

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee – Northern District
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2013, 1:30 p.m.
Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce
Gadsden State Community College
801 Cedar Bluff Road, Building A, Centre, AL

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Old Business
 - 1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - 2. Other Old Business
- C. New Business
 - 1. Report of Officers, Staff, and/or Committees
 - a. Staff report – American Society of Civil Engineers *Failure to Act* report
 - b. Other reports
 - 2. ALDOT Update on Road Projects
 - a. ALDOT - Montgomery
 - b. ALDOT - Division 1
 - c. ALDOT - District Staff
 - 3. Update on County Road Projects from County Engineers
 - 4. Other New Business
- D. Livability Resource Team
 - 1. CLEAR Plan 2030 update
- E. Open Discussion and Announcements
 - 1. Next meeting date: September 12, 2013, 1:30 p.m. Location TBD
- F. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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Members in Attendance:

Johnnie L. Harris
Ben Thackerson
Les Hopson
Tammy Spurlock
Mel Smith
Henry Barnes

Martha Baker
Edward Mackey
Corey Chambers
Tony Wilkie
Kirk Day

Other Attendees:

Ashley Myers
Robin Caler

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkie at 1:30 p.m.

B. Old Business

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Wilkie asked those in attendance if there were any questions regarding the minutes from the March 14 meeting. There were none and a motion was made by Mayor Mackey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mayor Baker.

There was no other Old Business to discuss.

C. New Business

Mayor Wilkie asked for the staff report. Ms. Caler provided those in attendance with a copy of *Failure to Act: The Impact of Current Infrastructure Investment on America's Economic Future*. She provided a brief overview of the report and pointed out the unmet needs portion of the report, emphasizing the funding gaps and economic sectors affected by that.

Mayor Wilkie then asked if there were any other reports. There being none, the meeting then progressed to ALDoT reports. Status reports were given on the status of current road projects.

The next item on the agenda was an update on county road project from county engineers present. Cherokee County Engineer Corey Chambers gave a report on county road projects and an update on ATRIP funding received. He stated that 2 federally funded projects near Highway 278 were now complete.

The next report was given for Etowah County and consisted of updates on current road projects.

There being no other new business, the next item on the agenda was addressed: CLEAR Plan 2030 update.

Ms. Caler gave an update on the status of studies being conducted for the CLEAR Plan. She then described the timeline for the remainder of the project; LRT's to review their respective study and identify implementation strategies based on study findings, incorporation of those strategies into the CLEAR Plan document and a public review process beginning in November. She also covered the second round of County conversations that is ongoing. The conversations will be held in each county and will wrap up August 8th.

The next meeting date of September 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gadsden Chamber was set.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Wilkie asked the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mayor Lackey.

ALDOT First Division Projects Update

East Alabama RPO 07/11/2013

NH-0009(549) Cherokee County 100056038
Resurfacing on SR-9 from north of SR-35 to the Georgia State line. Low bid submitted by C.W. Mathews contracting of Marietta, GA. This project was just completed.

STPAA-HSIP-0068(507) Cherokee County 100057508
Widening and Resurfacing SR-68 from the DeKalb/Cherokee County line to SR-25 (US-411) Project was scheduled for March 2013 letting. This project has been moved out until next year due to the truck traffic impact that constructing the US-411 project would have on it.

BR-0068 Cherokee County 100049707
Bridge Removal on SR-68 over TAG Railroad 0.5 miles north of SR-273. ALDOT has a design consultant working on plan development. Scheduled for FY 2014.

STPAA-0025(518) Etowah County 100008733
Base and Pave on US-411 from the Four lanes in Gadsden to Turkeytown. Project was awarded to Good Hope contracting in the amount of \$18,463,000. Work is about 40% complete and is expected to take about two years to complete.

BR-0179(500) & BR-0179(501) Etowah County 100050053, 100050009
Bridge Replacement and approaches over Wade and Cove Creeks. Project was awarded to Whitaker Contracting in the amount of \$2,398,391.00. Work is expected to take a year to complete. Utility Relocation has been completed and bridge work has just started.