

**Montgomery MPO Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2009**

**Voting Members**

Mr. Jon Broadway  
Mr. James Brown  
Mr. Roger Burnette  
Ms. Valeria Harman  
Mr. David Martin  
Ms. Ruth Ott  
Mr. Blair Rehnberg  
Ms. Mary Stephens  
Mr. Edward Stevens  
Ms. Gracie Stroud  
Mr. Theodore White

**Guests**

Mr. Trent Deason, ALDOT  
Ms. Barbara Hendricks, ALDOT  
Mr. Dwight Davis, ALDOT  
Mr. Stephen Stetson, Alabama Arise  
Mr. Kelvin Miller, MATS

**MPO Staff**

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

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At the regular scheduled meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on August 11, 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 2:02 p.m. and announced that a quorum was reached. Mr. Smith stated that Chairman Sikes would not be present and that he would be presiding over the meeting.

Mr. Smith moved to Agenda Item #3 and Mr. Stephen Stetson from Alabama ARISE introduced himself.

Mr. Smith moved to Agenda Item #4 Meeting minutes and MPO resolutions from last meeting. Motion was made to accept and seconded.

Mr. Smith continued to Agenda Item #5. Consider Draft FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Smith stated that he would not go over the entire document but did prepare a summary highlight document and reviewed that page. He went over the prepared highlights of the document as a summary.

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

Page 1: Project is to resurface SR-143 from Interstate 65 to Elmore County Line. Total Cost: \$435,000, state Funds only.

Page 2: Resurfacing SR 143 from North of CR-2 (Alabama River Parkway) to CR-23 (Coosada Rd). Total Cost: \$844,805, state funds only.

Page 3: Retrofit and repair of bridge joints on Interstate 65 between Montgomery County Line to South of SR-6 (US-82 at Exit 179) Total cost: \$432,640, 2.28 miles.

Page 4: Outer Loop construction. North of I-85 interchange, estimated total cost \$15,335,836.

Page 5: Outer Loop Phase 5 from South of SR-110 (Vaughn Rd) thru I-85 interchange, service road and ramps. Total cost: \$12,712,617.

Page 6: Shoulder widening on CR-4 (Rifle Range Road) from CR-8 (Redland Rd) to CR-234 (Mitchell Creek Road) The total length is 6.61 miles and total cost: \$476,911. The committee recommended that the rumble strip be as minimal as possible so that cyclists may ride on the remainder of the shoulder.

Page 7: Transportation Enhancement project for sidewalk construction for the City of Millbrook from the Southern side of Chapman Road from the intersection of Chapman Road and Main Street East to the Millbrook City School entrance. The total length is .45 miles. Total cost: \$99,475.

Page 8: Transportation Enhancement for Landscaping along SR-271 (Taylor Road) at Auburn University at Montgomery. The total length is .25 miles. Total cost: \$12,972

Page 9: Resurfacing on CR-2 (Alabama River Parkway) from SR-143 to CR-60 (Jackson Lake Road). Total cost: \$619,000

Page 10: Resurface, drainage and sidewalk improvements on South Court Street from Fairview to Southern Blvd. PE, RW, UT, CN, Total Cost: \$2,025,000

Page 11: City of Montgomery project proposed to be deleted. Resurface on High Street from Hall Street to Court Street. Mr. Smith explained that a new road rating system was in place and this road no longer needs immediate attention. Total Cost: \$1,560,000.

Page 12: Proposed to be deleted. Resurfacing on Adams Avenue from Court Street to Hopper Street. Total Cost: \$787,405.

Page 13: Proposed to be deleted. Resurfacing on Federal Drive from Atl. Hwy to Cong. W.L. Dickinson Drive, 1.8 miles. Total cost: \$3,800,000.

Page 14: New project Resurface and improve drainage on South Perry Street from Arba to Fairview Ave. 1.8 miles and a total cost of \$1,187,500.

Page 15: New project for resurface and landscape/streetscape improvements on West Fairview from South Court Street to I-65, distance of .81 miles and a total cost of \$1,868,750.

Page 16: Resurface and improve drainage on Washington Ave from Decatur St to Court St and Adams Ave from Decatur St. to South Court St. It is .70 miles with a total cost of \$1,868,750.

Page 17: New road to be constructed from New Park Drive stub-out to Taylor Road. 2.1 miles long with a total cost of \$3,312,500. Total cost with both public and private contribution is estimated between \$10 and \$15 million. The committee formally requested that this project be fully bicycle accessible with bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Mr. Smith stated that the TCC had decided to add some unfunded projects to the list:

1. Resurfacing East Main Street in Prattville from S. Memorial Drive to Virginia Street
2. Resurfacing East Main Street from Shady Oak Drive to McQueen Smith Road. Total Cost of \$440,000
3. Resurfacing on Cobbs Ford Rd from Mc Queen Smith Road to US 82.
4. Elmore County Resurfacing on CR-8 (Rifle Range Road) to Marshall Road. Total Cost \$550,000
5. Pavement Shoulder and Traffic Striping on Fire Tower road from Redland Road to SR-14.
6. City of Wetumpka Riverwalk extension from Fain Community Center to Coosa River Parkway recreation complex.

A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried. General discussion was held among CAC members about projects that involved lane additions and shoulder widening to roadway be given serious consideration and execution of bicycle and pedestrian facilities as a compliment to projects. The CAC entertained a motion and the motion carried that all roadway projects that involved lane additions and shoulder widening are given due consideration and execution for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Mr. Smith mentioned the FY-2009 list Authorized Transportation projects and fund associated with the projects as of July 16<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Mr. Smith moved on to Agenda Item # 7 Transportation Projects Status Report. Mr. Trent Deason of ALDOT Sixth Division commented on the following items:

- The Sportsplex roadway construction project (SR-14 in Wetumpka) preconstruction meeting will be tomorrow and construction should begin within two weeks. The project should be complete within 60 days.
- The US-80 (Atlanta Hwy) from Bell Road to near Walmart Super Center and bridge project at Oliver Creek is close to completion.
- I-65 construction is on schedule for the first part of it. The second portion near downtown and the Alabama River Bridge is scheduled for completion on May 15, 2010.
- The I-85 Bridge at the Eastern Blvd project is complete except for final striping and punch-list items.
- Taylor Road is scheduled for repaving with a November letting date. It is 3.15 miles.
- The resurfacing of McQueen Smith road from Cobbs Ford to SR 14 is set to begin in January.
- Ginn Shop Road is scheduled for resurfacing in January from Co. Road 206 to Hwy 82.
- Perry Hill Road widening and resurfacing is set for January 2010 for now. It has turned into a full stimulus funded project for the first portion from I-85 to Harrison Road.
- The Madison Avenue project is scheduled for January 2010. This will be done with stimulus money. Most of the utility work is underway.

- The bridge over Autauga Creek in Prattville is scheduled to start in November.
- Old Farm Lane in Prattville, near Lowe's, is scheduled for September.
- Widening and resurfacing of Ann Street is scheduled for January of 2010 but will not likely be that early.

Ms. Ott expressed her appreciation for how well ALDOT and the construction crews kept traffic moving through the project at Oliver Creek and at the I-85 and Eastern Blvd project. I-65 has also been handled very well.

General Discussion: Bell Street construction is moving along and the road will be expanded on the north side. There will be plenty of trees to replace those they were removed as mentioned in the newspaper. There will be lots of landscaping from the CSX Bridge to Washington Ferry Road. The Day Street entrance is under construction and is closed. There are two entrance gates open on Bell Street.

Mr. Smith commented that an Amtrak representative will be at the MPO meeting the following day on August 12 and invited the CAC members to attend. Our estimated cost of a study will be no more than \$100,000 for a 274 mile corridor from Birmingham to Mobile. We have two great facilities here with Union Station and the Intermodal Facility as well as more space between the two for future growth and accommodation by Amtrak.

Kelvin Miller said ridership is still increasing over the previous year. MATS are still waiting on stimulus money to make improvements to the transfer center on Fairview Avenue with some Air Conditioning and modernization, bus purchases and other amenities. There is also an enhancement project for a pedestrian bridge which will go from the Culinary Arts Center to the main campus of Trenholm State Technical College.

Finally, there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.