



Community Connection

BRIMF-McCalla Community Outreach Group

Community Connection Meeting
October 26, 2010
11 am- 1 pm
JeffMet Executive Center

Members Present:

Carl Addison
Pat Breden
Jim Lowery
Woody McDaniel
Steve Miranda
Sam Russell

Members Absent:

Joel Frederick
Allen Farley
James Askew
Virginia Williams

Guest: Charlie McMillan, NSR
Rob Burnett, HNTB
George Howroyd, CH2M HILL

I. Welcome-Ashley Cousins

II. Issues

a. Status of NEPA document

- Environmental Assessment

The EA document is being managed by the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Highway Administration. The document is currently on Public Notice with copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment available for review at the Bessemer Public Library and the Hueytown Public Library. The Public Notice will run from October 14 through November 24, 2010.

b. Public Notice/Public Meeting

- Location and time

A Public meeting will be held from 4 pm until 8 pm at the Discovery Alabama Event Center at the Watermark Place on November 9, 2010.

- Format of meeting

4:00 – 6:00 PM:	Registration and View Displays, Individual Questions
6:00 – 6:30 PM:	Introductions and Formal Presentation on EA
6:30 – 8:00 PM:	Question & Answer Session

- Public Comments

Written comments can be submitted prior to, during or following the Public Meeting. A court reporter will be available to receive verbal comments. All comments must be received prior to November 24, 2010.

III. Facility Layout and Environmental Assessment

COG members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the layout of the facility and see copies from preliminary construction plans and ask question about the Environmental Assessment. Discussion topics included:

Location of tracks

Location and height of berm in relation to school

Planting of trees on the berm at Jeff Co BOE request

Lighting

Traffic

Locations and function of stormwater ponds

On-site irrigation

Interaction with the Jefferson County Board of Education

Interaction with Cahaba River Society

Wetland mitigation

Track bridges and bottomless culverts

Entrance road to the facility from McAshan Drive

Visual barrier between access road and Sadler Ridge

IV. Proposed Construction Schedule

The current schedule is for a decision on the Environmental Assessment to be reached by the end of calendar year 2010. If a Finding of No Significant Impact is reached, construction will begin in the spring of 2011 with a target completion date of September 2012. The first elements of the construction will include fencing and construction of the berm between the BRIMF and the school. Construction will be managed by the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division.