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East Alabama Region MPO & RPO Transportation Monthly Newsletter

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Calhoun Area MPO Updates

○ September MPO Project Changes

- #48 PE (100070250) WIDENING ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM CHEAHA DRIVE TO CIRCLE DRIVE (PHASE I)
Initial Estimate: \$311,264
Engineers Estimate: \$314,376
- #48 RW (100070250) WIDENING ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM CHEAHA DRIVE TO CIRCLE DRIVE (PHASE I)
Initial Estimate: \$319,470
Updated Estimate: \$325,891
- #48 UT (100070250) WIDENING ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM CHEAHA DRIVE TO CIRCLE DRIVE (PHASE I)
Initial Estimate: \$313,661
Updated Estimate: \$323,165
- #48 CN (100070250) WIDENING ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD FROM CHEAHA DRIVE TO CIRCLE DRIVE (PHASE I)
Initial Estimate: \$1,455,989
Updated Estimate: \$1,515,107
- #49 PE (100070253) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK (BIN 004773) AND CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF (BIN 004774)
Initial Estimate: \$349,181
Engineers Estimate: \$352,672
- #49 RW (100070254) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK (BIN 004773) AND CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF (BIN 004774)
Initial Estimate: \$189,462
Engineers Estimate: \$191,326
- #49 UT (100070255) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD OVER CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK (BIN 004773) AND CHOCCOLOCCO CREEK RELIEF (BIN 004774)
Initial Estimate: \$185,987
Engineers Estimate: \$189,725
- #50 PE (100070259) RESURFACING, WIDENING, AND UPGRADING EXISTING TURN SIGNALS AND ADDING TURN LANES ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD AT CHEAHA DRIVE
Initial Estimate: \$150,748
Engineers Estimate: \$152,255

- #50 RW (100070262) RESURFACING, WIDENING, AND UPGRADING EXISTING TURN SIGNALS AND ADDING TURN LANES ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD AT CHEAHA DRIVE
 Initial Estimate: \$106,282
 Engineers Estimate: \$107,344
- #50 UT (100070269) RESURFACING, WIDENING, AND UPGRADING EXISTING TURN SIGNALS AND ADDING TURN LANES ON FRIENDSHIP ROAD AT CHEAHA DRIVE
 Initial Estimate: \$104,349
 Engineers Estimate: \$106,446
- #51 CN (100070224) RESURFACING ON ALEXANDRIA-JACKSONVILLE HIGHWAY FROM CEDAR SPRINGS ROAD TO THE JACKSONVILLE CITY LIMITS CCP 08-107-19
 Initial Estimate: \$890,023
 Updated Estimate: \$898,923
- #52 CN (100070226) RESURFACING ON WHITES GAP ROAD SOUTHEAST FROM SR21 TO THE JACKSONVILLE CITY LIMITS AND ON WHITES GAP ROAD FROM WHITES GAP ROAD SOUTHEAST TO SR-9
 Initial Estimate: \$1,260,000
 Updated Estimate: \$1,285,326
- #53 PE (100070695) SIGNAL UPGRADES AT SR-202 AND NORTH HUNTER STREET
 Initial Estimate: \$30,000
 Updated Estimate: \$30,300
- #53 CN (100070228) SIGNAL UPGRADES AT SR-202 AND NORTH HUNTER STREET
 Initial Estimate: \$100,000
 Updated Estimate: \$102,010
- #55 CN (100070232) RESURFACING ON EULATON GATE ROAD FROM MBYNUM LEATHERWOOD ROAD TO THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT GATE
 Initial Estimate: \$375,000
 Updated Estimate \$390,226
- #54 CN (100070230) RESURFACING ON ROY WEBB ROAD FROM SR-21 TO FOSTER WEST ROAD
 Initial Estimate: \$950,000
 Updated Estimate: \$988,573
- #56 PE (100070197) RESURFACING ON HENRY ROAD AND COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE SOUTHWEST TO THE JACKSONVILLE CITY LIMITS
 Initial Estimate: \$86,441
 Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$87,305
- #56 CN (100070198) RESURFACING ON HENRY ROAD AND COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE SOUTHWEST TO THE JACKSONVILLE CITY LIMITS
 Initial Estimate: \$461,020
 Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$470,286
- #57 PE (100070203) RESURFACING ON GEORGE DOUTHIT DRIVE SOUTHWEST FROM SR-21 TO BRIERWOOD PLACE
 Initial Estimate: \$206,459
 Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$212,714
- #57 CN (100070208) RESURFACING ON GEORGE DOUTHIT DRIVE SOUTHWEST FROM SR-21 TO BRIERWOOD PLACE
 Initial Estimate: \$1,101,110
 Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$1,145,819

- #58 PE (100070238) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MULTI-USE PATH CONSTRUCTION AND RIDE SHARE ON BALTZELL GATE ROAD FROM SR-21 WEST OF FEDERAL WAY
Initial Estimate: \$17,600
Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$18,133
- #58 CN (100070239) BICYCLE AND PEDSTRIAN MULTI-USE PATH CONSTRUCTION AND RIDE SHARE ON BALTZELL GATE ROAD FROM SR-21 WEST OF FEDERAL WAY
Initial Estimate: \$176,000
Updated Estimate: \$183,146
- #59 PE (100070241) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MULTI-USE PATH CONSTRUCTION, SR-202 COLDWATER MOUNTAIN/MULBERRY SREET TO LEGARDE AVENUE FOR 1,075 FEET
Initial Estimate: \$32,000
Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$32,643
- #59 CN (100070242) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MULTI-USE PATH CONSTRUCTION, SR-202 COLDWATER MOUNTAIN/MULBERRY SREET TO LEGARDE AVENUE FOR 1,075 FEET
Initial Estimate: \$160,000
Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$164,848
- #60 PE (100070244) BICYCLE LANE, STRIPING AND POSSIBLE 2-FT SHOULDER WIDENING ALONG SOUTH NOBLE STREET FROM CHESTNUT STREET TO FOURTH STREET
Initial Estimate: \$5,500
Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$5,555
- #60 CN (100070244) BICYCLE LANE, STRIPING AND POSSIBLE 2-FT SHOULDER WIDENING ALONG SOUTH NOBLE STREET FROM CHESTNUT STREET TO FOURTH STREET
Initial Estimate: \$44,000
Updated ALDOT Estimate: \$44,884
- #35 CN (100063208) RESURFACING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT 4TH STREET AND NOBLE STREET
Engineers Estimate: \$664,525.38
Project Bid for: \$851,834.41
-Project bid to let for \$187,309.30 more than estimated amount. Due to time sensitivity of bidding process, administrative modification was used instead of resolution.
- #54 CN (100070230) RESURFACING ON ROY WEBB ROAD FROM SR-21 TO FOSTER WEST ROAD
Initial Requested Date: May 2022
Planned Date: September 2022

East Alabama RPO Updates

○ FY 2020 RPO Meetings

October 2019

Northern District (Etowah and Cherokee Counties):

Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ Gadsden Chamber @ 11:00

Central District (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties):

Thursday, October 17, 2019 @ EARPCD @ 11:00

Southern District (Chambers, Coosa, Randolph, and Tallapoosa Counties):

Thursday, October 31, 2019 @ Alexander City ALDOT Office @ 10:00

Meeting minutes from Fiscal Year 2019 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 September 27, 2019

○ Calhoun County

- none

○ Chambers County

- none

○ Cherokee County

- none

○ Clay County

- none

○ Cleburne County

- BR-0046(503) for constructing the Bridge Replacement (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, and Bridge) on SR-46 over Cane Creek in Heflin. Length 0.230 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$2,420,850 to \$2,958,816.
- HRRR-1519(250) for constructing the Safety Improvements (Guardrail Installation, Pavement Markers, Rumble Strip, Traffic Signs, and Traffic Stripe) on CR-24 from the Calhoun county Line to the junction of CR-3 in Abel. Length 2.358 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$149,699 to \$182,965.

○ Coosa County

- none

○ Etowah County

- none

○ Randolph County

- BR-0048(502) for constructing the Bridge Replacement (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, and Bridge) on SR-48 over Fox Creek east of the Clay County Line. Length 0.581 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$3,653,309 to \$4,465,155.

- **Talladega County**
 - HRRR-6199(250) for constructing the Guardrail Installations on CR-399 over Cheaha and Choccolocco Creeks (Site 1 and Site 2); on CR-326 over Choccolocco Creek (Site 3); on CR-211 over Talladega Creek (Site 4); on CR-207 over Talladega Creek (Site 5); and on CR-009 over Four Mile Creek (Site 6). Length 0.694 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$274,550 to \$335,561.
- **Tallapoosa County**
 - none

○ Upcoming Funding Opportunities & Deadlines

It's not too early to be thinking ahead!

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is accepting applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (**REDLG**) Program. Through the REDLG Program, USDA provides zero-interest loans and some grant funds to rural utilities, which they in turn pass through to local businesses for projects that will retain or create employment opportunities in rural communities. The funding may be used to assist with business start-up and expansion costs; business incubators; feasibility studies; advanced telecommunications and computer networks for medical, educational, and job training services; and community facilities that spur economic development. Rural Development anticipates **a maximum loan amount of \$2 million and a maximum grant amount of \$300,000**. Awards are made on a competitive basis to utilities that will relend the funds for local economic development efforts. Applications must be received no later than **4:30 p.m. Pacific time** on the following dates:
September 30, 2019 (first quarter)
December 31, 2019 (second quarter)
March 31, 2020 (third quarter)
June 30, 2020 (fourth quarter)
- The Economic Development Administration (**EDA**) has made available \$587 million to eligible grantees in communities effected by natural disasters in 2018 and floods and tornadoes in 2019. Applications should provide long-term, regionally-oriented, and collaborative development strategies designed to generate economic growth and resilience. No application deadlines apply, and the EDA will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis. For more information, go [here](#).
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) is accepting requests for Technical Assistance (TA) under the **Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA)** Program. The TA program is specifically designed to assist communities with populations under 40,000 that are struggling to recover from natural disaster and economic decline. DCTA may be used to build capacity around: financial management, economic revitalization; affordable housing development; disaster recovery and resiliency planning; cross-sector partnership building; and utilizing federal development programs. To learn more visit the [Distressed Cities Technical Assistance](#) page on the HUD Exchange.

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.**

○ Other Information

- The EDA has published a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) notice in the Federal Register seeking public input on how the federal government can better align its economic development programs and resources in order to encourage and facilitate investments in economically distressed communities, including in qualified Opportunity Zones. More information is available [here](#). Comments must be submitted by **October 18, 2019**.

- NADO Research Foundation Staff Share Research at Transit Conference
This past week, NADO Research Foundation Associate Director Carrie Kissel attended the [2019 National Rural Transit Assistance Program \(RTAP\) Conference](#) in Portland, Oregon. [National RTAP](#) is a technical assistance center funded by the Federal Transit Administration to provide information and resources for rural transit systems. The conference included information on coordination, transit administration, compliance, technology, and more, with presentations by transit agencies, regional development organizations, state and federal agency staff, and other capacity builders. Kissel provided an interactive plenary workshop on rural trends, transportation, building wealth, and connecting socioeconomic trends with transportation's role in supporting asset-based development. The presentation slides can be accessed [here](#).

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Transit Advisory Board @ 9	9 MPO Technical Advisory Committee @ 10	10 Northern RPO meeting @ Gadsden Chamber @ 11:00	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 MPO Policy Committee @ 10 Central RPO meeting @ Anniston @ 11	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Southern RPO meeting @ Alex City @ 10		

November 2019

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