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**Report to the Board  
Called Committee of the Whole  
Monday, September 13, 2010**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Guin Robinson, at 1:08 p.m. in the Executive Briefing Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

**Members Present:** Joyce E. Brooks, Brian Hamilton, Ronald Lyas, and Guin Robinson

**Members Absent:** Frank C. Galloway, Walter Jones, Johnnye P. Lassiter, Doris Powell, and Rev. Patrick Sellers

**Others Present:** Debra Anderson-Burse, Peter Behrman, Anna Brown, Joseph Bryant, CBS 42, William Copling, Chuck Faush, Butch Ferrell, Fox 6, Jacquese Gary, Richard Goldstein, Judy Gordon, E. Hall, Darrell Howard, Chris Leffert, Dr. Jesse Lewis, Barbara Lawson, Richard Nardecchia, Kevin Owens, Julia Posey, Councilor Kim Rafferty, David Ricker, Rhonda Siserir, and Marcus Stroud.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was adopted by general consent.

**Items for Information and/or Discussion:**

Proposed FY2011 Budget

Guin Robinson requested a report of line items reduced in the proposed detailed budget. Executive Director Peter Behrman reported line item reductions that included administrative employees to pay a portion of the health care benefits, no salary increases, staff reductions, and no future hires. In addition, there was a \$.25 fare increase proposed. Mr. Behrman then presented the proposed route service cuts routes that would affect approximately 700,000 riders. He confirmed that all line items that may have had a remaining balance in the FY2010 budget were considered into the proposed budget before any cuts were considered. Mr. Robinson requested that staff modify the proposed budget to include a column for FY2010 Actuals. Brian Hamilton asked for a report by department on the number of people/families affected by policy change to health insurance benefits.

The Mayor's Chief of Staff Chuck Faush, City of Birmingham, was recognized and stated that he was sent by the Mayor with a message that the Mayor will work with Councilor Kim Rafferty for funding that can be immediately given for funds owed to the BJCTA. In addition to the \$1.8 million recently paid to the BJCTA, there is \$3.3 million

remaining in the budget for transit. Payments in the amount of \$900,000 per month is another payment plan to be considered.

Councilor Kim Rafferty was recognized and she reported that in the near future there would be a Regional Transit Summit held in the area. Operational funds should not only come from the local municipalities but from the state, as well. Councilor Rafferty said that she will be happy to work with the Mayor and Mr. Faush for funding so that the City could pay amounts owed and the BJCTA would not have to go through this procedure of panic each year.

Based on the commitment delivered by the City representatives, Mr. Robinson announced that the budget should be revised to restore the original level of funding from the City of Birmingham. He directed that Finance should still consider possible line item reductions, including consideration for employees contributing to a portion of the medical benefit premiums. The proposed FY2011 budget should be presented to the Board for approval at this month's regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guin Robinson, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank C. Galloway, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer