

East Alabama Region MPO & RPO Transportation Monthly Newsletter

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- MPO Updates
 - Bike-Ped Plan Updates
 - FY20-23 TIP
 - Project Changes
- RPO Updates
 - FY19 Meetings
 - Meeting Coordination Interest
- Projects Proposed to Let
- Employment Opportunity
- Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Deadlines
- Calendar of Meetings

July 2019 Issue

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. 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 EARPCD 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 programmed 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.

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/?pageID=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
- **Employment Opportunity!**

D-498

**JOIN THE
2020 CENSUS TEAM**

APPLY ONLINE!

2020census.gov/jobs

2020 Census jobs provide:

Great pay
Flexible hours
Weekly pay
Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call
1-855-JOB-2020

Federal Relay Service:
1-800-877-8339 TTY:ASCI
www.gsa.gov/edelay

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

United States
**Census
2020**

○ 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 **ReConnect** 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 U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced that \$15 million in research funds is available to transit providers, state agencies, and federally recognized tribes through the **Integrated Mobility Innovation Demonstration Program**. Applications are due **August 6, 2019**. For more information, visit <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/integrated-mobility-innovation-demonstration-program-notice-funding>.
- 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/>.

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.**

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day!	5	6
7	8	9 Transit Advisory Board @ 9	10 MPO Technical Advisory Committee @ 10	11 RPO Northern District meeting @ 11:30 in Gadsden	12	13
14	15	16	17 MPO Citizens Advisory Committee @ 10 FY 20-23 TIP Public Meeting @ 4—6 pm	18 MPO Policy Committee @ 10 RPO Central District meeting @ 11 in Anniston	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 RPO Southern District meeting @ 10 in Alex City	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 MPO Technical Advisory Committee @ 10	8	9	10
11	12	13 Transit Advisory Board @ 9	14	15 MPO Policy Committee @ 10	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31