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**Report to the Board  
Program Development Committee  
Monday, June 15, 2009**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Ronald Lyas, at 10:45 p.m. in the Executive Briefing Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

**Members Present:** Ronald Lyas, Doris Powell, and Rev. Patrick Sellers

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Debra Anderson-Burse, William Copling, Frank Galloway, Darrell Howard, Johnnye P. Lassiter, Barbara Lawson, Jesse Lewis, Carmen Mays, Wytangy Peak, Joi Scott, and Collina Washington

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

**Items for Information and/or Discussion - None**

**Resolutions for Consideration and Recommendation – None**

**Old Business –  
Stimulus Funds**

Per the request of Doris Powell, William Copling, Interim Executive Director, reported that there have not been any additional changes since his email of last week. The BJCTA is waiting for the official review of the executive summary and the release of federal funds.

**Intermodal Facility**

Darrell Howard, Regional Planning Commission (RPC) reported that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review does not impact funding to the BJCTA or the MPO. The FTA is trying to make decision of whether or not to turn this matter over to the inspector general. Ms. Powell referenced an RFP by the city to contract an architect for the project. Jesse Lewis, The Lewis Group, replied that a contract for the architect has been awarded but is under protest.

### Superstops/Hubs Project

Ms. Powell asked if anyone had mentioned the 5 Points West location as one of the superstops to the county or city. The county had proposed a satellite health clinic in that area and the superstop would work well with the clinic. Mr. Howard reported that a planning process has been developed where that could be evaluated.

Mr. Lyas asked Mr. Howard and Mr. Copling be available to give an update at the next Board meeting.

### Transportation Planner

Per the request of Ms. Powell for an update on the transportation planner contract, Mr. Copling reported that a meeting took place last week with the RPC. There were some services in the proposal that are not needed because of internal support. The BJCTA is waiting on the revision of services and proposed costs. When the document is finalized, it will be brought to the Committee.

### **New Business – Farmer's Market**

Mr. Lyas attempted contact with Cathy Crenshaw, Pepper Place, regarding how she wanted to move forward with the farmer's market. As soon as feedback is received, he will inform the Board.

### In-Town Transit Partnership Presentation

Ms. Powell announced that there will be a presentation by the RPC on the in-town transit partnership at the Operations New Birmingham breakfast meeting, June 25, 2009, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at The Harbert Center, 2019 4th Ave N, Birmingham, AL. She extended an invitation as this is a part of the comprehensive transit development plan. Ms. Powell requested that Barbara Lawson, Board Support, send an email to all Board members regarding the event.

### Service Related Concerns

Mr. Copling reported that the BJCTA has been submitting the budget to all the municipalities being served.

- Center Point: A plan has been requested by the city to eliminate route #72 and modify route #25 as soon as possible during FY 2009. There is requirement to hold a public hearing prior to implementing submitted changes. Ms. Powell suggested that Councilors Carol Duncan and Joel Montgomery be contacted for possible assistance with Center Point issues.
- Hoover: The city has not approved their FY 2009 budget; the budget for transit has been slashed by 50-60%. For FY 2009 the mayor is submitting \$50,000; for FY 2010, \$50,000. The current budget is \$103,000. Mr. Copling advised the mayor that some of the trips would have to be eliminated. A scheduled is being planned for the \$50,000 but the BJCTA has already exceeded that amount in service.
- Homewood: The meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2009.
- Brighton: The meeting was cancelled.

- Vestavia Hills: The budget is being presented to their full Board
- Lipscomb: The city is aware that the BJCTA wants to work with them. A check in the amount of \$2,000 was received two days after the meeting.
- Bessemer: The city is reviewing service enhancements. The mayor invited Mr. Copling to attend a Town Hall Meeting on June 30, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Midfield: The city is reorganizing some departments, such as eliminating the police department and contracting services with the county. The mayor is willing to pay the bill in installments, contingent upon getting the restructure of departments as requested. Mr. Copling is waiting further communication.

Ms. Powell suggested that members of Transit Advisory Committee be advised of any possible changes in service so they would have the opportunity to lobby the situation with their legislators. The consensus of the Committee was that the public should be kept well informed.

Mr. Copling announced that the Performance Portfolio has been presented to all municipalities. Several municipalities were amazed by the numbers of Paratransit trips provided and were not aware that these trips would be eliminated by the removal of fixed routes in their area.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

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

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Lyas, Committee Chairman