

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Monday, September 15, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 5:00pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Administration Building located at 308 Fountain Circle.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Weaver – City of Madison  
Chris Robinson – Madison County  
John Ofenlock – City of Huntsville  
Gary Whitley, Jr. – City of Huntsville  
Bob Devlin – Madison County  
Curtis Potts-City of Madison  
Todd Slyman – City of Huntsville

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Tanjie Kling – City of Huntsville Planning  
James Moore – City of Huntsville Planning  
Tracy Meshberg – City of Huntsville Planning  
James Vandiver – City of Huntsville Planning  
Michelle Jordan – City of Huntsville Planning

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Weaver. Upon call for the adoption of minutes from September 15, 2014, Mr. Ofenlock made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and approved by all.

Mr. Weaver stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 34-14**: to adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2015 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Weaver asked Mr. Moore for an explanation of the item.

Mr. Moore stated that this was their UPWP, Unified Planning Work Program, their Business Plan for the year. He stated that there had been a few minor corrections but that other than that, it had been approved, both by ALDOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Devlin made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 34-14; which was duly seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 35-14**; to amend the National Highway System/National Highway System Bridge Projects Section in the adopted

TIP to add funds for the I-65 Median Crossover Protection from Bib Garrett Road to Browns Ferry Road. Mr. Weaver asked Ms. Kling for an explanation of the item.

She stated that the resolution would add a safety project on Interstate 65 from .70 miles south of Bibb Garrett Road to 1.85 miles south of Browns Ferry Road. The project sponsor is the Alabama Department of Transportation, and is being managed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division. The project involves the installation of 4 miles of cable rail in the median to prevent vehicles from crossing over into the opposing lanes of traffic. The engineering design for this project is scheduled for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$50,000. The installation of the cable rail is currently scheduled for fiscal year 2015, and is anticipated to cost \$624,000.

Mr. Ofenlock made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 35-14; which was duly seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weaver stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 36-14**; to amend the Year 2035 Transportation Plan to change the I-565/Zierdt Road Interchange from an unfunded to funded project for the City of Madison. Mr. Weaver asked Ms. Kling for an explanation of the item.

Ms. Kling stated that during the April 2014 meeting, the MPO approved an amendment to the Year 2035 Transportation Plan, adding an interchange on I-565 near Zierdt Road for the City of Madison. At the time, the project was added as an unfunded, visionary project. The City of Madison and Madison County have since secured funds for this project through the Town of Madison Cooperative District and have requested that the project be shown as funded. Additionally, the estimated project cost has decreased based upon further engineering design of the interchange. At the present time, cost estimates are \$26 million. It is anticipated that as further engineering design progresses, that cost estimates may decrease even more. The City of Madison and Madison County have committed that any potential project cost overruns will be paid by additional bonds.

Mr. Devlin made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 36-14; which was duly seconded by Mr. Potts and carried unanimously.

Ms. Kling gave an update on the Year 2040 Plan. Ms. Kling stated that the staff is still in the process of working Atkins North America, who will be performing all of the modeling for the plan. The consultant is currently working on the traffic models and the MPO staff is in the process of updating the plan chapters that can be developed without model information.

Ms. Kling stated that they would be holding public meetings concerning this at four different locations, and that the tentative dates were the first and second weeks of December. She stated that they hoped to have meetings at the Showers Center in Huntsville, the City of Madison City Hall, the Town of Owens Cross Roads, and also the Harvest-Monrovia area. She

stated that, of course, they wanted to incorporate the comments from the public meetings into the Final 2040 Plan, and that would be done, and that they hoped to have the Final Plan adopted in February 2015.

Under the item "Other Business," Mr. Weaver discussed the rules of the Committee with the members.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.