

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee – Central District
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 16, 2012
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
Anniston, Alabama

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Steve Baswell, Town of Ohatchee
Donna Matthews, City of Lineville
Jack Plunk, Calhoun County MPO
Joseph Moncrief, ALDoT
Ms. Ashley Myers, EARPDC
Ms. Robin Caler, EARPDC
Bill Curtis, EARPDC

Mayor Baswell called the meeting to order and Robin Caler explained that there were minutes to approve from February and May meetings. She explained that there was not a quorum present on February and that the minutes were not approved at that meeting. She stated that members had been sent copies of meeting minutes and she had received no comments from anyone regarding updates, corrections or omissions. She then asked if those present were ready to approve the minutes. Mayor Baswell motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Donna Mathews. The minutes of both meetings (2/16/12 and 5/17/12) were unanimously approved.

The next item on the agenda was the report of Officers, Staff and Committees. Ms. Caler stated that courtesy of Mr. Plunk with the Anniston Calhoun MPO there is a summary of MAP 21 provided to the members. Mr. Plunk stated that regarding MAP 21 the consultation process is somewhat strengthened or more emphasis is placed on consultation between RPO's and Department's of Transportation. However, it is still a consultation process.

The next item on the agenda was an update from ALDoT on road projects. This update was provided by Joseph Moncrief representing ALDoT 4th Division. Mr. Moncrief provided the attendees with two handouts, one for State projects and another describing the County projects. Mr. Moncrief stated he worked in the County Transportation section which covers county projects, any state funded projects, safe routes to school, enhancement and industrial access projects and so forth. He began by going over the County projects and stated for those present to feel free to ask questions if there were any. (See *County Projects* attachment for county projects covered). After Mr. Moncrief presented the County projects, Mayor Baswell posed a question regarding funding available to small municipalities to repave streets. Ms. Caler stated the only funding she was aware of was Community Development Block Grant but that had to target low income areas. He then asked a question about safe routes to school. Mr. Moncrief described the program stating that it is an enhancement program target in school areas, mainly addressing sidewalks. Mayor Baswell stated he was looking for street

enhancement and that the school had expanded over the years but they still had the same little two lane roads to accommodate all the traffic. Mr. Moncrief encouraged Mayor Baswell to visit the ALDoT website, but he felt that the Safe routes to School program would not fund street paving, widening and address the needs of the Town of Ohatchee.

Mr. Moncrief continued with the U.S. and State Route project update. (See *Status of projects on US/State Routes* dated May 17 attachment) Mr. Moncrief stated the gray text referred to the updated status of the projects.

After the project updates, the next item on the agenda was a short video presentation of Opportunity Link, a rural public transit system in north-central Montana. After the video presentation, discussion occurred regarding transportation assets, opportunities and challenges for the East Alabama region. Discussion occurred regarding the urban and rural routes of public transportation in Calhoun County and the differences between the two. One of the challenges identified was that there is little advertising for this system and many people simply don't know about it. This information will be tied into the CLEAR Plan 2030 project the East Alabama Partners for Livability is working on.

The next item covered on the agenda was the FY2013 Work Plan for the RPO. Ms. Caler read the names of those on the Regional Policy Committee and stated that the Regional Policy Committee would convene at 10:00 a.m. on September 5, 2012 to review and approve the FY2013 Work Plan.

There being no further business to discuss and all agenda items being covered, the meeting was adjourned.

Alabama Department of Transportation, Fourth Division
Status of County/City projects
East Alabama RPO (Central District) Meeting
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Calhoun:

- ***Chief Ladiga Trail resurfacing (City of Piedmont)-City released to award project***
- ***Saks Road/Lenlock Lane intersection improvements-under design***
- ***McIntosh Road improvements-under design***
- ***Safe Routes to School (SRTS-City of Piedmont)-scheduled for 9/28 letting by ALDOT***
- ***Bridge replacement over Tallaseehatchee Creek on Alexandria-Wellington Road-COMLETE***
- ***ATRIP-Ranch Road bridge replacement-under design (1/13 letting)***
- ***ATRIP-Possum Trot Road bridge replacement-under design***
- ***CR 73 (Boiling Springs Road) resurfacing from AL 144 to AL 77-under construction***

Clay:

- ***Ashland Streetscape-under construction (Nelson & Co.)***
- ***Ashland Square Sidewalk-under construction (GM&C)***
- ***Blue Ridge & Adams Gap Roads-under design***
- ***CR 7 from Coosa Co. line to AL 148-under design***
- ***CR 7 from AL 148 to CR 18-under design***
- ***CR 511 resurfacing-under design***
- ***CR 5 resurfacing-under construction***
- ***ATRIP-CR 66 from AL 49 to AL 9-under design***

Cleburne:

- ***CR 11 resurfacing from Clay Co. line to US 431-under construction***
- ***CR 10 resurfacing from CR 51 to AL 46-under design***

- **ATRIP-Bells Mill Road bridge replacement (City of Heflin)-under design**

Talladega:

- **City street connector from existing RR crossing @ Lomar Drive to near Honda Drive (City of Lincoln)- Phase II awaiting final documents (from Campground Road to Honda Drive)**
- **Improvements to various city streets (City of Talladega)-Phase III-bridge replacement on White Blvd., Phase IV-various street resurfacing-COMLETE**
- **Extension of Priebs Mill Road from Jenifer Road to AL 21-new alternate being proposed-Public Hearing held recently**
- **Childersburg Revitalization (including signals)-Preconstruction Conference to be held next week**
- **CR 8 resurfacing (Phase II)-under construction**
- **ATRIP-Stemley Road bridge replacement over Choccolocco Creek-under design**
- **SRTS (Safe Routes to Schools) (City of Talladega sidewalks near AIDB)-under design (ALDOT responsible for design/construction inspection)**

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Status of projects on US/State Routes
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Calhoun:

- **Anniston Eastern Bypass from 1500 ft. S of Lake Yahoo to US 431 (grade/drain)-under construction (work continues on bridge over AL 21, culvert construction, and grading on Summerall Road connector)-Project turned over to bonding co. due to contractor default. Resume work date to be determined. (Work resumed in June; Summerall Gate Rd has been graded and stone placed; Cut and fill continues on mainline; Weather permitting(?) completion by December.)**
- **I-20 widening/intersection improvements at AL 21 and bridge replacement (mp 182-185)-Currently pouring deck on bridge over Choccolocco Creek; Paving SMA west of RR bridge; Median barrier wall complete to MP 185 (Contraflow traffic plan in place from Norfolk Southern RR bridge through I-20 Eastbound onramp; Piles being driven on Norfolk Southern, Barry St, and Al 21 bridges)**
- **AL 21 Access Management from Plaza Lane to US 78- Work on Tower Rd. includes drainage structures, subgrade complete with roadbed processing to begin week of 5-14-2012(Utility conflict at Sta 1191+00 and traffic light installation at Tower Rd has work delayed)**
- **I-20 from MP 186 to MP 193-Detour in place to bypass repair work on sinkhole on WBR; Sinkhole backfilled, paving to begin in area 5-11-2012(Sinkhole repaired; Grading and Roadbed Stabilization underway from MP 186 to MP 188; Milling and Binder Layer Asphalt being placed from MP 188 to MP 191 Eastbound)**

Clay:

- **AL 148 resurfacing from Talladega line to CR 7-under design (Status Same)**
- **Taylor Road in Ashland-Paving and curb & gutter in place from school entrance to Coker Rd.; grading from school entrance to Airport Rd.(Binder layer placed from Airport Rd to Park St; temporary stripe placed in time for school to start)**

Cleburne:

- **I-20 rehab from AL 9 to Calhoun line-COMLETE**
- **I-20 from AL 9 to Georgia line-Work continues on bridges on I20 and CR 49; Paving between Tallapoosa River and CR 49; Grading in median from CR 49 to East end of project(Binder layers placed from begin project to end; work continues on bridges, Girders are set, working on web walls)**

- **US 431 resurfacing from AL 9 to Calhoun line-Slide repair on wearing surface at various sites(Under a waiting period until fall due to pavement sliding)**

Talladega:

- **Talladega Bypass (base/pave)- Work continues on North and South tie-ins; Utility conflict involving water, sewer, and phone lines to be resolved(Placing wearing surface)**
- **AL 21 resurfacing from Sylacauga to Winterboro-COMLETE**