

Montgomery MPO Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2009

Members

Mr. Robert Smith (MPO Staff)
Mr. Ken Groves (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Richie Beyer (Elmore County)
Mr. Mike Bennage (MARC)
Mr. Patrick Dunson (City of Montgomery)
Mr. David Bollie (ALDOT)
Mr. Jerry Peters (City of Millbrook)
Mr. James Kelley (Montgomery County)
Mr. Kleob Loflin (City of Wetumpka)
Mr. David Bufkin (Autauga County)
Mr. Tommy Tyson (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Stuart Manson (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Bubba Bowden (City of Montgomery)
Mr. Joel Duke (City of Prattville)
Mr. George Speake (Montgomery County)
Mr. Greg Clark (CARPDC)
Mr. Kelvin Miller (MATS)
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika (ALDOT)
Mr. Stuart Peters (Town of Coosada)

Guests

Mr. Kevin Boone (Elmore County)
Mr. Bill Couch (ALDOT)
Ms. Candy Masters (Landmark Engineering-Auburn)
Mr. John Broadway (Job Link-Easter Seals, CAC)
Ms. Barbara Hendrix (ALDOT)
Mr. Reginald Franklin (CARPDC)
Mr. Rod Wilburn (Consultant to MPO)
Mr. Richard Fangmann (Consultant to MPO)
Mr. Shawn Capps (FHWA)
Mr. Gus Townes (CAC, Job Link-Easter Seals)

MPO Staff

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

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on April 21, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the City of Montgomery Intermodal Transfer Facility in the conference room, 495 Molton Street, Montgomery, AL 36106, the aforementioned members were present. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ken Groves. Mr. Groves announced that a quorum was present. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Mr. Groves moved on to Agenda Item 4: approval of minutes. The Minutes passed unanimously and without discussion.

Mr. Groves moved on to Agenda Item 5: Consider Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP. Mr. Smith reviewed the amendments. Mr. Groves commented that the Outer Loop Interchange would be straight Federal Funding while the other portions of it may include public and private partnership including a toll facility. Mr. Groves invited a motion to accept all amendments or consider them individually. A motion was made to accept all amendments and they passed unanimously.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item 6: Consider Final 2009-2013 Congestion Management System Plan. Mr. Smith said there were no real changes from the Draft plan. We did go through our fourteen day comment period and held one public hearing. Documentation is included in the package. We did have two comments from the ladies on Perry Hill Road.

There were no questions or comments. Mr. Groves asked for a vote to approve the Final Plan. The Final Plan passed unanimously.

Mr. Groves moved on to Agenda Item 7: Consider 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment Number Two (2). Mr. Smith explained the amendment and several factors affecting the Outer Loop project. A motion was made, seconded and the Amendment passed unanimously.

Mr. Loflin asked about having a project for the City of Wetumpka added to the 2030 or 2035 LRTP and getting started with the PE portion. Mr. Smith asked that the City of Wetumpka submit the project with PE, Right of Way, Utilities, and Construction for review.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item 8: Update of Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Wilburn and Mr. Fangmann gave an overview and update of progress. Mr. Fangmann also pointed out that the plan will contain a Transit Component for the first time. Mr. Smith and Ms. Delchamps gave an overview of the 2005 and 2035 Socio-Economic Data.

Mr. Broadway expressed concern that those citizens in the “unmet needs” category would not be accounted for in the transit component. Mr. Wilburn and Mr. Smith assured him that they would be and described how they would be accounted for.

Mr. Loflin asked if the Casino in Wetumpka would be considered as a Special Generator. Mr. Smith said that it has almost 1000 employees so it probably would be considered that way but will have to be decided based on initial model runs for trips coming in and out of the TAZ.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item 9: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) 2009 Funding and Project Proposals. He stated that the MPO will get \$6,822,999 in stimulus funds. Each participating jurisdiction submitted projects totaling at least this much money. We want to make sure that each jurisdiction gets a big enough share of the money to get a project done. He said that Mayor Strange’s idea was that since the stimulus money was generated on a population basis we’ll use that to calculate the amount we would allocate for each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction would allocate among themselves, by county, based on that same formula. So, Montgomery County constitutes 72% of the population and would get \$4.9 million. Elmore County makes up 15% and would get a little over \$1 million. Autauga makes up 13% and would get \$800,000 to \$900,000. Mayor Strange said we should give at least \$1 million to Elmore and Autauga Counties. This does NOT include the \$200-\$250,000 from ALDOT for each county in Alabama. Mr. Bollie said the ALDOT money for each county would actually be \$265,000.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item 10: Projects Status Report (ALDOT).

Mr. Bollie stated that the I-65 project from Mill Street Bridge to the AL River Bridge has been let. It was actually let in February and is scheduled to be completed by May 15, 2010. The low bid was \$15 million.

The Bell Street Gateway project will be let on Friday, April 24, 2009. This will cover construction, widening, grade, base, pave, signals, irrigation. This will go from Maxwell to the CSXT Bridge

The intersection of SR-14 and SR-143 will have a temporary fix with signals and a turn/acceleration lane until SR-14 is realigned.

ALDOT is working on TE Stimulus Projects. Ours is the first division to get started on this. Montgomery has already completed theirs. We normally have two years to get everything done for TE projects. We'll have until early October 2009 to get these finished. The City of Millbrook should come in on Thursday. These still have to go through the entire federal process.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.