

Metropolitan Planning Organization
Work Session & Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2009

Voting Members

Mayor Jim Byard, MPO Chairman, City of Prattville
Mayor Todd Strange, City of Montgomery
Mr. Ken Groves, Secretary, Director of Planning and Development, City of Montgomery
Mr. John Lorentson, (ALDOT) Sixth Division Engineer
Mr. Earl Reeves, Elmore County Commission
Mayor Frank Houston, Town of Coosada
Mayor Jerry Willis, City of Wetumpka
Mr. Charles Jinright, MPO Vice Chairman, Councilman City of Montgomery
Mayor Al Kelley, City of Millbrook
Mayor Frank Houston, Town of Coosada
Mr. Danny Chavers, Autauga County Commission
Mr. Cornelius Calhoun, City of Montgomery

Guests

Mr. Dwight Davis, ALDOT
Mr. Joel Duke, City of Prattville
Mr. Joe Meads, Sain Associates
Mr. David Bufkin, Autauga County
Mr. Richie Beyer, Elmore County
Mr. Jerry Peters, City of Millbrook

MPO Staff

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

At the special called work session and meeting of the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on April 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Intermodal Transfer Facility, Montgomery, Alabama, and the aforementioned members were present. Mayor Byard asked Mr. Groves if a quorum was present. Mr. Groves stated that a quorum was present and the work session and meeting was called to order.

Mayor Byard recognized guests in attendance. He went to agenda item number three and talked about the purpose of the meeting being to discuss and make decisions about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds allocated to the MPO for transportation projects. He also further said

that the MPO would discuss project proposals submitted and proposed distribution method proposed. He further said that the MPO had one 2008-2011 TIP amendment project to take action on.

Mayor Byard went on to agenda item number five, to consider the amendment to the 2008-2011 TIP for an economic stimulus project (TR-4-AM) for Autauga County Rural Transportation Program (ACRTP). Mr. Robert Smith discussed the project by saying that it was a project for capital purchases (bus rolling stock, support facilities and equipment and bus signal and communications equipment at a total cost of \$236,156 dollars. The economic stimulus funds for the ACRTP were allocated to ACRTP by the ALDOT for existing rural transit agencies throughout the State of Alabama, and entertained questions. There being none, Mayor Byard entertained a motion to approve the 2008-2011 TIP amendment for the FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The motion was seconded and approved as presented.

Mayor Byard went to agenda item six and asked Mr. Robert Smith discuss the item. Mr. Smith did power point presentation on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). He said that the presentation was prepared by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, DC headquarters and was made available to all MPOs, State Departments of Transportation and any other agencies that wanted or needed it. Mr. Smith did the power point presentation and entertained questions throughout with assistance from Dave Harris of the FHWA.

Mayor Byard went to agenda item number seven and asked Mr. Robert Smith to discuss the item. Mr. Smith discussed all ARRA transportation project proposals submitted as well as dollar amounts. He said after going through the project proposals that more project proposals were submitted than the MPO had ARRA funds for. He then discussed a survey of how ARRA fund were distributed done or proposed by other MPOs in the Alabama. He then discussed the Montgomery MPO ARRA funds distribution method that he had prepared for use by the MPO. There was some discussion about the Federal government not allowing the distribution of federal funds by MPOs using formulas. Mr. Smith said that the law was correct, but said that there was a caveat that allowed use of a distribution funds formula if there was undue burden to do so. He described the undue burden of funds being allocated to the MPO being based on the Montgomery urbanized area population only/City of Montgomery per capita, and the fact that the funds had been being used by all MPO area governments. After discussing and understanding the law, the MPO used the MPO Staff's prescribed distribution method as used by other Alabama MPOs to distribute the MPOs \$6,822,999 in ARRA funds.

The MPO decided on five (5) projects. Two for the City of Montgomery at a cost of \$4,800,000 (Perry Hill Rd from I-85 interchange to Harrison Rd widening and resurfacing construction at \$2,400,000) and

(Madison Ave from Ripley to Coosa St resurfacing construction at \$2,400,000). Two for the City of Prattville at a cost of \$959,780 (Gin Shop Hill Rd from west of 4th Street to US-82 resurfacing at a cost of \$219,780) and McQueen Smith Rd from SR-14 to East Main St at Cobbs Ford Rd at a cost of \$740,000). One project for Elmore County at a cost of \$1,063,219 (Resurface Alabama River Pkwy from SR-143 to Toll Bridge at a cost of \$1,063,219). The remaining balance of funds associated with the Elmore County resurfacing of Alabama River Pkwy was allocated non ARRA funds at a cost of \$108,941 in federal funds.

There was no further discussion. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.