

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee was held at 3:30pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 on the first floor of the Administrating Building located 308 Fountain Circle.

MEMBERS: Kayla McGuire-Redstone Arsenal
Les Hopson-ALDOT
Allen Teague-ALDOT Tuscumbia
Anne Burkett-Madison County Commission
Phyllis Seymore-Madison County Commission
Glen Partlow-Huntsville Utilities
Brandi Quick-Ditto Landing
Richard Grace-Madison County Engineering
Connie Graham-City of Huntsville Planning Department
Dan Sanders- City of Huntsville Traffic Engineering
Tommy Brown-City of Huntsville Transportation

STAFF MEMBERS: Tanjie Kling- City of Huntsville Planning Department
James Moore-City of Huntsville Planning Department
James Vandiver-City of Huntsville Planning Department
Tracy Meshberg-City of Huntsville Planning Department

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moore. Upon call for the adoption of the minutes from February 3, 2016. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was carried by Mr. Grace and approved by all.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 07-16**; adopts the Draft Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Work Program. Mr. Moore gave an explanation of the item.

Mr. Moore made a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that the Unified Planning Work Program is the governing planning document, prepared by the Huntsville MPO on an annual basis, which identifies the transportation planning work to be undertaken within the metropolitan planning area as required by Federal Law.

Mr. Moore stated that the purpose of the Unified Planning Work Program is to outline multimodal transportation planning activities within a financially constrained budget to be conducted in the Huntsville MPO planning area. He continued that the UPWP was updated each year to provide citizens and stakeholders the necessary transparency to see how federal and state transportation planning dollars are expended by the Huntsville MPO and the Alabama Department of Transportation.

Mr. Moore stated that some examples of tasks performed by the UPWP were as follows: Task I, Administration, covering financial management, public outreach, and the general management of the MPO; Task II, Data Development and Maintenance, covering the collection and maintenance of data, as well as travel demand modeling for the MPO; Tasks III & IV, Short and Long-Range Planning, covering the TIP, the UPWP, and the Long-range Plan; and Task V, Special Studies, including Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Climate Change.

Mr. Moore stated that the UPWP was developed by the MPO staff in consultation with partner agencies and input from local citizens and stakeholders, and that the documents might be amended to account for changes in funding or project needs.

Mr. Moore stated that the Huntsville MPO's current UPWP, adopted in September 2015, extends through September 30, 2016. When adopted, the 2017 program will fund over \$748,000 dollars worth of planning activities and studies for the Huntsville MPO region.

Mr. Grace made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 07-16; which was duly seconded by Ms. Graham and carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 08-16**; amends the National Highway System/Interstate Maintenance/National Highway System Bridge Projects and the Other Surface Transportation Projects sections in the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to increase funds for right of way acquisition for the Northern Bypass. Mr. Moore asked Ms. Kling for an explanation of the item.

Ms. Kling stated that this amends the adopted Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvements Program to accommodate a higher cost estimate of right of way acquisition for the Huntsville Northern Bypass from 1500 feet east of Pulaski Pike to East of US 231\431. This resolution requires federal funds from both the National Highway System program and the Surface Transportation Other program to meet the estimated overruns.

Ms. Kling stated that this segment of the Huntsville Northern Bypass is nearing the right of way phase. The original right of way cost was estimated about 10 years ago, before any formal design of the road began. At that time it was guesstimated to be about \$5 million to acquire properties needed for the construction of the road. However, during the past decade, the design of the project has progressed to the point where costs are more definitive. There has also been property development in the footprint of the corridor, especially at North Memorial Parkway or 231\431 Highway. This development, in addition to inflation, had caused the right of way cost to be currently estimated at \$11,500,000. Ms. Kling said she believes there are about 100 tracts of land that need to be purchased. This is a "Restore our Roads" project, and the City of Huntsville has agreed with the State of Alabama to contribute 50% of the right of way cost per their funding arrangement. At the present time, right of way acquisition is tentatively scheduled to begin in July 2016.

Ms. Graham made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 08-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Sanders and carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 09-16**; amends the Transit Projects section in the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to modify FY 2017 capital and operating funds for Huntsville Public Transit. Mr. Moore asked Ms. Kling for an explanation of the item.

Ms. Kling stated that Huntsville Public Transit is requesting an amendment to Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) pertaining to their fiscal year 2017 budget. The City of Huntsville is a direct recipient of grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration. These transit grant estimates must be programmed into the TIP for the full 4 years covered in the plan. While Huntsville Transit already has estimated amount listed for fiscal year 2017, there is a requirement that the budget for the upcoming fiscal year be tweaked to better reflect more accurate federal allocations.

Ms. Kling also explained based upon the lasted information concerning budget amounts for fiscal year 2017, Huntsville Transit requests capital and operating allocations be modified as presented and displayed on the table shown.

She said this reflects a total of \$2,537,952 for the operating budget and \$1,773,124 for the capital budget. The City of Huntsville is projected to receive a total of \$2,488,630 from FTA for its transit programs in FY 2017 and the City of Huntsville will be paying a match of \$1,862.17 making the total Transit funding for the City of Huntsville \$4,311,076. She continued that the federal allocation for the year was anticipated not to cover all the needs for Huntsville Transit, with there being a deficiency of approximately \$239,000 that the City of Huntsville would have to pay. She continued that this would be primarily for purchasing equipment for its buses, to meet ADA requirements. She continued that this specific equipment would provide visual and auditory messages related to bus stops for passengers who might have hearing impairments or low vision.

Mr. Grace made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 09-16; which was duly seconded by Ms. Graham and carried unanimously.

Mr. Moore stated the next item on the agenda was the election of officers:

Mr. Tommy Brown was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee and Mr. Richard Grace was elected Secretary

Everyone made a motion to recommend approval; which was duly seconded by all and carried unanimously.

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