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Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transportation Policy Committee

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Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 20, 2010 • 11:00 am
GRPC Annex • 1224-A Pass Road • Gulfport • MS

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Chairman Buz Olsen called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

II. Introductions

Voting Members

City of Bay St. Louis – Buz Olsen City of Biloxi – Damon Torricelli City of D'Iberville – Jeff Taylor City of Gautier – Michelle Troyer City of Gautier – Karen Pittman City of Gulfport – Benny Wolfe City of Gulfport – Kris Riemann City of Moss Point – Daphne Viverette City of Moss Point – Mayor Aniece Lidell City of Ocean Springs – Eric Meyer City of Pass Christian – Dayton Robinson City of Pass Christian – Alderwoman Renee Brooks	City of Waveland – Bruce Newton FHWA – Randy Jansen (via phone) GRPC – Elaine Wilkinson Hancock County – Jimmy Catt Hancock County Development Commission – Stephen Landry Harrison County – Joseph Spires MDOT – Mike Merry MDOT – Al Brantley MDOT – David Seyfarth US Navy/Seabee Base – Sally Wilson
<u>GRPC Staff/Guests</u> GRPC – Mitzi Crystal GRPC – Beth Laninga GRPC – David Taylor GRPC – Jason Zimmer Neel-Schaffer – Brittany Gunkel Neel-Schaffer – Shane Bergin	

III. Public Comment
There were no public present to comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes February 18, 2010 meeting
Motion was made by Elaine Wilkinson to approve the February 18 minutes.
Motion was seconded by Dayton Robinson. **Motion was passed unanimously.**

V. Update from ARRA Subcommittee

Chairman Buz Olsen reported that all of the ARRA funds have been committed to projects and that each jurisdiction on the Coast is benefitting from the ARRA funds. Al Brantley, MDOT, recognized David Seyfarth for working diligently to keep everyone on track and projects moving forward. Jeff Taylor recommended that the MPO send a letter to Commissioner Brown to express appreciation for the hard work David has contributed. GRPC agreed to prepare the letter.

VI. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mitzi Crystal reported the STP funds which had been rescinded have been released back to MDOT. Some funds had lapsed but most of the funding was restored. She explained that the TIP will be amended in August and applications for new projects will be accepted in July. Also, at that time, an LPA can request a project to be moved up in the program year if necessary.

Mitzi presented the revised TIP handbook in which certain requirements were given more emphasis, such as; the LPA must submit a resolution committing the matching funds for a proposed project. She explained that the MPO will be updating the TIP every six months to verify the status of each project; at that time the LPA will be required to recommit their local contribution to their project(s). Also, according to the revised MDOT's Project Development Manual (PDM) GRPC no longer needs to receive the project initiation application. MDOT directly receives the application. However, GRPC requests the LPAs submit the project overview and fill out the checklist in the Appendix E of the handbook for the MPO to review. This will ensure the final project scope is consistent with the project description that was submitted during the TIP application process. It also allow the MPO to track the projects and funds used. The MPO will not issue a letter to MDOT stating funds are available until the project has been reviewed by GRPC. Mitzi asked the group to review the TIP Handbook and either take action at a future meeting or adopt the revised TIP Handbook. Jeff Taylor made a motion to forward the TIP Handbook to the TPC and address any changes if necessary at that time. The motion was seconded by Elaine Wilkinson and passed unanimously.

Jeff Taylor made a motion to amend the FY 2010-2013 TIP to allocate an additional \$1,360,000 to the Sangani Boulevard project as requested by the City of D'Iberville. Jeff Taylor explained to the group that of the original \$2.4 million in STP funds allocated to the Promenade project, only \$1.6 million was used. They would like to make use of those funds. Kris Riemann asked if the project had Authority to Advertise. Jeff replied the city is currently going through the reviews. Eric Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Beth Laninga updated the group on the public and stakeholder meetings held in April. A handout was distributed with the survey results from each of the three meetings. Beth also demonstrated the link on GRPC's website, showing the map with comments that were made by attendees to the public and stakeholder meetings.

Martha Faures explained the methodology used to forecast the population and employment to the Year 2035 for the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Jeff Taylor asked how the 2010 Census data will be factored into the projections. Martha said it will be used as the basis for the 2040 plan. A motion was made by Jeff Taylor to accept the methodology used for the population and employment forecasts. Motion was seconded by Bruce Newton. Motion passed unanimously.

Mitzi Crystal reviewed the revised Goals and Objectives for the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. A motion was made by Steve Landry to accept the revised Goals and Objectives. The motion was seconded by Michelle Troyer and passed unanimously.

Mitzi Crystal also let the group know that the information used at the public meetings was available in the back room to view and staff will be available to take comments.

VIII. Air Quality Update

Elaine Wilkinson gave an update on air quality planning initiatives, reporting on the MPO work with the cities and counties, business leaders and Coast Transit Authority to put together a plan of action to reduce ozone levels. It will not get the counties out of nonattainment however it may reduce the severity of the restrictions. Benny Wolfe asked if the oil spill has or will impact the air quality and how we document that to send to EPA. Elaine noted that MDEQ will flag the days and will work with the Coast to document the event and request a special exception. Elaine welcomed any member to join the action group and get involved with the efforts.

IX. Old/New Business

Information on the TIGER II grant applications and webinars was distributed. GRPC can host the webinar if TCC members are interested in viewing.

The MPO staff referred to the resolution passed by the City of Pascagoula to create a "complete streets" policy. A copy of the resolution was provided to the group.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Benny Wolfe and seconded by Damon Torricelli. Motion passed unanimously.