

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, August 22, 2016

A regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was held at 5:00pm on Monday, August 22, 2016 on the 7th floor of the Administration Building located at 308 Fountain Circle.

MEMBERS: John Ofenloch-Huntsville
Todd Slyman-Huntsville
Gary Whitley Jr.-Huntsville
Russ McDonald-Limestone-Madison County
Bob Devlin-Madison County
Jennifer Nelson-Huntsville
Patrick Mason-Madison

STAFF MEMBERS: Paige Colburn-City of Huntsville Planning Department
Tanjie Kling-City of Huntsville Planning Department
Tracy Meshberg-City of Huntsville Planning Department
Kathy Martin-City of Huntsville Engineering Department

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ofenloch. Upon call for the adoption of the minutes from June 6, 2016, Mr. Ofenloch made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was carried by Mr. McDonald and approved by all.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 10-16**; adopts the Final Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2017. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

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

Mrs. Colburn 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. She 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.

Mrs. Colburn stated that some examples of tasks performed by the UPWP are as follows: Task 1, Administration, covering financial management, public outreach, and the general management of the MPO; Task 11 Data Development and Maintenance, covering the collection and maintenance of data, as well as travel demand modeling for the MPO; Task 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.

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

Mrs. Colburn 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. Devlin made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 10-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Whitley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item of the agenda was **Resolution 11-16**; amends the NHS/Interstate Maintenance/NHS Bridge Projects section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to increase the cost of an I-65 resurfacing project. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated that this amends the adopted Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program to accommodate a higher cost estimate. The I-65 resurfacing project from near I-565 to near SR-2 (US 72) for the State of Alabama 12.4 miles will cost \$16,665,000.

Mr. Devlin made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 11-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Whitley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 12-16**; amends the High Priority and Congressional Earmark section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to add a Right of Way phase for Church Street Bridge. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated that this amends the adopted FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program to add Right of Way phase for the Church Street Bridge over Big Spring Park East.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 12-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Devlin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 13-16**; amends the Transit Projects section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to add funds for Genesis Residential Inc. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated that this amends the Transit Projects section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP. Genesis Residential Inc. applied for a New Freedom Grant, Rural Operating, for FY-2016 in the amount of \$63,838. She also stated that Genesis Residential Inc. applied for the New Freedom Grant for Rolling Stock, for FY-2016 with a total cost \$36,506.

Mr. Ofenloch asked for the representative from Genesis Residential, what federal reports are required concerning the used of these funds? The representative from Genesis Residential didn't know the answer and referred it to the owner of Genesis Residential who she said would attend the MPO meeting. There were no further comments.

Mr. Slyman made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 13-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Devlin.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 14-16**; amends the Transit Projects sections of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to add funds for the ARC of Madison County. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated that The ARC of Madison County applied for funds from the FY 2017 FTA 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program, total cost \$182,530.

Mr. Devlin made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 14-15; which was duly seconded by Mr. Whitley.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 15-16**; amends the Surface Transportation Attributable Projects section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to add a corridor study for a project on Wall Triana for Madison County. Ms. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated this is a Corridor study for widening Wall Triana Highway from US Highway 72 to 500 feet North of Nick Davis Road for Madison County.

Three comments and questions were made:

Mr. Alan Spearman complemented the County for putting Wall Triana on their radar for improvement.

Mrs. Jennifer Nelson asked about the scope of work for the project and the name of the consultant.

There was a suggestion made to show the jurisdiction limits for Huntsville, Madison and Madison County on this map at the MPO meeting, to show which parts of the Wall Triana project are in which jurisdiction.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 15-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Devlin.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 16-16**; amends the Safety Projects section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to add a High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) project for Madison County. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated that this is High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) funds for safety improvements and shoulder widening on: Ryland Pike from SR-2/ US 72 to Everett Road, Hobbs Island Road from Huntsville city limits to Vann Road, Wall Triana Highway from Madison City limits to McCrary Road, and Moores Mill Road from Countess Road to Darwin Road for Madison County.

Mr. Ofenloch asked if there was any public discussion.

A member of the public asked what the difference was between the HRRR Wal Triana project and the one in the prior resolution for the corridor study.

Mr. Houston Matthews responded the corridor study is to widen Wall Triana by one lane in each direction from the City limits to McCrary. The HRRR project is safety measures, shoulder widening and an intersection improvement.

Mr. Ofenloch and several members discussed the problem when cones go down, then cones come right back up. Is the County going to tear up all the HRRR improvements as soon as they're finished in order to do this widening work? Houston replied that the Wall Triana corridor study project is a long way from construction, so the HRRR improvements will be beneficial for years until the new project can begin.

Mr. Slyman made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 16-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Devlin.

Mr. Ofenloch stated that the next item on the agenda was **Resolution 17-16**; amends the Surface Transportation Attributable Projects section of the adopted FY 2016-2019 TIP to add a utility relocation phase of the HRRR Safety project on Ryland Pike for Madison County. Mr. Ofenloch asked Mrs. Colburn for an explanation of the item.

Mrs. Colburn stated that this is a Utility relocation phase of the HRRR safety project on Ryland Pike from SR-2 US 72 to Everett Road for Madison County.

Mrs. Jennifer Nelson said it seems like there should be some non-transportation funds to cover this project.

Mr. Whitley asked if we were taking funds that would be used for road projects and instead using it to fund a project that would be better funded by the water department. Mrs. Kling replied that the County held \$2.5 million in reserve of MPO funds for Jeff Road right of way, and chose to use the money for the Ryland Pike Utility relocation instead. The County will fund the Jeff Road right of way with its own money.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 17-16; which was duly seconded by Mr. Devlin.

Public Comment – Mr. Slyman made a request for the CAC to write a letter to the MPO concerning the timing of improvements to Old Monrovia Road and Capshaw Road in relationship to the imminent US 72 widening on US 72 when the widening projects begins.

The committee agreed that a letter be written and presented at the next MPO meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.