

Metropolitan Planning Organization
Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2010

Voting Members

Mayor Todd Strange, City of Montgomery
Mayor Jim Byard, City of Prattville (MPO Chairman)
Mr. John Lorentson, ALDOT Sixth Division Engineer
Mr. Earl Reeves, Elmore County Commission
Mayor Jerry Willis, City of Wetumpka
Mr. Elton Dean, Montgomery County Commission
Mayor Jon Chapman, Town of Coosada
Councilman Charles Jinright, City of Montgomery (MPO Vice Chairman)
Mr. Jeff Downes, City of Montgomery (Deputy Mayor/Acting Planning Director)

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Kelvin Miller (MATS)
Mr. Dave Harris (FHWA) for Mr. Mark Bartlett

Guests

Mr. Kleob Loflin, City of Wetumpka
Mr. David Bollie, ALDOT Sixth Division
Mr. David Primm, ALDOT Sixth Division
Mr. Richie Beyer, Elmore County

MPO Staff

Mr. Robert Smith
Mrs. Lisa Walters
Mr. James Askew
Mr. Kindell Anderson
Mrs. April Delchamps

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on November 4, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Intermodal Transfer Facility, Montgomery, Alabama, the aforementioned members were present. MPO Chairman, Mayor Jim Byard, asked if a quorum was present. Mr. Smith stated that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order. Mayor Byard expressed condolences to Mayor Willis for the loss of his mother. Mayor Byard also recognized Mr. Ken Groves and his contributions to guide and improve the MPO and the planning process during his ten years as the Planning Director for the City of Montgomery and as the MPO Secretary. Although we didn't always agree on issues he was an integral part of this MPO and we are definitely a better MPO because of Mr. Groves' service. He helped us during a very difficult time and some transition times and he'll be sorely missed. Mayor Byard went on to ask Mr. Smith to prepare a resolution which the MPO Committee could present to Mr. Groves' family signifying his importance to

the MPO. He was vitally important to this city and the region and was a fixture at the MPO. A motion was made, seconded and approved without further discussion.

Mayor Byard asked if there were any guests to be introduced. There were none.

The Chairman moved on to Agenda Item 4: Approval of the Previous MPO Minutes.

The previous Minutes from September 22, 2010 were accepted without further discussion.

Mayor Byard moved to Agenda Item 5: TCC and CAC Advisory Actions.

He asked Mr. Smith or Mr. Downes to discuss the TCC and CAC advisory actions. The Chairman proceeded to introduce and welcome Deputy Mayor Mr. Jeff Downes who was appointed to sit as a member of the MPO at the previous meeting.

Mr. Smith said that there was only one action item for each one of the advisory committees. That action was the approval of the TIP amendments that we have here today. For the most part everything else, as the agenda is printed here, is just FYI.

Mayor Byard moved to Agenda Item 6: FY 2008-2011 TIP Amendments.

Mr. Smith said that he had just received a new project and included it in the TIP today. Mr. Smith reviewed the TIP amendments. He also discussed that if these projects are approved, and based on the constraint table, the remaining balance will be \$1,647,093. The previous balance before these projects was \$4,787,670.

Mayor Strange asked where the Montgomery projects are and how does it shake out in overall money amounts for Montgomery, Autauga, Elmore, and others. Mr. Smith said that Montgomery projects were throughout the constraint table.

Mr. Smith said that the amount Prattville is proposing to program is in-line with the rescission and restoration allocations for fair share equity that was done at the previous meeting. That is because they had not programmed all of what they were allocated based on fair equitable shares and they had about \$1.6 million all together. He discussed the agreed upon fair share allocations from the previous MPO meeting for Montgomery, Elmore and Autauga Counties. He then said regarding the Elmore County project proposals presented based on the fair share allocation and if we do it based on the remaining 2011 balance, minus the amount Prattville still needs to program, they would be over their amount by roughly \$500k-\$600k. He said that Elmore County has proposed one project for \$462k and one for \$694k, and that this combined is over the fair share equity amount that was agreed upon. The \$462k would be roughly in-line based on the fair share for 2011 because the amount they have would be \$463,241 so it would be okay. The project on Page 11 for \$694K is over the fair share equity amount and would not be in-line based on fair share allocation.

After further discussion it was agreed that Elmore County could program the additional funds for the proposed needed TIP project, but that when other project came up for Montgomery that it would not be a problem and that the same would be reciprocated. There being no further discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved to pass the TIP amendments.

Mayor Byard moved to Agenda Item 7: Census 2010 Urbanized Area Draft Criteria Review and Discussion #2.

Mr. Smith explained that review #1 was given at the last meeting. It was based on the previous urban area and the previous urban area population per the Year 2000 with proposed 2010 criteria and applying it to see where the urbanized area would be. Now in this Discussion #2 we'll talk about where we think the new urbanized area will be based on development which has gone on from 2001 through 2009. This is just our (MPO Staff's) estimation at this point. The official information (Census 2010) should come out in a few months (April 2011). A packet describing the methodology was distributed. The highlights of what was determined are as follows. First, there is only a slight possibility of the urbanized area jumping north along Birmingham Highway (US-31) to include Prattville. MPO Staff said that the residential density has remained virtually unchanged between 2000 thru 2009 along Birmingham Highway (US-31), but for the 2010 Urbanized Area criteria the National Land Database will be used to determine exempt areas like wetlands. The National Land Database does not address flood plains. The proposal to change the jump distance from 2.5 to 1.5 miles will definitely impact the viability of jumping the river at Birmingham Highway (US-31) since the jump was not possible in 2000 with the 1.5 mile criterion. A move to increase the jump to 2.5 miles will further eliminate the possibility. One extenuating factor is for the 2010 Census, the US Census Bureau is using a state of the art computer program to determine urbanized areas. It is possible this program will analyze the situation along Birmingham Highway (US-31) to enable a jump across the river but that it is likely to not happen. Mr. Smith said that based on what happened in the year 2000, he believed based on the proposed criteria that Prattville would not be included in the urbanized area and that the Census Bureau would re-affirm the urbanized area as it is with the exception of it growing in southeast Montgomery County. Mayor Byard requested that MPO staff assemble an information packet on the pros and cons of contesting the 2010 Montgomery Urbanized Area if the UA fails again to jump the river. Mr. Smith said that the Census Bureau is virtually autonomous. There was continued discussion about the pros and cons of the urbanized area jumping the river as it relates to the amount of money received for projects. Further discussion was said that if the Prattville Urban Cluster and the Montgomery Urbanized Area were combined to be the 2010 US Census Montgomery Urbanized Area, the increase in population would lead to an increase in funding. There are three possibilities for the area. Mr. Smith said that the first scenario would be both Montgomery and Prattville are an MPO which would mean that the population of the Prattville Urban Cluster would reach 50,000 with the combining of Prattville, Millbrook, Coosada, Elmore and unincorporated Autauga and Elmore Counties. The second scenario is there will be a Montgomery Urban Area and Prattville would

remain an Urban Cluster and we either maintain the status quo or have a change due to the re-affirmation. The third scenario is that the Montgomery Urbanized area encompasses both the Montgomery Urban Area and the Prattville Urban Cluster via a jump along Birmingham Highway (US-31). The MPO members requested the pros and cons of having two MPOs at the next meeting. Mayor Strange asked for the estimated 2010 urban area populations for the urban areas. Wetumpka will be between 6,300 and 6,800, which is a large percentage growth. Elmore County has the most unknowns because of the level of data obtained. The Prattville Urban Cluster should be between 47,000 and 50,000. The Prattville-Millbrook-Coosada Urban Cluster could possibly reach the 50,000 mark necessary to become an MPO on its own. The Montgomery Urban Area Population for 2010 is estimated to be between 210,000 and 215,000. The major growth areas are to the southeast Montgomery County. The large population increase is mainly due to the fact that the 2000 Urban Area stopped at Bell Road Vaughn Road and it was said that everything east of and southeast of Bell would be included in the urbanized area. Mayor Strange requested the current population estimate for the Town of Pike Road. There was discussion on the 100 bus rule in relation to whether a transit agency receives operating assistance. Mr. Smith said that our congressional delegation and the entire congress were aware of the 100 Bus Rule and said that no action had been taken on it at this point. There was also discussion on when 2010 US Census data would be released. Mr. Smith said it would be released in April 2011.

Agenda Item 8: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update Kick-Off Review.

Robert Smith went over the schedule for the first round of public involvement meetings in Montgomery, Millbrook and Prattville. The goal of the meetings is to obtain public input on where citizens would like to see bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The input will be used in addition to the bicycle suitability technical analysis done for the 2035 LRTP. The schedule for the bicycle and pedestrian update including project milestones was distributed. He said that an internet survey will be launched and the input received from the survey will be used to update the bicycle and pedestrian plan. Comment forms will also be utilized to obtain public input.

Agenda Item 9: Old Business Items.

Robert Smith detailed the vacancies on the Citizen Advisory Committee. Two Elmore County nominations and one City of Montgomery nomination were approved in the last MPO meeting. In the package is detail of all committee members and it shows where there are vacancies.

Agenda Item 10: Transportation Projects Status (ALDOT).

Mr. David Bollie and John Lorentson discussed various projects and gave a report on the status of current projects in the MPO Study Area.

Agenda Item 11: Any Other Issues/Business/Concerns. None.

Robert Smith said that the Citizens Advisory Committee make-up is based on population and was supposed to have 25 members. He said that City of Montgomery is supposed to have 16, which amounts to two per council district, followed by Montgomery County 1, Prattville with 2, Autauga County 1, Elmore County 2, Millbrook 1, Coosada 1 and Wetumpka 1. The CAC is tasked with advising the MPO on projects, plan and programs as the come about. A question was asked if a CAC was required. Mr. Smith said that a CAC is not required but public involvement is required. Mayor Strange brought up the subject of Regional Planning. Robert asked if the Mayor meant a plan or a summit. Mayor Strange explained that we need to be planning for the rail and the I-85 extension, and other issues like that affecting the region. Mr. Smith said that the MPO adopted a Long Range Transportation Plan for 2035 in July. Mr. Smith said that the HUD Sustainability grant was not approved, but said that it was for \$1 million to do a regional sustainability plan. Mayor Strange said that we still needed a Long Range Strategic Plan of action similar to what HUD as requesting that included the environmental sustainability for housing sustainability and transportation sustainability. There was further discussion regarding regional strategic planning and what the Mayor meant. It was determined that further strategic long range planning was needed.

There was no further discussion. A motion was made and seconded and passed to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

Montgomery MPO Resolution

To Amend the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

To Add the Following Projects by Addendum

Project Number	Type Work	Project Description/Location	Total Cost	Fiscal Year	County
1. ST-24-AM OJT-SP10 (911) 100055795	SP	Fund for Displaced Workers Recruitment Program to provide highway construction hand on experience (Distance N/A)	\$262,892	FY-2011	Montgomery
Funding Source: Federal on the Job Training (OJT) Funds					
Total Funds:			\$ 262,892		
Federal (100%):			\$ 262,892		
Sponsor – State of Alabama			\$ 0		
Functional Classification – N/A					
New Project					
2. ST-25-AM 99-306-261-014-101() 100055412	MC	Resurface & 2' safety widening on SR-14 from SR-143 to west end of Calloway Creek Bridge (Distance 2.75 miles)	\$ 821,866	FY-2011	Elmore
Funding Source: State Gas Tax Funds					
Total Funds:			\$ 821,866		
Federal (0%):			\$ 0		
Sponsor – 100% State of Alabama			\$ 821,866		
Functional Classification – Minor Arterial					
New Project					
3. NHS-20-AM NH-0021() 100055830	FM	Resurface SR-21 (US-231) from end of 4 lane at Wallsboro to 0.5 miles north of CR-667 (Distance 4.36)	\$ 1,064,866	FY-2011	Elmore
Funding Source: National Highway System (NHS) Funds					
Total Funds:			\$ 1,064,866		
Federal (90%):			\$ 851,892		
Sponsor – State of Alabama 10% Match			\$ 212,973		
Functional Classification –Principal Arterial					
New Project					
4. E-14-AM STPOA - 2603() 100054295	CN	Pave Shoulders and Traffic Stripe on Redland Redland Rd from Firetower Rd to Marshall Rd (Distance 1.5 miles)	\$ 204,750	FY-2011	Elmore
Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Other Area (STPOA) Funds					
Total Funds:			\$ 204,750		
Federal (0%):			\$ 163,800		
Sponsor – Elmore County Commission 20% Match			\$ 40,950		
Functional Classification – Major Rural Collector					
<p>*The previously approved project of paving the shoulders and traffic striping on Redland Rd from Rifle Range Rd to Marshall Rd is being changed to Pave shoulders and traffic striping on Redland Rd from Firetower Rd to Marshall Rd. The previously approved amount for the original project was \$441,869 total dollars (\$353, 495 in federal dollars and \$88,372.75 in match). The total cost of the revised project is \$204,750 total dollars with \$163, 800 in federal dollars and \$40,950 in matching funds.</p>					
5. E-15-AM STPOA-2W03()	PE	Intersection improvements for Redland Rd (CR-8) \$ from US-231 (SR-9) to Rifle Range Rd	237,119	FY-2011	Elmore

100050966 (Distance N/A)

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Other Area (STPOA) Funds

Total Funds: \$ 237,119
Federal (80%): \$ 189,696
Sponsor – Elmore County Commission 20% match: \$ 47,423
Functional Classification – Major Rural Collector

6. **P-10-AM** CN Resurfacing on Wetumpka St. from N. Wash- \$ 250,000 FY-2011 Autauga
STPOA () ington St. to US Hwy 31 (Memorial Dr.)
xxxxxxxxx (Distance 1.09 miles)

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Other Area (STPOA) Funds

Total Funds: \$ 250,000
Federal (80%): \$ 200,000
Sponsor – City of Prattville 20% Local Match \$ 50,000
Functional Classification – Urban Collector

New Project

7. **P-11-AM** CN Resurface on Sheila Blvd from E. Main St to \$ 250,000 FY-2011 Autauga
STPOA () US-31 (S Memorial Drive)
xxxxxxxxx (Distance 1.40 miles)

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Other Area (STPOA) Funds

Total Funds: \$ 250,000
Federal (80%): \$ 200,000
Sponsor – City of Prattville 20% Match \$ 50,000
Functional Classification – Urban Collector

New Project

8. **P-12-AM** CN Resurface on S. McQueen Smith Rd from E. Main \$ 250,000 FY-2011 Autauga
STPOA () St. to US Hwy 82
xxxxxxxxx (Distance 1.41 miles)

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Program Other Area (STPOA) Funds

Total Funds: \$ 250,000
Federal (80%): \$ 200,050
Sponsor – City of Prattville 20% Match \$ 50,000
Functional Classification – Urban Collector

New Project

9. **E-16-AM** CN Widen, level, resurface and traffic stripe on Balm \$ 577,500 FY-2011 Elmore
STPOA () Rd (CR-49) from SR-9 to Peterson Creek
xxxxxxxxx (Distance 3.5 miles)

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Other Area (STPOA) Funds

Total Funds: \$ 577,500
Federal (80%): \$ 462,000
Sponsor – Elmore County Commission 20% Match \$ 115,500
Functional Classification – Major Rural Collector

New Project

10. **E-17-AM** CN Safety widen, level and resurface on Deats- \$ 868,000 FY-2011 Elmore
STPOA () ville Hwy (CR-7) from Millbrook to AL Hwy 143
xxxxxxxxx (Distance 5.6 miles)

Funding Source: Surface Transportation Other Area (STPOA) Funds

Total Funds: \$ 868,000
Federal (80%): \$ 694,000
Sponsor - Elmore County Commission 20% Match \$ 173,000
Functional Classification – Urban/Major Rural Collector

New Project

11. **DEM-2-AM** PE Sidewalk Rehabilitation on the Campus \$ 245,982 FY-2011 Montgomery

DE-A080 CN of Alabama State University
100055868 (Distance N/A miles)
100055862

Funding Source: Federal Demonstration (DEMO) Funds

Total Funds:	\$	245,982
Federal (100%):	\$	245,982
Sponsor – State of Alabama	\$	0

Functional Classification – NA

New Project

11. **ST-26-AM FM** Resurface and widening on SR-14 from .25 miles \$ 94,122 FY-2011 Elmore
HISP-0014 west of CR-3 (near end of 4 lane) to west end of
100055895 Mortar Creek Bridge
(Distance 2.94 miles)

Funding Source: Health and Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) Funds

Total Funds:	\$	94,122
Federal (90%):	\$	84,709
Sponsor – State of Alabama 10% Match	\$	9,412

Functional Classification – Minor Arterial

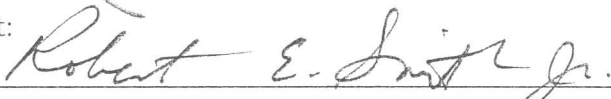
New Project

ADOPTED THIS THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010



Mayor Jim Byard, MPO Chairman

Attest:



Mr. Robert E. Smith Jr., MPO Administrator / MPO Secretary

RES-23-2008-2011 – 16TH in FY 2008-2011 TIP

Montgomery MPO Resolution

Recognizing Mr. Kenneth J. Groves, Director of Planning and Development, MPO Secretary for Public Service on the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization


WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth J. Groves has served on the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization for ten years and provided good leadership and dependability regarding transportation planning and programming policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, he has represented the interests of the City of Montgomery, Montgomery County and the Metropolitan Planning Organization area very well regarding Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization business; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the current Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board hereby commends Mr. Kenneth J. Groves, Director of Planning and Development, City of Montgomery and MPO Secretary for his long standing public service on the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization.

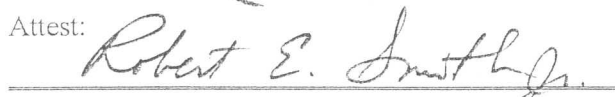
NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization on this the 4th day of November 2010.

ADOPTED THIS THE 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010



Mayor Jim Byard, MPO Chairman

Attest:



Mr. Robert E. Smith Jr., MPO Administrator/MPO Secretary