



Birmingham Northern Beltline Community Outreach Group
 Orientation Meeting
 Thursday, March 13, 2014
 6-7:30 pm
 Clay City Hall

Members Present:	Joanne Adcock David Cooper Tom Fisher Byron Hughes Dave Ingram Sandy Ragland Ronnie Dixon,	ALDOT Personnel:	Brian Davis Lance Taylor Mike Mahaffey Gary Banks Linda Crockett Barry Fagan
<i>ex officio</i>		Project Engineer:	Mark Dison
<i>ex officio</i>	Deacon Jones,	Contractor:	Steve Wright Michael Prince
Members absent:	Jack Fields, <i>ex officio</i>	Facilitator:	Ashley Cousins
		Guests:	Mayor Charles Webster Larry Ragland

- Welcome-Brian Davis
- Introductions-Ashley Cousins
 - COG members
 - ALDOT personnel
 - Contractor personnel
 - Thompson Engineering personnel
- What is a COG?-Ashley Cousins
 - Purpose and goals
 - *Provide a communication forum between citizens in the community and ALDOT to discuss ideas and issues of importance to the communities near the Beltline construction.*
 - *Educate the COG members on the process to plan, design and build a Highway.*
 - *COG members provide feedback from community perspective (based on discussions with other citizens who live and work near the current section of the project)*

- *Provide updates on the project.*
- How a Need becomes a Highway-Ashley Cousins
 - *An overview of the Federal Highway Administration and Alabama Department of Transportation process of Planning, Project Development, Design, Right-of-Way, Utilities and Construction was presented.*
- Birmingham Northern Beltline Project Overview-3rd Division
 - Current project-Mike Mahaffey
 - *Wright Brothers Construction has begun clearing the current section and is preparing to install sediment basins for stormwater management.*
 - Future projects-Lance Taylor
 - *ALDOT has several consultants working on design for different sections of the Beltline. At this time, it has not been determined how the future sections will be sequenced for construction. It is not known which section will be constructed next.*
- Environmental Considerations-Barry Fagan
 - *Potential environmental impacts have been analyzed and considered broadly and specifically as the current section has moved from planning, through design, and into construction.*
 - *Best management practices (BMPs) are being implemented as construction progresses.*
 - *A stormwater workshop was held on the morning of March 13, 2014 with about 25 interested environmental stakeholders regarding ALDOT's design and construction stormwater management practices for the Beltline project.*
- Community Outreach-Ashley Cousins
 - Website
 - *Encouraged members to invite community citizens to visit the project website at www.betterbeltline.org for information about the project and sign up for electronic newsletters.*
 - Information line
 - *Discussed the project information line for citizens to leave messages with questions about the Beltline project. 1-205-545-5445*
 - KYER flyer
 - *Discussed that Keep Your Eyes on the Road flyers were mailed to residents in the area of the current construction section.*
 - Contact cards
 - *COG members were provided contact cards with the website, information line, email address and mailing address for comments or concerns about the project. The cards can be provided to citizens in the community to contact ALDOT with concerns or questions about the construction.*