

East Alabama Rural Planning Organization  
District Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee –Southern District  
Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
May 22, 2014  
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Alexander City, Alabama

Policy Committee Members in Attendance:

Jerry Thrower, City of Lanett  
Tony Goss, City of Alexander City

Technical Advisory Committee Members in Attendance:

John C. Trimble  
Marc Traylor  
DeJarvis Leonard

Other Attendees:

Ms. Robin Caler, EARPDC  
Mr. Ryan Kallem, EARPDC

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Robin Caler of the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission. She stated that there were corrections to be made on the minutes of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, so there would be no approval of minutes and that she would get the corrected copies to the members as soon as possible. She then asked if anyone present had any other old business to discuss. There being none, the next item on the agenda was addressed: New Business.

The first item of New Business was a report on the MAP 21 Reauthorization Bill Summary. Caler pointed out some highlights from the summary:

- Fully funds highway programs for 6 years
- Increases support for core formula grants
- Focuses on freight and goods movement
- Funds projects of National and Regional significance

There being no further questions or comments regarding the MAP 21 reauthorization Bill Summary, the next item on the agenda was addressed: update on Road Projects.

Mr. Leonard gave an update on State road projects, along with an update on ATRIP and RAMP projects (see attached). Mr. Traylor supplemented the report with detailed comments on a few of the projects.

There were no County representatives present to give updates on county projects.

Caler then gave an update on the CLEAR Plan 2030 stating that the Implementation Plan had been completed and the magazine has been delivered to the printer and that a proof of the magazine was in process. The meeting then moved on to Open Discussion and Announcements.

Caler directed attendee's attention to a handout *Instant Impact Guide* developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council. She pointed out highlights of the document for creating pedestrian friendly streets. Mr. Goss asked about liability for barricades on the pop-up items. Caler suggested that the city attorney would be better equipped to provide an answer for that. Mr. Goss stated that he had seen some of these practices in Foley and they worked well.

A brief discussion occurred regarding a field trip for the RPO members to observe a demonstration on surface reclamation. Caler asked Mr. Leonard and Mr. Traylor if they would mind presenting an overview of the process, or if they knew of a contractor that would be able to do a brief presentation of the process immediately prior to the demonstration. Mr. Traylor said he would contact an entity currently working in the area on the projects and see if they could provide someone.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.