

**Montgomery Technical Coordinating Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**February 4, 2009**

**Members**

Mr. Robert Smith (MPO Staff)  
Mr. Richie Beyer (Elmore County)  
Mr. Chris Conway (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. Patrick Dunson (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. David Bollie (ALDOT)  
Mr. Jerry Peters (City of Millbrook)  
Mr. James Kelley (Montgomery County)  
Ms. Janice Whorton (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. Ken Groves (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. George Speake (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Stuart Peters (Town of Coosada)

**Guests**

Mr. Kevin Boone (Elmore County)  
Ms. Barbara Hendrix (ALDOT)  
Dr. Michael Anderson (UAH)  
Mr. Rod Wilburn (Consultant to MPO)  
Mr. Richard Fangmann (Consultant to MPO)  
Mr. Shawn Capps (FHWA)  
Mr. Crews Reaves (EMNA)

**MPO Staff**

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

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At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on February 4,, 2009 at 10:00 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. All people present introduced

themselves. He gave a brief review of the current economic stimulus plans, in the House and Senate, as they stood at 9:30 a.m. that morning.

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. He also stated that some of the projects may use stimulus money. Mr. Groves commented that the Stimulus Bill does not allow us to waive any of the process so all projects still have to go through all the steps.

Page 10 and Page 11 contain Project Numbers NU-1-AM and HR-1-AM, respectively. Mr. Beyer pointed out that these two are Elmore County projects and not State projects as was listed. Additionally, Project HR-1-AM is for Shoulder Widening and not resurfacing. The county sponsored project will add three feet on each side.

Mr. Bollie (ALDOT) pointed out that any State sponsored project which says Resurface and Safety Widening will be two feet on each side.

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 Draft 2009-2013 Congestion Management System Plan. Dr. Michael Anderson (UAH) presented the plan. There were no questions or comments following the presentation. Mr. Groves asked for a vote to approve the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan passed unanimously.

Mr. Beyer asked a question concerning the TIP, State Projects, and the Stimulus. He stated that the comment was made that they may be coming back to amend the TIP if there are projects from all areas with stimulus needs with plans in hand and ready to go. Has there been any discussion about how to bring those projects back to this group shortly after that bill passes? Are you assimilating a list now from local governments?

Mr. Groves said just to submit them to MPO Staff. Mr. Groves added that those on the Classified Road network are relatively easy while those that are not will take an extra step. The MPO

process has to be observed concerning the Stimulus money. The talk is that when the bill is passed, we'll have 90 days to be under construction. Mr. Groves said to expect a called meeting, by necessity, to talk about any of those projects. A list is being assimilated now and the State already has theirs in.

Ms. Whorton asked about Transportation Enhancement Projects. Mr. Groves said there is a call out for Enhancement Projects. Mr. Smith added that it will only be for Unfunded Projects, not new ones. The Stimulus money will be 100% with no match and the same for Unfunded Enhancements. Ms. Whorton asked about their Riverwalk Project, which was cut back, and whether that would qualify. Mr. Smith said to talk with Mr. Cecil Colson (ALDOT).

Mr. Groves moved on to agenda item # 7: Kick-Off Year 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Smith introduced Rod Wilburn and Richard Fangmann as consultants for the plan. Mr. Wilburn explained the scope, methodology, and goals of making the plan. Ms. Delchamps (MPO Staff) discussed the collected socioeconomic data.

Mr. Groves moved to Agenda Item #8: Transportation Projects Status Report (ALDOT). Mr. Bollie stated that the preferred alignment for the intersection of SR 143 and SR 14 in Elmore County has been sent to the Environmental Technical Section and final approval is pending. The Bell Street Gateway project is still on schedule to be let. The Tallapoosa River Parkway widening project scope was revised to include the northbound relief bridge to accommodate the additional lane to Redland Road. The first phase of the Old Farm Lane project is scheduled to be let on June 26, 2009 pending ROW and Environmental approval. The SR 206 project over Autauga Creek is scheduled for a June 26, 2009 letting. There will be road closures and a detour.

Mr. Bufkin asked if they had started any ROW work because the county had not been contacted yet and it owns all of the property. Mr. Bollie asked that the county talk to Craig Taunton. The project to widen SR 14 from 2 lanes to 5 lanes from Callaway Creek Bridge to the existing 4 lanes is currently scheduled for a June 26, 2009 letting but that may become a Fall of 2009 or a 2010 letting. Instead of a re-evaluation, the FHWA has requested a new environmental document on the project.

The River Oaks project in Wetumpka has been let. The Notice to proceed started on January 3, 2009.

At 270 working days, I-65 is ahead of schedule which has a Must Complete date of October 15, 2009.

The Oliver Creek Bridge Notice to Proceed started the first week of January and has 150 working days.

The Eastern Bypass Bridge widening also got a notice Proceed on January 5, 2009 and has 110 working days. The bridge will be widened and provide a longer stacking lane. FHWA nixed the idea of any cloverleaf type design.

Mr. Groves asked for any other comments.

Mr. Duke asked if the Ride Share program has begun. He also asked if there was any publicity about the program. Mr. Smith said it has started but he did not know how many people have registered. He stated that ADECA had done some sort of Kickoff of the program. There is not really any publicity unless we have a newspaper reporter write something, which was in the plans to do at some point in the near future.

All in favor of adjournment please rise. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.