

Montgomery Area Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2010

Members

Mr. Richie Beyer (Elmore County)
Mr. Bubba Bowden (City of Montgomery)
Mr. David Bufkin (Autauga County)
Mr. Patrick Dunson (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Ken Groves (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Dave Harris (FHWA)
Mr. Kleob Loflin (City of Wetumpka)
Mr. John McCarthy (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Kelvin Miller (MATS)
Mr. Jerry Peters (City of Millbrook)
Mr. Stuart Peters (Town of Coosada)
Mr. Robert Smith (MPO Staff)
Mr. Tommy Tyson (City of Montgomery)

Guests

Mr. Clint Andrews (FHWA)
Mr. Kevin Boone (Elmore County)
Mr. Stan Cauthen (Johnson & Associates Engineers)
Mr. Dwight Davis (ALDOT)
Mr. Reginald Franklin (CARPDC)
Ms. Jennifer King (Jacobs Engineering)
Ms. Debra Pelt (ALDOT)
Mr. George Stathopoulos (City of Prattville)
Mr. Rod Wilburn (J.R. Wilburn)

MPO Staff

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

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on June 14, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the City of Montgomery Intermodal Transfer Facility in the conference room, 495 Molton Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, the aforementioned members were present. The

meeting was called to order by Mr. Ken Groves. Mr. Groves announced that a quorum was present and guests were introduced.

Mr. Groves moved on to Agenda Item 4. Mr. Smith changed the Agenda to have the Minutes approved in Item 4. Two sets of Minutes needed to be approved. One set is from the March 23, 2010 regular meeting and the other Minutes are from the special called meeting on May 5, 2010. The Minutes passed unanimously and without discussion.

Mr. Groves moved on to Agenda Item 5: Consider Proposed Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP. Mr. Smith reviewed the amendments.

Page 1) This is a City of Prattville project for the widening and resurfacing of CR-75 (McQueen Smith Rd.) from SR-3 (US-31, S. Memorial Drive) to CR-2 (Cobbs Ford Rd.) The cost is \$999,829 and is 100% congressional earmark funds.

Page 2) This State of Alabama project is for resurfacing on SR-14 from SR-6 (US-82) to SR-3 (US-31). This will use NHS funds in the amount of \$1,191,899.

Page 3) This State project will use \$250,000 in TE funds for Gateway Landscaping on Clay and Herron Streets.

Page 4) This project is for PE work on I-85 for additional lanes and median widening from .4 miles east of SR-271 (Taylor Rd) to Jenkins Creek. Total NHS funds for this State of Alabama project will be \$1,000,000.

Page 5) This is for SR-108 (Outer Loop) from west of SR-9 (US-331) to west of CR-39 (Woodley Rd) and includes the interchange at US-331. The projects total cost is \$300,000 and will use NHS funds. This is a State of Alabama project. Mr. Harris asked if the project was requested by ALDOT and Mr. Smith confirmed that it was.

Page 6) The project is sponsored by the Montgomery County Commission not the State as it is listed. This will be to resurface CR-40 (Meriweather Rd) from SR-6 (US-231) to CR-85 (Pike Rd). The project is proposed to increase by \$148,548 to result in a total of \$754,245. Mr. McCarthy asked if the road would have any bike lane work added to it since it is one of the Bicycle Project Roadways. Mr. Smith replied that it would not. The project is strictly for resurfacing. The county is making the signs for the Bicycle Roadways from 100% gas tax money, though. We are still financially constrained.

Page 7) this is a State of Alabama project involving Landscape Improvements on Dexter Avenue and Bainbridge Street. This streetscape work will use TE funds totaling \$5,000,000. The start date is set for 12-15-2010. There was no further discussion pertaining to the TIP Amendments. A motion was made to accept the amendments and they passed unanimously.

Richie Beyer had a question about why the Airport Road project was not showing as a project that was authorized. He said that they had let the project earlier in the year. Mr. Smith said that he would check on why the project didn't show-up in the report.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item 6: Consider Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Smith gave a summary of the document via highlights.

He said FY-2011 funding allocation is \$350,318 in Federal planning funds from FHWA and FTA, an \$112,000 difference (less than) from FY-2010. He said no funds would be carried over from FY-2010 to FY-2011 due to the two year none rollover policy by ALDOT.

The total FY 2011 Draft UPWP budget is \$437, 898 with a local match of \$87,850. This is about \$140,000 less than last year.

FHWA and FTA funds will be combined again this year just as they were for the past few years. This is being done for better management purposes. The budget pays for five staff salaries, all the planning and programming work related to all the required documents that we have to prepare, public hearings, and many others. We will not have any funds set aside in this new budget for consulting work; all work will be done by the MPO staff. The key document we'll prepare in 2011 will be the FY 2012-2015 TIP. We will also perform the annual rebalancing of the TIP. After we finish adopting the 2035 LRTP we plan to start the Montgomery Study Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update as a work item. We'll hope to finish it by the first or second quarter of next fiscal year.

Air quality modeling and conformity regulations will come into play this year. We have started air quality model training. Mr. Harris commented that there will be a training day on July 28, 2010 at 9:30 at the Intermodal where everything will be introduced. This will be on the basics of Air Quality Conformity. Early EPA numbers indicate that almost all MPO's in the state will be in non-attainment. FHWA is holding a number of workshops and training days with

different MPO's. Technical committee members are also invited to attend since you will be voting on projects. Mr. Bowden asked if we would get additional funds like Jefferson and Shelby Counties had. Mr. Harris replied that they would not get additional funds, and that funds would have to be share by all MPO's statewide until a new transportation bill is passed with a big enough amount for the whole state of Alabama. He said the formula for CMAQ funds is done with every transportation bill. In the past it has been all about Birmingham so the formula is based on Birmingham's population. Until there is a new transportation bill you will still be working with the old formula. If there are new MPO's in non-attainment, they will take a portion of the Birmingham areas money. Mr. McCarthy asked if there was a way to get service patrols if we were in non-conformity and if they would be eligible for funding. Mr. Harris stated that the MPO would have to wait for a new transportation bill. CMAQ is good for three years of start-up activity then you would have to convert to a new source. Mr. Smith asked if the two-year time frame to get in compliance with the new rules was correct. Mr. Harris replied that there is a grace period built in. It is really just one year then if you can't demonstrate conformity the grace period begins. For one year you are not subject to the sanctions of being like in a lapse and not being able to proceed with capacity projects. You basically get a one year bye from the changes Congress has made. Mr. Smith stressed to everyone that they need to quickly turn in any projects they want done. Mr. Harris stated that anytime you have a new project, you will do the air quality assessments in the requirements. Any time you add or delete a project to the TIP of the Long Range Plan you'll need to go through this analysis. There is a long list of exempt projects that you don't need to run the model for like resurfacing, signalization, turn lanes, safety projects, etc.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Draft FY-2011 UPWP. The document was passed unanimously.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item 7: Draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update Review. Mr. Rod Wilburn presented the update with aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Smith commented that we now have the sidewalk inventory and this is the first time in at least a decade that we have had the entire transportation network mapped showing existing and needed sidewalk projects. There is still plenty to be done. We wish we had it captured down to the local subdivision level now but that is a future goal. We also have a complete, existing land-

use map now. The TCC didn't take any action on the 2035 LRTP due to not having enough time to review.

Agenda Item 8: Projects Status Report (ALDOT).

Mr. Deason stated there was no ALDOT report for today.

Agenda Item 9: Other Issues/Business/Concerns

Mr. McCarthy asked about the location in the document for lists and location maps of sidewalk plans. Mr. Smith responded that the analysis begins on Pages 5-42 and continues through page 5-50. The plans for the 396 miles come from the 2003 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and additional information we've added since then.

Mr. McCarthy expressed his desire to make sure Montgomery does not build any pedestrian walkways or sidewalks beside roads without curbs. Curbing is an extra safety mechanism to deflect tires which is very important. The document should reflect "curb and sidewalk". Mr. Anderson stated that the cost estimates include curb and gutter. Mr. McCarthy asked what cost estimates were derived from. Mr. Smith said that the cost estimates were based on ALDOT official cost estimating guide for sidewalks. He said that he would get Mr. McCarthy a copy of the document to confirm.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.