

**Mobile Area Transportation Study  
Technical Coordinating/Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m**

**TCC/CAC Members Present**

Mr. Jackie Glasgow  
Mr. Kevin Harrison  
Ms. April Delchamps  
Mr. John Murphy  
Ms. Betty Donald  
Mr. Gerald Alfred  
Mr. Tom Piper  
Ms. Margie Wilcox  
Mr. Craig Thomas  
Mr. Bill Metzger  
Christopher Azubuike (rep. Dr. Emmanuel Oranika)  
Ms. Jennifer White  
Mr. Joseph Threadcraft  
Mr. James Foster  
Mr. Larry Cook

**TCC/CAC Members Absent**

Ms. Alfredo Acoff  
Mr. John Bell  
Mr. Russell J. Wimberly  
Mr. Dave Harris  
Mr. Len Lacour  
Mr. Bill Sisson  
Mr. Donald Watson  
Mr. Bob Vogtner  
Mr. Bert Hoffman  
Mr. Bay Haas  
Ms. Sandra Forbus  
Mr. Bob McWhorter  
Ms. Ginny Russell  
Ms. Shayla Jones Beaco

**Guests:**

Ms. Casi Callaway, Mobile Baykeeper  
Mr. Bob Williams, The Wave Transit System  
Mr. Eddie Brown, City of Prichard

Mr. Kevin Harrison called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Harrison said if you look at your handouts, these are all the latest changes from the TIP that ALDOT has recently re-balanced. They have made some major revisions. I am not going to go through all these revisions, but this sheet is listed by funding category. These are the state's funds, the federal funds that the state pays the match for. Because of the major revisions, FHWA is making requiring that update to the TIP, which is basically readopting the TIP. When we adopt a TIP, we have to have a TCC meeting before the adoption, normally that is when we create the TIP, so that is the reason we are having this meeting today. The attributable funds is the next handout. This one right here. There has been a couple of changes to this. The first one is Old Shell Road, Hillcrest to Schillinger. The 8.15 million was moved from 2009 to 2010, and normally it is up to the MPO to decide and schedule those projects, but this particular project had 2.5 million dollars attached to it that the state was pitching in and helping out with. That 2.5 million dollars was pushed out to 2010, which pushed out the Attributable section of the project. At the same time, the Airport Boulevard, Flave Peirce to Snow Road, \$457,000 Right-of-Way was pushed back from '07 to '08. I think that is all.

Mr. Tom Piper said Airport Boulevard, Flave Pierce to Snow Road. there was a cost overrun there.

Mr. Harrison said Old Shell Road, Hillcrest to Schillinger, I am not sure why the 8.15 million was moved back because it is only \$500,000 of state money that is matching the 2 million dollars in federal money. I am recommending that we move that 8.15 million back to '09, if it is okay with the TCC.

Mr. John Murphy said we agree.

Mr. Harrison said okay. It has state money that is attached to it in 2010, but I talked to Ronnie about it, I do not think it is a problem to move that.

Mr. Jackie Glasgow said unofficially we may be able to get it moved back in.

Mr. Harrison said right, unofficially.

Mr. Glasgow said that is not confirmed yet.

Mr. Harrison said the TCC is going to recommend that it stays in 08.

Mr. Piper said one other change is the right-of-way on Zeigler Boulevard. It has moved out.

Mr. Harrison said yes it has moved from '07 to '08. The Zeigler, Forest Hill to Athey Road project, the right-of-way for \$457,050 was moved back from '07 to '08, but I think that is because that project is not ready. Is that right?

Mr. Bill Metzger said which number are you talking about? Is it number 5?

Mr. Harrison said number five. Is that all right?

Mr. Glasgow said that project has been hanging around a good long while. We just finally got the fees finally negotiated and gone through the audit and it is back up there but it has got to go through the Legislative Highway committee and the governor to get a contract signed and there is nobody in Montgomery to make a committee meeting and there will probably not be one until after the first of the year. Then looking at that time period plus normally about six months getting plan in hand and then right-of-way authorization, that is what is pushing it back.

Mr. Harrison said this is an update of the TIP, it is not have to make single resolutions. The MPO is not going to vote on Old Shell Road to move from 20010 to 2009. We are presenting it as one full TIP document which starting today will be at places around the county. We have it advertised for this as if it was a full TIP adoption. Part of that is the local projects section of the TIP, which I am going to need the County and the Cities including the City of Prichard. If there are any local projects that are totally funded with local funds, we always like to have a section in the back showing those if they are on the federal aid system. The local streets we do not really list. How long do you think it will take to get that list of local projects?

Mr. Murphy said I will fax it to you as far as the new ones. All the old ones should already be on there.

Mr. Harrison said right they should already be on there.

Mr. Bill Metzger said I can get you something this afternoon. I would like to try to move that Airport Boulevard signalization project from '09 to '07. Are we able to make those funds available?

Mr. Harrison said if we move that Old Shell, Hillcrest to Schillinger project from 2010 to 2009, we are left with a balance in 2009 of 4 million dollars. How far do you want to move it up?

Mr. Metzger said if you cannot put it in '06, put it in '07.

Mr. Harrison said if that is alright with the TCC. Does anybody have comments on that? That is \$300,000, project 11, the preliminary engineering and construction, \$15,000 and \$285,000 being moved from 2009 to 2007.

Mr. Eddie Brown said I have a question. Six projects for the City of Prichard were would the be placed in the local section of the TIP?

Mr. Harrison said the six projects for Prichard?

Mr. Murphy said I'm not talking about Prichard, I am talking about the Mobile County Pay-as-you-go program.

Mr. Harrison said what I was asking for was there is a section in the TIP called local projects, which if there is any local projects funded solely with local funds, from either the City of Mobile, Mobile County, City of Prichard or the City of Saraland or anybody. I am trying to update this list because we are updating the TIP. So, right now project number 11, the \$300,000, after we move that project, in '07 we have \$3,764,000, in '08 we have \$7,257,000, and in '09 we will have 4 million dollars. After we move up the construction for project number 2, Old Shell, Hillcrest to Schillinger. If we move up that \$300,000 to '07, that gives us a balance of \$3.464 million in 07, \$6.957 million in 08 and \$4 million in 09. Is there any objections to moving that \$300,000 for project number 11 the Airport Signalization from '09 to '07?

Mr. Glasgow said do we have plans done and everything ready to go.

Mr. Metzger said it should not take long to do the plans.

Mr. Glasgow said well the last letting is in September.

Mr. Metzger said September, that should not be a problem.

Ms. Margie Wilcox said I have a question, once you get them synchronized will you be able to go all the way from I-65 to the Airport?

Mr. Metzger said no because there are 2 separate systems There is an existing system from I-65 to McGregor then one over a half mile stretch to University. So we will always have a separate system from University of Cody.

Mr. Harrison said if you will notice in year 2010, now that we moved the \$300,000 to '07, I had an error in my spreadsheet that leaves in 2007 3.464 million, in 2008 6.967 million and the 4 million in 2009. It also leaves a deficit of 28 million in 2010 because we have a lot of projects stacked up. We are not required to have a balanced TIP for that year but because of SAFETEA-LU starting July any TIP modifications we have after July will require a complete re-adoption of the TIP which will be from 2008 to 2012. Those years are going to have to be balanced, and we are going to have to do that every four years now instead of every two years. Starting after this summer, which I have been telling you all Spring but it is not going to happen in the Spring, starting this summer if there are any TIP revisions to be made, we will have to do a complete update to the TIP and be balanced from 2008 to 2012. So year 2013 will probably have a deficit of 28 million. Also on the one sheet that you got here that lists all the state projects, the City of Mobile project from Commanders Drive to Bayfront has been deleted.

Mr. Tom Piper said it is the top of the second page under enhancement projects.

Mr. Harrison said that project was a TCSP project and was in 2003 and time ran out on it. It was supposed to be let on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The State deleted it from the system, but the City actually has until the end of September of this year to spend money on that project, but the problem is, the language of the earmark says that it is for an entrance to a veterans cemetery which is no longer going to be a veterans cemetery, for a million dollars. So even if EADS comes in there they could use that money for an entrance to EADS but because it is in the actual legislation saying veterans cemetery there is nothing that can be done with it. I wanted to make everybody aware of that. And while I have everybody here, I want to discuss the City of Prichard. I got a letter from Mayor Davis basically backing out of the MPO, becoming a nonvoting member of the MPO. I am still going to keep the planner Shayla Jones-Beaco on our TCC/CAC Committee and Mayor Davis will become a nonvoting member of the MPO.

Ms. Casi Callaway said may I ask why?

Mr. Harrison said I will read the letter from Mayor Davis.

After careful consideration, I have concluded that the City of Prichard will no longer serve as a voting member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). As a municipality having a range of issues relative to transportation and planning, the City of Prichard must pro-actively align itself with entities poignantly serving its best interest. While in theory the MPO offers an ideal conduit to promote and facilitate potential funding opportunities to address critical transportation issues facing jurisdictions, a review of the extent to which the City of Prichard has directly benefitted financially from its affiliation with the MPO is minimal at best- more specifically, funded projects that impact the Prichard area are those that have been determined by individuals other than the City of Prichard and does not necessarily address Prichard's larger transportation issues.

Since accepting office in October 2004, we have consistently ensured representation at MPO meetings in an effort to voice and advance the range of transportation problems facing Prichard; however, we are confident our presence has primarily facilitated the acceptance and implementation of projects most meaningful to surrounding jurisdictions.

It is with regret that the City of Prichard no longer wishes to participate in the current process—that is, one currently having no direct benefit to Prichard. As always, we continue to appreciate your personal support of the City of Prichard and will gladly corroborate in future efforts having an improved capacity to more fully address the City’s most dire needs.

Our position with the MPO is not indicative of our relationship with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC).

Mayor Jones has written a letter to Mayor Davis asking that he reconsider his position. We have written a letter to the City of Prichard asking that if they still want to become a non-voting member of the MPO, then we are requesting a City Council resolution stating such. That is really all that I have. Short meeting. Any other topics of discussion. ALDOT is going to make these changes and we are going to get this full TIP to 50 places throughout the county. It is going to be considered a full adoption. The MPO meeting is on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Board Room.

ATTEST:

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Chairman, TCC

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Director, Transportation Planning