



Community Connection

BRIMF-McCalla Community Outreach Group

Community Connection Meeting
January 14, 2010
11 am-1 pm
JeffMet Executive Center

Members Present:	Carl Addison James Askew Allen Farley Joel Frederick Jim Lowery Steve Miranda Sam Russell Virginia Williams	Guest Speakers:	Charlie McMillan Robert Burnett Anthony Prevost George Howroyd
		Facilitator:	Ashley Cousins
Not Present:	Pat Breden Woody McDaniel		

- I. Welcome – Ashley Cousins, AC ESS, LLC
- II. Discussion of Issues
 - o Schedule-ALDOT currently reviewing Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment should be put on public notice in mid-March with a tentative Public Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2010.
 - o COG requested consideration of a different format for next public meeting. They would like to see a presentation with questions and answers.
 - o Discussed article in Birmingham News January 14, 2010 regarding the membership composition of the COG.
 - o Discussed confusion over ALDOT's role in project. The TIGER grant application was submitted to US DOT by Pennsylvania, joined by Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia. Gov. Riley signed the application for Alabama, and at this point ALDOT is expected to be the implementing agency for the distribution of any TIGER funds.
- III. BRIMF Grading Plan-Charlie McMillan, Norfolk Southern and Robert Burnett and Anthony Prevost, HNTB

COG members were given the opportunity to review the grading and drainage plan and look at areas of cut and fill, location of access road and elevations, heights of berms, and locations of stormwater ponds.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin July 2010, if all of the NEPA requirements have been met.

IV. Air Quality Assessment- Dr. George Howroyd, CH2M HILL

Dr. Howroyd began a presentation on "Air Pollution Basics". COG members felt that the presentation contained important information that they had not heard or been aware of before and it should be heard by all members and asked to defer until the other members could be present. The meeting is being rescheduled.

V. Additional Information

COG members requested additional information on the following:

- Traffic Studies
- Pavement Condition Studies on McAshan Road
- Stormwater Management system/plan
- Erosion Control Plan
- Connection of access road to McAshan Road
- Speakers on health effects from emissions and regulations
- Hazardous materials spill plan