

**Corridor X Task Force  
September 4, 2003  
Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome**

Chairperson Steve Foshee of Marion County opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, especially those individuals who traveled from Mississippi and Tennessee, to the Bevill Business and Community Center and welcomed and introduced the President of Bevill State Community College, Dr. Harold Wade.

Dr Wade welcomed everyone to the Bevill Business and Community Center on the Campus of Bevill State Community College in Hamilton. The college has a long history of serving the community and preparing the workforce of the future and is very pleased to be able to contribute to the efforts of the Corridor X Task Force.

Steve Foshee also introduced fellow Chairperson Bob Forbus of Walker County and asked all attendees to introduce themselves. Mr. Foshee requested approval of the minutes from the June 5, 2003 Task Force meeting. Motion by Barry Copeland to approve the minutes, Mayor Getz seconded, all voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

**Corridor X Interstate Designation**

Steve Ostaseski made a presentation on Interstate Designation and the related Federal Legislation that is clearing the way for the Corridor to be designated I-22. Barry Copeland with the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce suggested the Task Force express gratitude to members of the federal legislative delegation who supported the Task Force with the Management and Development Plan and in working to get interstate designation for the Corridor. A motion was made by Chairman Foshee to draft a resolution commending U.S. Representatives and Senators for supporting interstate designation. Mayor Seagraves seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Mr. Ostaseski continued with the presentation and discussed the Corridor's completion schedule. ALDOT and MSDOT representatives contributed to the discussion. Mr. Ostaseski then provided an overview of the Management and Development Plan and presented information on Access Management. Access Management works to provide access to land development while preserving the flow of traffic on the surrounding road system in terms of safety, capacity and speed. There are 17 interchanges from the Mississippi State line to Birmingham, 11 of the roadways that intersect with the Corridor are state roadways and six are county roadways. The Management and Development Plan calls for an operational analysis for the interchange areas to examine access management of the roads connecting to the interchanges.

**Alabama House Bill 457 – Corridor X Parkway Authority**

The Corridor X Parkway Authority was recently passed by the State Legislature and gives Walker County zoning authority within one mile of Corridor X interchanges and within one-half mile along the Corridor. This bill facilitates the goals of the Management and Development Plan

and gives the county the tools to implement access management techniques. The bill will go before a vote of the people of Walker County in June 2004.

### **Scenic By-ways Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Ostaseski reported that the subcommittee decided not to immediately pursue an application for Scenic By-way Designation, but will continue to collect data and research the historic significance of the Corridor for any future scenic by-way efforts.

### **Other**

Mr. Ostaseski reminded everyone that all data obtained in support of the Management and Development Plan is considered public domain and available to everyone. For example, the Task Force is in the process of obtaining satellite imagery for the Corridor X buffer area. The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham will be developing and will make available for distribution model zoning ordinances, access management techniques, sign regulation materials and other planning resources.

The Task Force Technical Committee will meet on November 6, 2003 in Winfield, AL and the next meeting of the Task Force will be on January 8, 2004 at a time and location TBD.

### **Attendees at the September 4, 2003 Meeting**

Kay Argo	Birmingham Regional Planning Commission
John Sparks	Alabama Power
Mr. Barry Copeland	Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce
Rhea Denaburg	Scenic Alabama
Steve Foshee	Tombigee Electric Cooperative
David Graham	Community Development Foundation (CDF)
Don Goetz	City of Jasper
Dave Harris	FHWA - Alabama Division
Shon Hill	Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
Paul Housel	Congressman Aderholt's Office
Bill Matthews	Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments
Paul McCaleb	Jefferson County
Steve Ostaseski	Birmingham Regional Planning Commission
Phil Seagraves	City of Guin
Bob Woods	Alabama Power
Randy Palmer	Cordova Preservation Association
Ben Huggins	Walker County Commission
David Rumbarger	Community Development Foundation, Tuepelo, MS
Bob Forbus	WCEIDA
Cindy Duke	City of Adamsville
Tracy Estes	Journal Record
Austin Adkins	First National Bank
Susan Burrow	Bevill State College and CDF
Rickey Reed	CDF, Marion County

Jim Raines	CDF & SouthTrust Bank
Tim Weston	Itawamba County Development/Port Authority
Glenn Duckworth	Union County Development Association
Bill West	City of Winfield
Bobby Holliday	Alabama Power
John Ledbetter	Alabama Power
Carter Gray	Memphis MPO
Dexter Muller	Memphis Chamber of Commerce
Jess Johnson	Memphis Chamber of Commerce
Deanna Morgan	West Alabama EDA
Kevin Bradford	State Farm Insurance, Marion County
Mike Millican	Alabama State Legislature
David Logan	APCO
Dennis Cooper	City of Cordova
Smithe Jane Weeks	Town of Twin
Frankie Jean Hunter	Town of Twin
Don Barnwell	Marion County Commission
Al Elbert	City of Sulligent
Burt Hankins	Hankins Engineering
Elaine Junkin	City of Guin
Ed Howell	Daily Mountain Eagle
Donald Jones	Marion Regional Medical Center
Johnny Rogers	Lamar County Commission
Barry Beard	Lamar County Commission
Dewey Carruth	Lamar County Commission
Fred Fine	Alabama Silver Haired Representative
George Ray	ALDOT
Ray Balentine	MSDOT
Jeff Pierce	MSDOT
Marshal Farmer	Birmingham Regional Planning Commission
Mary Grace Lewandowski	Birmingham Regional Planning Commission