

JOINT TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE AN SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 | 2:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL O'QUINN, COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
COUNCILORS LATANYA A. TATE & CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Councilor(s) Present:** O'Quinn, Tate

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2025**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Tate Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**The February 24, 2025 Joint Transportation and Special Called Committee of the Whole Committee Meeting Minutes were Approved as Recorded.**

**III. Alabama Power Company Colocation Agreement**

**Presented by: Colin Alexander, BDOT**

This agreement is between the City of Birmingham and Alabama Power Smart Cities Division, and part of the City's TRAINFO ARPA Pilot Project. This pilot will monitor four rail crossings in the southwest portion of the city. The monitors have been approved and attached to Alabama Power poles adjacent to the crossings and are ready to be powered to begin collecting data.

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

**IV. Cost Sharing Agreement with Norfolk Southern Corporation RE Quick Kurb installation at railroad crossings**

**Presented by: Colin Alexander, BDOT**

The Agreement was previously presented to the Committee and Council approximately two years ago. The City of Birmingham is partnering with Norfolk Southern to install quick curb delineators at grade rail crossings where there have been a number of rail-to-car accident issues. The four crossing were removed from the Section 130 Grant and are being completed on an individual basis.

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

**V. Proposal: 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Partial Closure**

**Presented by: James Fowler and Colin Alexander, BDOT**

This is an information item. BDOT is looking to install a partial closure along 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and Richard Arrington, Jr. Blvd. This is a neighborhood request due to concerns around future developments in the area. The actual proposal will be presented for approval within approximately 90 days.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

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VI. **Park Mobile**

**Presented by: Christina Argo, BDOT**

The Park Mobile Contract presented to the Committee extends the terms of the agreement with Park Mobile for an additional three years. The City has been operating under the terms of the original agreement that was put in place in 2020. The functionality and system will remain the same.

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

VII. **Utility Updates**

a. **Birmingham Water Works**

**Current and Ongoing Projects**

Lake Purdy Dam Stabilization Project (a portion is in the City of Birmingham)

- **Project Cost:** \$87,000,000.00
- **Completion:** August 2028

**New Envirolab – Water Testing Laboratory**

- **Project Cost:** \$14,000,000.00
- **Deployment Completion:** October 2026

**Advance Metering Infrastructure**

- **Project Cost:** \$120,000,000.00
- **Deployment Completion:** December 2028

**Lead and Copper Rule**

The Federal Government, EPA and ADEM requires lead to be completely out of the water system. There is no lead in the BWW system; however, old piping has lead joints.

The BWW experienced two major water leaks in January 2025: Tuxedo Heights and 13<sup>th</sup> Street South.

Pre-digging requirements include a line-locate and cut the water off.

**Paving**

BWW will assign individuals to be liaisons to discuss outstanding leaks.

BWW meets weekly with BDOT to evaluate paving cuts and obtain paving schedules.

BWW will not perform customers new water service tap without COB excavation permit.

**Current Pipeline Replacement Projects (ready for construction or in the bid phase)**

**Location:**

14<sup>th</sup> Place SW/15<sup>th</sup> Street SW

**Status:**

Under Construction

**Estimated Project Cost:**

\$2.3+ million

**Location:**

Grasselli Avenue SW/Doby Avenue SW

**Status:**

Ready for Construction

**Estimated Project Cost:**

\$1.7+ million

**Location:**

Brenda Avenue SW/Alvin Avenue SW

**Status:**

Ready for Construction

**Estimated Project Cost:**

\$1.3+ million

**Location:**

14<sup>th</sup> Avenue/15<sup>th</sup> Avenue W

**Status:**

Award Phase

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**Estimated Project Cost:**

\$1.7+ million

**Location:**

Linpark Drive/43<sup>rd</sup> Street South

**Status:**

Award Phase

**Estimated Project Cost:**

\$1.7+ million

The BWW has \$115 million in their capital project for 2025.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**b. Charter Communications**

Charter continues to build and enhance their network in the Birmingham communities.

The High Split project is ongoing.

Spectrum currently has approximately 31 million customers and 95,000 employees nationally.

Spectrum recently crossed the 10 million mobile sales mark.

Spectrum continues to offer the Spectrum Internet Assist Program to customers for \$15.00 per month, with no annual contract or early termination fee. Other features include 50-Mbps download speed, unlimited data, security suites, no charge for the modem, and parental controls. Every resident within the City of Birmingham has access to all of the Charter Communications services.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**c. Alabama Power Company**

There are no current transmission infrastructure projects scheduled that will impact the City of Birmingham.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**d. Jefferson County Sewer**

Jefferson County maintains approximately 31,000 miles of sewer, with the majority being in the City of Birmingham. They treat approximately 105 million gallons of water per day. Jefferson County terminated their 1996 Consent Decree in September 2024. There are 19 active projects that are either partially or wholly within the City of Birmingham, totaling approximately \$73 million. Eleven of the projects are rehabilitation projects. There is an ALDOT relocation project between the Zoo and Cahaba Road.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**e. Spire Energy**

Spire currently has 14 projects; 10 are active construction projects that have been approved:

7 in the UAB area

2 in Crestwood North

1 in Ensley

3 are scheduled to start later 2025

There are no special projects currently scheduled.

Spire is awaiting the designs for another 10-15 replacement projects.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only.**

**f. AT&T**

**No Report**

**g. Verizon**

**No Report**

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- h. **PEP Stormwater Division**  
**No Report**

VIII. **New & Old Business**

- a. **Current/upcoming project update – Colin Alexander**  
**Councilor Tate Questions for BDOT**
  - Traffic calming for District 9
  - Lighting plans for Finley Boulevard, area around Fountain Heights Recreation Center**Action Taken:**  
**Director Fowler addressed the concerns.**

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Adjourn.**  
**Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.**  
**Meeting Adjourned.**