening on US 82 in Prattville from CR-40 to SR-206 and SR-206 from SR-6 to SR 14. Total Cost: \$5,060,337. Mr. Stevens asked if the widening would be enough for cars to pull over. Mr. Bollie stated that the widening is not for recovery but more so people don't pull over onto dirt.

Page 13: State project on Taylor Road (SR-271) from US-231 to Vaughn Road. Resurfacing project. Total cost: \$2,335,588. It was noted that this is a heavy truck traffic road.

Page 14: State project to resurface US 231 from CR-89 at Pine level to Dry Creek Bridge. Total Cost: \$6,281,800 using National Highway system and safety funds.

Page 15: State project to resurface and safety widening on US 80 from Lowndes County line to West City Limits of Montgomery just east of CR-103. Total cost of \$2,885,400.

Page 16: State project for resurfacing and safety widening on US 31 from US 80 to the Pine Creek Bridge. Mr. Smith stated that the length of the project should not go into Prattville but should stop just north of County Road 4. Total cost: \$3,059,550

Page 17: State project for resurface on US 80 from Bell Road to I-85 interchange. Total cost: \$1,685,587.

Page 18: State project for resurface on SR-14 from SR-212 to SR-9 and SR-212 from SR-14 to SR-111. Total cost: \$656,950.

Page 19: City of Prattville project, capacity additions on McQueen Smith Road from US 31 to Cobbs Ford Road. This is a cost increase from \$600,000 to \$775,037.

Page 20: City of Montgomery project, Right of way and Construction for Ann Street from Brewton Street to Atlanta Highway. Total cost: \$1,100,000. Mr. Sikes asked if buildings would have to be demolished for this project to be completed. Mr. Bollie stated that it depends on the chosen alignment for the route.

Page 21: City of Montgomery project, right of way on Zelda Road from Ann Street to Carter Hill road. Total cost: \$250,000, Right of way has to be added to comply with Uniform relocation act.

Amendments were motioned, seconded, and approved.

Mr. Sikes moved on to Agenda Item #6. Consider Draft 2009-2013 Congestion Management System Plan. Mr. Smith explained the document and its potential effect on the roadway network. Dr. Michael Anderson gave a brief presentation on the CMS plan on future conditions and how the plan factors into the future. Dr. Anderson displayed how the projects in the LRTP affect the amount of congestion on the roadway network. Mr. Stevens asked if Service roads have been considered in terms of access management. Dr. Anderson stated yes it is a form of access management and that its is a good way to keep traffic down. Cobbs Ford Road was mentioned as a good application of access management. Mr. Smith stated that there were several good examples within the document. Reversible lanes were brought up as an alternative. Document was motioned, seconded, and approved. Mr. Smith stated that a public comment period and public hearing would take place.

Mr. Sikes moved on to Agenda Item #7. Kick-Off Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Smith presented the consultants Jacobs Engineering Group and Mr. Rod Wilburn who will be assisting the MPO is the compilation of the LRTP. Mr. Rod Wilburn presented the plans for the LRTP and its goals, objectives, and the entire process. He explained the timeline for completion as well as public hearings, MPO meetings. Mr. Wilburn continued to state that the data and network used in this update has been improved. Ms. Ott asked what has been done out of the 2030 plan. Mr. Smith detailed several projects that have been completed and this is just a kick off meeting for the upcoming process. Mr. Smith stated that the public meetings will be held around the region at several sites.

Mr. Sikes moved on to Agenda Item # 8 Transportation Projects Status Report. Mr. Bollie stated that I-65 is ahead of schedule and is hoped to finish early. Mills Creek north to the River Bridge will be let this month. SR-14 at SR 143 closer to the Airport an alignment has been sent through to environmental and plan and layout development is upcoming. Bell Street/Gateway project plans are underway just waiting on right of way and then it will be let. Old Farm Lane is scheduled to be let in June of 2009 from Cobbs Ford to the water tower. SR-206 Bridge replacement: the bridge will be closed and the road will be realigned. Calloway Creek at SR-14 will be widened from 2 to 5 lanes to the

existing 4 lanes; FHWA has requested a new environmental document, looking for letting in fall of '09 or winter 2010. Mr. Bollie stated that the River Oaks project (231 in Wetumpka) started in January and has 270 working days to be completed. Atlanta Highway at Oliver Creek Bridge widening has been let and has 150 working days. Eastern Blvd. on I-85 has 150 working days. Mr. Sikes asked what a working day was? Mr. Bollie stated a day that conditions are good enough to work in.

Finally, there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.