

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

**December 12, 2006**

**Members**

Mr. Ken Groves, Chairman  
Mr. Robert Smith (MPO Staff)  
Mr. Richie Beyer (Elmore County)  
Mr. Bubba Bowden (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. David Bufkin (Autauga County)  
Mr. Chris Christensen (MARC)  
Mr. Greg Clark (CARPDC)  
Mr. Sam Clifton (Town of Elmore)  
Mr. Chris Conway (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. Joel Duke (City of Prattville)  
Mr. Patrick Dunson (City of Montgomery)  
Ms. Carol Hall (ALDOT)  
Ms. Connie Hand (Town of Coosada)  
Mr. Dave Harris (FWHA)  
Mr. Stuart Manson (City of Montgomery)  
Mr. Kelvin Miller (MATS)  
Dr. Emmanuel Oranika (ALDOT)  
Mr. Jerry Peters (City of Millbrook)  
Mr. George Speake (Montgomery County)  
Ms. Janice Whorton (City of Wetumpka)  
Mr. Richard C. Worthington (Montgomery County)

**Guests**

Mr. Jesse Chambless (ALDOT)  
Mr. Hassan Dastgir (FHWA)  
Ms. Barbara Hendricks (ALDOT)  
Mr. James Kelley (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Steve Mills (FHWA)

**MPO Staff**

Mr. James Askew  
Ms. Diana Drummond

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At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) on December 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Montgomery City/County Personnel Board Room, Montgomery, Alabama, the aforementioned members were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ken Groves, Chairman. Mr. Groves recognized guests who were in attendance and asked everyone to introduce him/herself. He asked Mr. Robert Smith (MPO Staff person) if a quorum was present and announced that a quorum was present. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2006 meeting and the minutes were adopted as written.

Mr. Groves gave special recognition to Mr. Kelvin Miller, new General Manager for MATS, and welcomed Mr. Miller to the TCC. Mr. Groves referenced the proposed amendment projects to the FY 2006-2008 TIP and the updated FY 2006-2008 TIP. He asked Mr. Robert Smith of the MPO staff to explain the TIP amendments and the updated FY 2006-2008 TIP document. He explained that although the TIP document would be updated during the late winter and spring for years 2008-2011 that the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration still required all MPOs in the State to update the current TIP due to financial constraint, and because of several projects that moved outside of the 2006-2008 timeframe. He said that this was the first time that MPOs were being required to do an update before the update. He further explained that the majority of the projects that had been moved were the Montgomery Outer Loop Road projects, because DOT did not have enough federal funds available to construct the projects thereby moving several segments of the Montgomery Outer Loop Road projects outside of the 2006-2008 timeframe. He further explained that the majority of the projects that had been moved were the Montgomery Outer Loop Road projects, because ALDOT did not have enough federal funds available to construct the projects thereby moving several segments of the Montgomery Outer Loop Road projects outside of the 2006-2008 timeframe. In addition, Mr. Smith made mention of the comment that had been received from Mr. David Sikes that questioned the moving of the Montgomery Outer Loop Road projects outside of the 2006-2008 timeframe. He said that he explained the updated TIP in detail at the public involvement meeting. A motion was made, seconded to approve and adopt the updated FY 2006-2008 TIP amendments.

Mr. Groves stated that in a previous conversation with Commissioner Todd Strange of the MPO Committee that Commissioner Strange questioned whether the MPO would agree and accept the proposed FY 2006-2008 TIP amendments. Mr. Groves stated that he explained to Mr. Strange that the proposed changes to these projects were probably due to a move of convenience. Mr.

Groves also stated that the changes made within the TIP amendments could be changed back with the same ease as having moved them out. He stated that Commissioner Strange said that the Governor had planned to propose a gasoline tax increase to fund the Outer Loop, Corridor X, and four major projects throughout the State therefore there funds should become available to fund future projects, provided that the State Legislature agreed with the funding process.

Mr. Dave Harris (FHWA) explained that ALDOT had become accustomed to preparing a three-year TIP that the TIP was adopted and available for two years with three years worth of projects. One of the changes to SAFETEA-LU which would kick in on the next TIP, was that there would be four years worth of projects and would be updated every four years. Since cost estimates and revenues constantly changed, reviewing the TIP every four years often times led to false results thereby when projects needed to be authorized in the core TIP, the funds were usually not available. Determining cost estimates annually allowed for a more accurate account of funds availability. Mr. Groves agreed that reviewing the core TIP annually would certainly address the cost over-run situations. Mr. Smith made the committee aware that two projects had been left out of the original documentation and had available for the committee individual copies of the projects. He said that all of the amendment projects were added into the updated TIP document and would become apart of it once adopted. He also said that a public involvement meeting was held and a public involvement summary was prepared to accompany the updated TIP document. He then turned it back over to Mr. Groves. Mr. Groves asked for more discussion on the updated TIP, there being none he entertained a motion to approve the TIP and summary document of public comments. A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated TIP and it was adopted.

He then opened discussion on the status of “hot projects” that were being constructed around the MPO study area which were presented by Ms. Carol Hall of ALDOT who explained and outlined each project in detail.

In closing, Mr. Smith received updated membership data from various committee members. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.