Calhoun Area MPO Updates

- **Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Update**
  A final document is complete but on hold due to potential issues with facilities on state routes. As soon as these issues are resolved the document will be back on the agenda for adoption by the MPO. In the meantime, the current document can be found on the MPO website at [www.earpdc.org](http://www.earpdc.org). A huge thank you to all involved in the planning and processing of the Bike-Ped Plan!

- **FY 20-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
  The MPO is responsible for adopting a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which presents a 4-year program for improvements in the various transportation systems located within the Calhoun Area Transportation Study.
  The draft document will be available for review at the beginning of the month until July 31st. The draft TIP and comment forms will be available at the EARPDC front desk and on the website. **A public meeting will be held Wednesday, July 17th from 4-6 pm.**

- **June MPO Project Changes**
  - #47 CN (100047017) Resurfacing Wilmer Ave from Greenbrier Rd. to G Street.
    Current Funding: $480,392
    New Funding: $474,079.92
    Reduction of $6,312.08. Resolution 733 increased allocation by $57,844.41. Decreased amount on spreadsheet to $51,532.33
  - #14 CN (100064930) RESURFACING ALEXANDER-JACKSONVILLE ROAD FROM MCCLELAN ROAD TO CEDAR SPRINGS ROAD
    Current Funding: $460,156
    Let Amount: $538,117.30
    Transferred difference of $77,961.30 from second half of Alexander-Jacksonville Road resurfacing project to be programed to this project.
  - #23 RW (100054937) CR-440 (64TH STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN # 6204 NEAR WEAVER
    Old Target Start Date: August 1, 2019
    New Target Start Date: February 1, 2020
- Project moved to different FY and incurs 1% project funding increase. Amount changed from $35,850 to $36,209.

- **#7 CN (100051026) LENLOCK/SAKS ROAD INTERSECTION AND TURN LANES**
  - Current Funding: $1,212,770
  - Requested Funding: $1,433,833.65
  - Project overruns of $221,063.65 less than 20% of current funding ($242,554). No resolution needed to cover overrun.

- **#35 CN (100063208) RESURFACING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT 4TH STREET AND NOBLE STREET**
  - Old Target start date: June 28, 2019
  - New Target start date: July 29, 2019
  - New start date within the same FY as old start date. No change needed.

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**East Alabama RPO Updates**

- **FY 19 RPO Meetings**
  - **Northern Counties: Cherokee and Etowah**
  - **Central Counties: Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Talladega**
  - **Southern Counties: Chambers, Coosa, Randolph, Tallapoosa**

  **July:**
  - Northern Counties: July 11th @ Gadsden Chamber, 11:30 am, after MPO meeting
  - Central Counties: July 18th @ EARPDC, 11 am, after MPO meeting
  - Southern Counties: July 25th @ ALDOT Alexander City office, Section 1, 10:00 am

  Meeting minutes from January can be found at [http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pagelID=29](http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pagelID=29)

- **Meeting Coordination Interest**
  - If you have any suggestions on where to house future RPO meetings or suggestions on places for food items during an RPO meeting in your area, please contact Lattisha Royal at lattisha.royal@earpdc.org or 256-237-6741. We would love to have these meetings be both beneficial and enjoyable for all involved.

- **Projects Proposed to Let June 28, 2019**
  - **Calhoun County**
    - none
  - **Chambers County**
    - none
  - **Cherokee County**
    - none
  - **Clay County**
    - none
- **Cleburne County**
  - ACBRZ60386-ATRP(013) for constructing the Bridge Replacement on CR-18 over the Tallapoosa River. Length 0.245 miles. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from $2,266,759 to $2,770,484.

- **Coosa County**
  - none

- **Etowah County**
  - STPOA-2814(252) for constructing the Widening, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on Lay Springs Road and Moon Road from the Gadsden City Limits to the junction of CR-291 (Tabor Road). Length 6.699 miles. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from $2,009,718 to $2,456,322.

- **Randolph County**
  - none

- **Talladega County**
  - ACNU59434-ATRP(007) for constructing the Roadway Extension (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, and Traffic Stripe) of CR-47 (Priebes Mill Road) from the junction of SR-21 to the junction of CR-58 (Jenifer Road). Length 1.463 miles. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from $3,719,780 to $4,546,398.

- **Tallapoosa County**
  - None

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- **Employment Opportunity!**

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Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Deadlines

It’s not too early to be thinking ahead!

➢ The Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Preservation Grant Program is currently accepting applications. This program provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low-income rural citizens. USDA will award a total of $15.8 million in funding. The deadline to apply is July 8, 2019.

➢ The USDA ReConect program will offer up to $600 million nationwide in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural areas. Of the $600 million available, $200 million is available in loan and grant combinations and $200 million is available for low-interest loans. Projects funded through this initiative must serve communities with fewer than 20,000 people that have no broadband service or where existing service is slower than 10 megabits per second (mbps) download and 1 mbps upload. To qualify, projects must increase access speeds to at least 25 mbps upload and 3 mbps download. Priority will be given to projects that propose to deliver higher-capacity connections to rural homes, businesses, and farms. Applications for grant funding are due by May 31, 2019, for loan funding by July 12, 2019.

➢ The Department of Transportation is taking applications for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants until 8 pm E.D.T. July 15, 2019. The FY 2019 BUILD program will also give special consideration to projects which emphasize improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for communities in rural areas, such as projects that improve infrastructure condition, address public health and safety, promote regional connectivity or facilitate economic growth or competitiveness. For this round of BUILD Transportation grants, the maximum grant award is $25 million, and no more than $90 million can be awarded to a single State, as specified in the FY 2019 Appropriations Act. Additionally, not more than 50 percent of funds will be awarded to projects located in urban and rural areas, respectively.

➢ The Citizens Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) will continue offering local design workshops that address specific community challenges and will create a new cohort learning program that will engage rural leaders from up to 20 communities. All rural communities of 50,000 or less are eligible to apply for the CIRD local workshop and learning cohort opportunities. Nonprofits, tribal or municipal governments, regional planning organizations, and other community partners are encouraged to apply. Applications are being accepted through July 22, 2019.

➢ The Alabama Association of RC&D Councils will begin accepting grant applications for FY 2020 through July 31, 2019. You must be a 501(c)(3) Non-profit organization or unit of government/public entity (i.e. school, park, fire department, senior center, etc.). The minimum grant is $2,000 and maximum is $7,000. The funding is on a one-time reimbursement basis only. Learn more about proposal requirements and deadlines at https://alabamarcd.org/rcd-councils-contacts/.

➢ The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission to make approximately $28.5 million available in National Dislocated Worker Reserve: Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Grants to support workforce training and education in rural communities across the Delta and Appalachian regions. To complement the federal partnership, DRA will host two technical assistance workshops, make an additional $1.5 million in grants
available in July 2019, and offer post-award technical assistance to grantees. The deadline for WORC grants is **July 15, 2019** and the deadline for DRA workforce grants is **August 30, 2019**. For more information on these grants and workshops – and to apply – please visit [https://dra.gov/initiatives/strengthening-the-delta-workforce/](https://dra.gov/initiatives/strengthening-the-delta-workforce/).

More information on deadlines will be distributed as it becomes available. Please don’t hesitate to contact Tyler Ferrell, EARPDC Director of Planning and Development at 256-237-6741 for more information.
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