

AGENDA

RPO District Meetings of the East Alabama Rural Planning Organization

January 17, 2019
11:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Introductions

2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - b. Other Old Business

3. New Business
 - a. Report of Officers, Staff, and/or Committees
 - b. Hearing from Persons Having Business with and/or Reports for Committee
 - c. Motions and Resolutions
 - a. none
 - d. Special Programs
 - a. What are the district's interests with the EARPO?
 - b. What types of projects is there a need/interest for?
 - c. What type of information is needed?
 - e. Invitation to Interested Persons Wishing to be Heard on Matters Not Included in the Agenda
 - f. Other New Business
 - g. Open Discussion and Announcements
 - a. Public Participation
 - b. Safety Concerns
 - c. STIP Public Participation

4. Adjourn

SIGN-IN SHEET

Central District Policy and Technical Committees

of the
East Alabama Rural Planning Organization
January 17, 2019 11:00 AM

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Action Plan – East Alabama Rural Planning Organization

Goal 1 – Understand the region’s needs that are not being met by the state’s Transportation Improvement Program.

Objective 1.1 – Conduct a needs assessment of some sort in order to determine what needs are not being met by the state’s TIP. In Kentucky, a Project Identification File was produced, in which photographs of specific roadways that needed improvement were retained and prioritized using the vision, goals, and objectives. This type of file should be established at the EARPO through the needs assessment and through independent research.

Objective 1.2 – Create a prioritized list of these projects that can be given to ALDoT.

Goal 2 – Create a vision statement relating to transportation for the region and establish goals and objectives to achieve that vision.

Objective 2.1 – Gather member governments, local officials, citizens, and interested agencies and organizations together to discuss what they want for the region.

Objective 2.2 – From this discussion, create a vision statement and establish goals and objectives to achieve that vision.

Goal 3 – Understand rural transit’s role and effectiveness in the region.

Objective 3.1 – Conduct a study of the rural transit systems to determine who utilizes them, where those people go, what needs are being met, and what needs are not being met.

Objective 3.2 – Determine ways in which rural transit could be improved and people’s needs could be better met.

Goal 4 – Generate more public involvement.

Objective 4.1 – Create a public involvement plan for the region.

Objective 4.2 – Utilize innovative and interactive practices like design charrettes, community visioning workshops, and scenario planning to create excitement for planning and provide for hands-on experiences. Encourage local officials to do the same.

Objective 4.3 – Utilize technologies to disperse information and to collect information. Keep an updated website and utilize online surveys (in addition to more traditional techniques) when public involvement is needed. Publish all important documents on the website.

Goal 5 – Consider long-range transportation in the region.

Objective 5.1 – Consider the creation of a comprehensive long-range transportation plan for the region and determine feasibility and effectiveness.

Objective 5.2 – If a long-range transportation plan is not desirable, establish long-range transportation goals for the region.

Goal 6 – Promote good practices in transportation planning throughout the region, specifically related to multi-modal transportation.

Objective 6.1 – Aid local officials and agencies in better understanding connections of land use and transportation.

Objective 6.2 – Encourage and engage in transit planning.

Objective 6.3 – Promote bicycle and pedestrian facilities projects.

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization (EARPO)

Fiscal Year 2019

Meeting Schedule

⇒ **Northern Counties:**

Cherokee and Etowah

January 10 @ 11:30, Gadsden Chamber after MPO meeting

April 11 @ TBD

July 11 @ 11:30, Gadsden Chamber after MPO meeting

⇒ **Central Counties:**

Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Talladega

January 17 @ 11, EARPDC 3rd floor conference room

April 18 @ 11, EARPDC 3rd floor conference room

July 18 @ 11, EARPDC 3rd floor conference room

⇒ **Southern Counties**

Chambers, Coosa, Randolph, Tallapoosa

January 24 @ 10, ALDOT Alexander City Office, Section 1

April 25 @ 10, ALDOT Alexander City Office, Section 1

July 25 @ 10, ALDOT Alexander City Office, Section 1

Please send RSVPs to elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org or call

Libby Messick at 256-237-6741.

East Alabama Region MPO & RPO Transportation Monthly Newsletter

January 2019 Issue

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Calhoun Area MPO Updates

Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Update



A second stakeholder's meeting was held December 12th, 2018.

Maps of proposed projects and a comment form can be found on the MPO website ([Calhoun Area MPO](#)). Please email completed comment forms to

CalhounBikePed@gmail.com, elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org, or fax to 256-237-6763 no later than **December 28, 2018**.

A public participation meeting will be scheduled once a draft plan nears completion. Information regarding this meeting will be posted on the EARPDC website, advertised in the Anniston Star, and distributed to the Policy, Technical Advisory, Citizens Advisory, and Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committees once scheduled.

Public Participation Plan Update

The Calhoun Area MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) is in the process of being updated and a draft has been completed! The 45-day **public comment period** **begin** January 3, 2019 and **end** February 19!

A **Public Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday January 16th, 2019** from 11 am – 12 pm after the CAC meeting.

Copies of the draft plan may be found on the EARPDC website at: <http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pageID=109>, picked up at the EARPDC front desk during normal business hours, or you may request a copy be mailed to you. Information regarding the meeting and comment period has been posted on the EARPDC website as well as

distributed to the Policy, Technical Advisory, and Citizens Advisory Committees. Adoption of the update will require ALDOT approval of both Draft and Final versions as well as a passed resolution through the MPO Policy Committee. Comment forms may be found on the EARPDC website address above and may be submitted at the EARPDC front desk during normal business hours; mailed to the Calhoun Area MPO at PO Box 2186, Anniston, AL 36202; faxed to 256-237-6763; or emailed to elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org. You may also direct any further questions to me at elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org or 256-237-6741.

○ December MPO Project Changes

- #44 CN (PI#100064897) NEW SIGNAL AND LANE INSTALLATION IMPROVEMENTS AT BYNUM LEATHERWOOD (CR-109) AND OLD GADSDEN ROAD
Old Target Start Date: February 22, 2019
New Target Start Date: February 28, 2020
-Change from FY19 to FY20. 1% FY change increase applied.
- #5 CN (PI #100047016) TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LENLOCK LANE AND SR-21 IN THE CITY OF ANNISTON
Old Engineers Estimate: \$169,029.02
New Engineers Estimate: \$179,892.41
-Increased CN estimate by funds by \$10,863.39 < 20% (\$33,805.80) of previous amount
- #23 UT (PI#100054938) CR-440 (64TH ST) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN # 6204 NEAR WEAVER
Old Target Start Date: August 01, 2019
New Target Start Date: April 01, 2020
-Change from FY19 to FY20. 1% FY change increase applied.
- #30 PE (PI#100057404) BARRY STREET/US 78 – RECONFIGURE INTERSECTION
Old Total Amount: \$170,000
New Total Amount: \$186,111 due to overruns
-Increased PE by \$16,111 < 20% (\$34,000) of previous amount
- #14 CN (PI #100064930) RESURFACING ALEXANDRIA/JACKSONVILLE HIGHWAY FROM JACKSONVILLE CITY LIMITS TO MCCLELLAN ROAD
Old Target Start Date: March 29, 2019
New Target Start Date: July 26, 2019
-Target Start Date in same FY – no change to TIP Spreadsheet
- #42 CN (PI#100064892) RESURFACE WEST 9TH STREET AND CAFFEY DRIVE FROM SR-78 TO BARRY STREET CITY OF OXFORD
Old Target Start Date: April 26, 2019
New Target Start Date: September 27, 2019
-Target Start Date in same FY – no change to the TIP Spreadsheet
- #5 CN (PI #100047016) TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LENLOCK LANE AND SR-21 IN THE CITY OF ANNISTON
Old Target Start Date: January 25, 2019
New Target Start Date: February 22, 2019
-Target Start Date in same FY – no change to the TIP Spreadsheet
- #23 RW (PI#100054937) CR-440 (64TH STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN #6204 NEAR WEAVER
Old Target Start Date: February 1, 2019
New Target Start Date: August 1, 2019
-Target Start Date in same FY – no change to TIP Spreadsheet
- #23 CN (PI# 10054939) CR-440 (64TH ST) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN # 6204 NEAR WEAVER
Old Target Start Date: November 6, 2020
New Target Start Date: May 28, 2021
-Target Start Date in same FY – no change to TIP Spreadsheet

RPO Updates

- FY19 Meetings

 **January: There's still time to confirm attendance if you haven't already!!**

Northern Counties: January 10th @ Gadsden Chamber, 11:30 am, after MPO meeting

Central Counties: January 17th @ EARPDC, 11 am, after MPO meeting

Southern Counties: January 24th @ ALDOT Alexander City office, Section 1, 10:00 am

 **April:**

Northern Counties: April 11th @ time and location TBD

Central Counties: April 18th @ EARPDC, 11 am, after MPO meeting

Southern Counties: April 25th @ ALDOT Alexander City office, Section 1, 10:00 am

 **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

o **Meeting Coordination Interest**

Memos and preliminary agendas have been sent for the meetings in January. Please confirm your attendance by the dates on the emails to ensure we order enough boxed lunches for everyone.

If you have any suggestions on where to house future RPO meetings or suggestions on places for box lunches/food items during an RPO meeting in your area, please contact Libby Messick at elizabeth.messick@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 December 7, 2018

- o **Calhoun County**
 - o None
- o **Chambers County**
 - o None
- o **Cherokee County**
 - o None
- o **Clay County**
 - o None
- o **Cleburne County**
 - o None

- **Coosa County**
 - None
- **Etowah County**
 - STPOA – 8121(601) for the constructing the widening, planing, resurfacing, and traffic stripe on South 11th Street from the junction of CR-205 (Black Creek Parkway) to the junction of Piedmont Avenue in Gadsden. Length 0.626 mi.
The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$1,775,620 to \$2,170,202.
 - STPOA – 2818(250) for constructing the planing, resurfacing, and traffic stripe on North College Street from the junction of Railroad Avenue to the intersection of Rabbittown Road in Glencoe. Length 2.385 mi.
The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$363,405 to \$444.161.
- **Randolph County**
 - None
- **Talladega County**
 - HSIP – I020(346) for constructing the median barrier protection (cable guiderail installation) on I-20 from the St. Clair County Line to 0.300 miles west of the overpass of Mahaffey Road in Eastaboga. Length 13.296 mi.
The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$820,659 to \$1,003,027.
- **Tallapoosa County**
 - STPNU – 6218(250) for constructing the resurfacing and traffic stripe on CR-45 (Lovelady Road) from the junction of SR-49 to the junction of SR-50. Length 8.558 mi.
The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$797,821 to \$975,115.
- **The next monthly letting will be January 25, 2019**

Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Deadlines

It's not too early to be thinking ahead!

- Industrial Access Road and Bridge Program (ALDOT) – **late January** deadline possible
- FY 2019 EPA Brownfields Grant – for FY19 a total of \$50 million is expected to be awarded to more than 100 recipients. Proposal deadline is **January 31, 2019**
- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is accepting applications through **February 14, 2019** for its Art Works Grant Program. NEA encourages applications for artistically excellent projects that address many activities. More information can be found here: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/grant-program-description>. Matching grants will range from \$10,000 - \$100,000.
- The EPA **Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program** provides funding directly to community-based organizations for projects that help residents of underserved communities understand and address local environmental and public health issues. Applications are due **February 15, 2019**.
- The Institute of Museum and Library Services has launched a new special initiative, Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries (APP) and is accepting grant applications through **February**

25, 2019. This opportunity is designed to strengthen the ability of small and rural libraries, archives, and related organizations to serve their communities. Award sizes range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

- The USDA **ReConnect** program will offer up to \$600 million nationwide in loans and grants to help build broadband infrastructure in rural areas. 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 **April 29, 2019**, for loan and grant funding by **May 29, 2019**, and for loan funding by **June 28, 2019**.

More information on deadlines will be distributed as it becomes available.

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3 Start 45-day comment period for PPP	4	5
6	7	8 Transit Advisory Board @9	9 Technical Advisory Committee @ 10	10 Northern counties RPO meeting @ Gadsden @ 11:30	11	12
13	14	15	16 Citizens Advisory Committee @ 10 PPP Public Meeting @ 11-12	17 MPO Policy Committee @ 10 Central counties RPO @ 11 @ EARFDC	18	19
20	21 MLK Day	22	23	24 Southern counties RPO meeting @ Alex City @ 10	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Transit Advisory Board @9	13 Technical Advisory Committee @ 10	14	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19 End 45-day comment period for PPP	20	21 MPO Policy Committee @ 10	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		