

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

**March 23, 2010**

**Members**

Mr. Robert Smith (MPO Staff)  
Mr. Richie Beyer (Elmore County)  
Mr. James Kelley (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Kleob Loflin (City of Wetumpka)  
Mr. David Bufkin (Autauga County)  
Mr. Tommy Tyson (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. Joel Duke (City of Prattville)  
Mr. George Speake (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Kelvin Miller (MATS)  
Mr. Stuart Peters (Town of Coosada)  
Mr. Jerry Peters (City of Millbrook)  
Mr. Greg Clark (CARPDC)  
Mr. David Bollie (ALDOT)  
Mr. John McCarthy (City of Montgomery)  
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika (ALDOT)

**Guests**

Mr. Kevin Boone (Elmore County)  
Ms. Holly Oleson (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. Bryan Fair (ALDOT)  
Ms. Jennifer Anderson (CARPDC)  
Mr. Walter Herron (ALDOT)  
Mr. Daryl Strickland (Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood)  
Mr. Max Vaughn (Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood)  
Mr. Stan Cauthen (Johnson Associates)  
Mr. Shawn Capps (FHWA)

**MPO Staff**

Ms. April Delchamps  
Mr. Kindell Anderson

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At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on March 23, 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. Robert Smith. Mr. Smith announced that a quorum was present. Several guest attended and they introduced themselves.

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

Mr. Smith pointed out that some resolutions were also added. He stated that there was one resolution many of the members may not have known about. It was an administrative resolution requested by ALDOT to put the remainder of the stimulus funds into a project on Taylor Road. The amount was for \$897,771 and it was needed to make sure those funds were obligated and not lost. Funds will likely be taken from this one if there are overruns on any other stimulus projects. All of our economic stimulus funds have been obligated to this point.

Agenda Item 5: FY-2008-2011 TIP Amendments. Mr. Smith read and reviewed the projects. ALDOT has informed us that there are no funds available for the Outer Loop projects listed on pages 9-13. The one project in the state which was awarded TIGER funds is a freight rail intermodal project in Birmingham. Our high speed rail study was approved for \$200,000 and would run from Mobile to Montgomery to Birmingham.

Mr. McCarthy suggested an improved base map for the TIP project pages. The current base map leaves out some newer details and improvements.

Mr. Smith asked if the sign rehab was contracted out by ALDOT. Mr. Bollie replied that anything involving federal funds would be contracted out. If it is state funds then ALDOT may do the work. The TIP Amendments passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith moved to Agenda Item 6: Project Status Report (ALDOT). Mr. Bollie commented on some of the stimulus project money. The money had to be obligated so they allocated it to Taylor Road. They would later take the \$800,000 away and put it toward other things.

The \$800,000 was based on the engineers estimate and not on the bid amounts. They decided to keep it in the MPO area and put it on Taylor Road. All projects came in a lot lower than ALDOT was expecting. One came in much higher than expected and theirs was the only bid. The city needs to sign the supplemental agreement. The award is being held until the supplemental is signed. If you don't then the city will get a \$300,000 bill instead of the 80/20 split.

Mr. Beyer asked about delays to construction starts for stimulus projects. Mr. Bollie commented that projects using stimulus funds are not allowed to delay start dates.

Mr. Smith moved to Agenda Item 7: Other Issues, Business, and Concerns.

Mr. Smith commented that the LRTP is continuing. Public Involvement meetings were held in February. We'll have a needs assessment meeting in April. We should have a draft plan together by mid to late April. We'll meet to try to approve the draft plan and then start the public process with the 14 day public comment period. Then we'll move on to try to get the 2035 LRTP approved based on everyone's needs and wants. We probably will not have enough money to put all the wants in and maybe not enough to put all the needs in. If you need the funding forecast or other LRTP information it is on the MPO website.

Mr. Bollie asked for the members to ask their officials not to put PE, ROW, and CN all in the same fiscal. Get some small projects in so you can start spending the money. We do not want any money to be taken back so you need to start spending it. Mr. Duke asked about criteria for urbanized areas. Mr. Smith said they had published some criteria and it will involve more than just population. We hope to reach the 200,000 population so we don't have to worry about it. If we make the threshold we'll have to see how to fund our transit. We get about \$2.6 million now but would lose some. Some preliminary Census info will likely come out in early 2011.

As mentioned earlier, we did get the approval for the high speed rail study. We have the \$200,000 approved and now must raise \$200,000 in match money. Mr. Smith said he had originally proposed a 3 way split between Mobile, Montgomery, and Birmingham resulting in \$66,666 for each city or trying to have a 6 way split. We were the only ones in Alabama to apply. There was also \$750,000 given to the Georgia DOT for a high speed rail study from Atlanta to Birmingham.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.