

# East Alabama Region MPO & RPO Transportation Monthly Newsletter

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## Calhoun Area MPO Updates

### ○ **Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan Update**



A draft plan is anticipated to be completed late THIS MONTH! **A public meeting for the draft has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the EARPDC 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room.** The public participation

meeting announcement will be printed in the Anniston Star and announced during MPO policy, technical, and citizens advisory meetings. Flyers will also be mailed to neighboring businesses, libraries, schools, and housing authorities.

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](mailto:CalhounBikePed@gmail.com), [elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org](mailto:elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org), or fax to 256-237-6763. **The 14-day public comment period will begin February 21<sup>st</sup> and end March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### ○ **Public Participation Plan Update**

A public meeting for the Draft Public Participation Plan was held January 16, 2019. **The 45-day public comment for the draft plan will end February 19.**

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](mailto:elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org). You may also direct any further questions to me at [elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org](mailto:elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org) or 256-237-6741.

## ○ January MPO Project Changes

- #41 CN (PI#100064890) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON AIRPORT ROAD AT COLDWATER CREEK BIN # 11215 CITY OF OXFORD  
Old Target Start Date: September 27, 2019  
New Target Start Date: April 3, 2020  
Change from FY19 to FY20. 1% FY change increase applied
- #41 UT (PI#100064889) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON AIRPORT ROAD AT COLDWATER CREEK BIN # 11215 CITY OF OXFORD  
Old Target Start Date: June 1, 2019  
New Target Start Date: January 1, 2020  
Change from FY19 to FY20. 1% FY change increase applied
- #41 RW (PI#100064888) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON AIRPORT ROAD AT COLDWATER CREEK BIN # 11215 CITY OF OXFORD  
Old Target Start Date: March 1, 2019  
New Target Start Date: September 1, 2019  
Target Start Date in same FY – no change to TIP Spreadsheet

## RPO Updates

### - FY19 Meetings



#### April:

Northern Counties: April 11<sup>th</sup> @ time and location TBD

Central Counties: April 18<sup>th</sup> @ EARPDC, 11 am, after MPO meeting

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



#### July:

Northern Counties: July 11<sup>th</sup> @ Gadsden Chamber, 11:30 am, after MPO meeting

Central Counties: July 18<sup>th</sup> @ EARPDC, 11 am, after MPO meeting

Southern Counties: July 25<sup>th</sup> @ ALDOT Alexander City office, Section 1, 10:00 am

Meeting minutes from January can be found at

<http://www.earpdc.org/pages/?pageID=29>

*Northern Counties: Cherokee and Etowah*

*Central Counties: Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Talladega*

*Southern Counties: Chambers, Coosa, Randolph, Tallapoosa*

## ○ 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 Libby Messick at [elizabeth.messick@earpdc.org](mailto: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 January 25, 2019

- **Calhoun County**
  - NH-HSIP-0001(604) for constructing the Safety Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-1 (US-431) from the junction of SR-9 in Hollis Crossroads to 0.140 mile north of the Calhoun County Line. Length 8.637 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$2,798,757 to \$3,420,703.
- **Chambers County**
  - None
- **Cherokee County**
  - BR-0009(508) for the constructing the Bridge Replacement (Grading, Drainage, Pavement and Bridge) on SR-9 over Terrapin Creek southeast of Centre. Length 0.851 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$6,513,486 to \$7,960,927.
- **Clay County**
  - None
- **Cleburne County**
  - ACBR60389-ATRP(011) for constructing the Bridge Replacement and Approaches on CR-49 over Baily Branch. Length 0.065 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$414,315 to \$506,385.
  - NH-HSIP-0001(604) for constructing the Safety Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-1 (US-431) from the junction of SR-9 in Hollis Crossroads to 0.140 mile north of the Calhoun County Line. Length 8.637 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$2,798,757 to \$3,420,703.
- **Coosa County**
  - None
- **Etowah County**
  - NH-SIP-001(603) for constructing the Safety Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, Sidewalk Installation, Guardrail Installation, and Traffic Stripe on SR-1 (US-431) from Little Wills Creek (MP 265.175) in Attalla to Line Creek (MP 269.290) southwest to Ridgeville. Length 4.114 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$1,964,262 to \$2,400,765.
  - ACBRZ61376-ATRP(012) for constructing the Bridge Replacement and Approaches on CR-568 (Yates Road) over Black Creek) Length 0.257 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$1,137,535 to \$1,390,3210
- **Randolph County**
  - None
- **Talladega County**
  - NH-0077(523) for the Planing, Resurfacing, Bridge Rail Retrofit, and Traffic Stripe on SR-77 from 0.040 mile north of the junction of SR-34 north of Talladega to the junction of CR-414 (Lower Mitchell Road) south of Lincoln. Length 6.345 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$3,826,826 to \$4,677,232.
  - HSIP-0038(540) for constructing the Safety Improvements (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, and traffic Stripe) on SR-38 (US-280) from west of the junction of Old Sylacauga Highway to east of the junction of Old Birmingham Highway in Oak Grove. Length 2.675 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$927,941 to \$1,134,150.

- Tallapoosa County
  - None

## Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Deadlines

It's not too early to be thinking ahead!

- 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 ARC will begin accepting applications for the 2019 round of the **Partnership for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)** initiative on February 1 and are due no later than **April 10, 2019**. Approximately \$45 million will be awarded through this competitive grant process. The POWER initiative will continue focusing on regional investments that maximize economic revitalization in the Appalachian region's coal-impacted communities.
- 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.

# February 2019

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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 Draft PPP	20	21 MPO Policy Committee @ 10 Draft Bike-Ped Plan Public Meeting @ 4	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

# March 2019

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