

**AGENDA**  
for the  
**Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**  
In the  
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission Conference Room  
**10:00 am**  
November 17, 2016

- I. Call to Order
- II. Verification of Quorum
- III. Old Business
  - A. Review minutes of October 20, 2016 MPO Meeting
  - B. Approval of minutes of October 20, 2016 MPO Meeting
  - C. TBA
- IV. New Business
  - A. Review FY 16-19 TIP Spreadsheet and MPO Projects
  - B. ALDOT Request to Add FY 17 Sec. 5311 Transit Allocation to FY 16-19 TIP
  - C. ALDOT Request to Add Resurfacing US 78 (Talladega CL to SR 202 to FY 16-19 TIP
  - D. Resolution #723 – Adds FY 17 Sec. 5311 Transit Allocation and Resurf US 78 to FY 16-19 TIP
  - E. Request to Add Oxford, Anniston and Jacksonville FY 17 TAP Projects to FY 16-19 TIP
  - F. Resolution #724 – Adds Oxford, Anniston and Jacksonville FY 17 TAP Projects to FY 16-19 TIP
  - G. ADA Transition Plans and Implementation – Rueben Prater, SE Facility Management and Consultants
  - H. Planning for an Aging Population (Handout)
  - I. TBA
- V. Other Business
  - A. Status Report on other Local Projects form ALDOT East Central Region
  - B. Report on Urban Area Fixed Route and ADA Handicapped Transit Systems
  - C. Comments or Issues from Member Jurisdictions or Attendees
  - D. TBA
- VI. Next MPO Meeting – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- VII. Adjourn

**MINUTES**  
Calhoun Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
10:00 a.m.

Those attending:

Fred Wilson	Calhoun County
Steve Williams	ALDoT, Met. Planning
Jack E. Plunk	EARPDC / MPO
Albertha Grant	EARPDC Executive Director
Mike Mathews	Anniston Army Depot
Michael Hosch	Calhoun County
Steven Corley	ALDoT, East Central Region
Mark Stephens	City of Jacksonville
Jerry Parris	City of Jacksonville
Jana Monday	CDG Engineers
Rodney McCain	Calhoun County
Toby Bennington	City of Anniston
Anthony Kamburis???	CDG Engineers
Shannon T. Jones	ALDoT, Calhoun County
David Thompson	JSU
Josh Moses	JSU

After roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present, Commissioner Fred Wilson called the meeting to order. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Toby Bennington and seconded by Mr. Jerry Parris. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Wilson called for the Review of FY 16-19 Spreadsheet and MPO Projects. Mr. Plunk gave the members a handout of the list of MPO projects to review. All projects highlighted in green have been authorized to move forward by the ALDoT. The projects in yellow are the projects that have been shifted from one FY to another with the additional 1% added to the allocation, projects highlighted in blue have had a recent up or down adjustment in allocation, and the projects highlighted in pink are ATRIP or ARRA funded. Mr. Plunk also discussed projects that have started construction or will be let in the next couple of months

Next, Commissioner Wilson continued by calling for the Request to Shift Project Elements from FY 16 into FY 17. He explained that there was a list of project elements in the agenda packet on page 4, which are the projects highlighted in yellow on the TIP spreadsheet, for review. Mr. Plunk reviewed the list with the members and said that each of these components have not been authorized in FY 16 and those that are moved from FY 16 into FY 17, will have the required 1% added to the allocation. Mr. Toby Bennington made a motion to accept the shifting of project elements with **Resolution No. 722**, which was seconded by Mr. Jerry Parris. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wilson continued with New Business by calling for the discussion of FY 16 Amtrak Ridership Summary. Mr. Plunk explained that on page 6 in the agenda packet is a graph showing the ridership activity for FY 16 for review. He said that this year boardings are down by 42 and de-boardings are down by 172 for the year, with a total of 4,871 for FY 16.

Next, Commissioner Wilson continued by calling for discussion of FY 16 Bicycle Safety Education Summary. Mr. Plunk explained that on page 7 in the agenda packet is a list of the schools that utilized the program along with expenditures and a graph comparing each fiscal year. He said that this year there were a total of 6 local schools, 9 hours of training and 437 students that completed the class. Even though participation was down by 64 students, \$495 was expended for bicycle safety education.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Wilson called for the status report on other local projects from ALDoT 4<sup>th</sup> Division. Mr. Shannon Jones discussed the local construction projects which were provided in the agenda packet for review and Mr. Steven Corley discussed the ALDoT sponsored projects.

Mr. Plunk gave the report for the Fixed-Route ridership for the month of September. There were 9,543 passengers on the Fixed-Route during September. The final table in the agenda is the ADA Paratransit ridership for the month of September. There were 773 trips for the City of Anniston, 298 trips for the City of Jacksonville, no trips for the City of Weaver, 195 trips for the City of Oxford, 360 trips for the Urbanized part of the County and 304 trips for the Rural part of the County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting of the MPO will be Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110

Rec'd 10/27/16



Robert Bentley  
Governor

John R. Cooper  
Transportation Director

October 24, 2016

Ms. Albertha F. (Bert) Grant, Executive Director  
East Alabama Regional Planning  
and Development Commission  
1130 Quintard Avenue, Suite 300  
P. O. Box 2186  
Anniston, AL 36202

ATTN: Mr. Jack Plunk

RE: Transportation Improvement Program  
Calhoun County

Dear Mr. Curtis:

The State has proposed the following changes in the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Calhoun Area Transportation Improvement Program should be amended at the next meeting of the Calhoun Metropolitan Planning Organization. After you have amended your TIP, please return the signed resolution to Metropolitan Planning for processing.

100066256 TR Section 5311 Transit Calhoun County (East Alabama 11/1/2016 \$840,000.00  
RPTO-TR17 ( ) Regional Planning and Development Commission)  
Operating Assistance FY 2017

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Doolin at (334) 242-6097.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Jilla  
Multimodal Transportation Engineer

BY:

Dr. Emmanuel C. Oranika  
Metropolitan Transportation Planning Administrator

RJJ: ECO/JD/db  
cc: Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, P. E.  
East Central Region Engineer  
Calhoun FY 2016-2019 TIP File

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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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November 8, 2016

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100065902 FM	Resurface, stripe, and 2' safety widening SR-4	4/28/2017	\$2,000,000.00
STPAA-HSIP-0004 ( )	(US-78) from Talladega county line		
	(MP 148.822) to SR-202 (MP 154.616)		

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**RESOLUTION # 723**

**WHEREAS**, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its FY 16-19 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIIP) on July 16, 2015 with Resolution #698; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALDOT has requested that the TIP be amended to include; the FY 17 Section 5311 Transit allocation for Operating Assistance and a Resurfacing project on US 78 (Talladega CL to SR 202) as described below.

#100066256 TR Sec. 5311 Calhoun County (East AL Regional Planning and Dev. Commission)  
11/1/16 \$840,000

#100065902 FM Resurface and add 2' Safety Widening US 78 (Talladega CL to SR 202) \$2,000,000  
4/28/17 (MP 148.8 – MP 154.6)

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Calhoun Area MPO, that the FY 16-19 TIP be amended to include the two projects as described above.

Passed and adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Wayne Willis, Chairman  
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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Jack E. Plunk, Principal Planner  
East Alabama Regional Planning and  
Development Commission

## **City of Anniston**

### **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

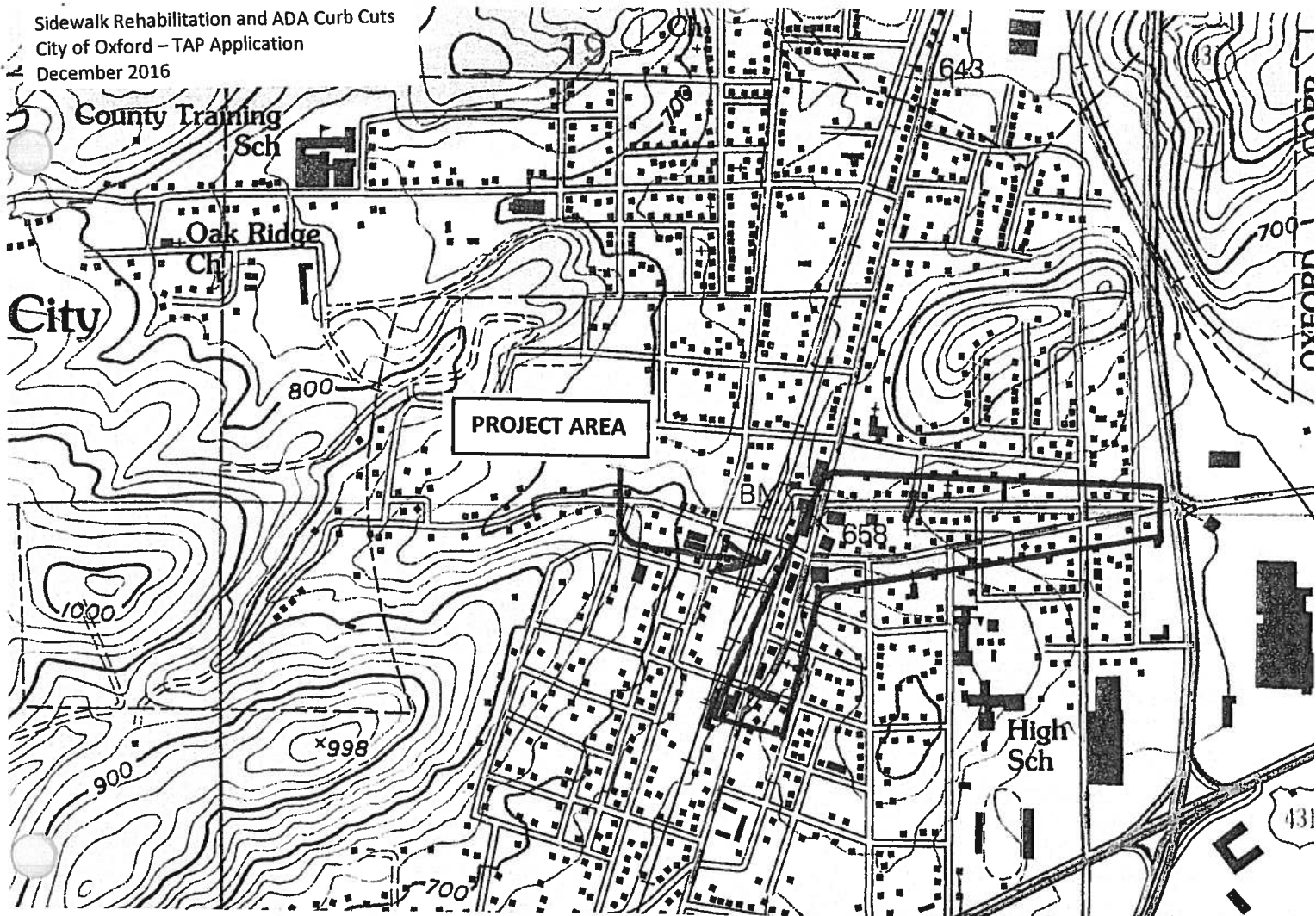
The City of Anniston is proposing to restore the former Greyhound Bus Station to the character of the property when built in the early 1950s.

The former Greyhound Bus Station is located at 1031 Gurnee Avenue. The Greyhound Bus Station is an historic transportation facility located and identified as a contributing structure in the Downtown Anniston Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Station is located on the Anniston Civil Rights Trail. In 1961, the group known as the Freedom Riders boarded buses in Washington, D.C. to travel through the Deep South to protest segregation in public transportation system facilities. On May 14, 1961, the Freedom Riders pulled into the Anniston Greyhound Bus Station. They were met with angry protestors that violently attacked the bus. Damage done to the bus resulted in the bus breaking down on Alabama Highway 202 just outside the city limits. The bus was again attacked and set on fire. The incident brought national and international attention to the struggle for equal rights and the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

After restoring the Station, it will serve as the Anniston Welcome Center. It will serve as the first stop on the Anniston Civil Rights Trail, as well as serving as a place to inform visitors to Anniston about other sites of interest, restaurants, recreation facilities, and places to stay.

The cost of the restoration of the former Greyhound Bus Station is estimated at \$ 500,000. Anniston is proposing to apply for \$ 400,000 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant assistance with the City of Anniston to contribute \$ 100,000 in local share.



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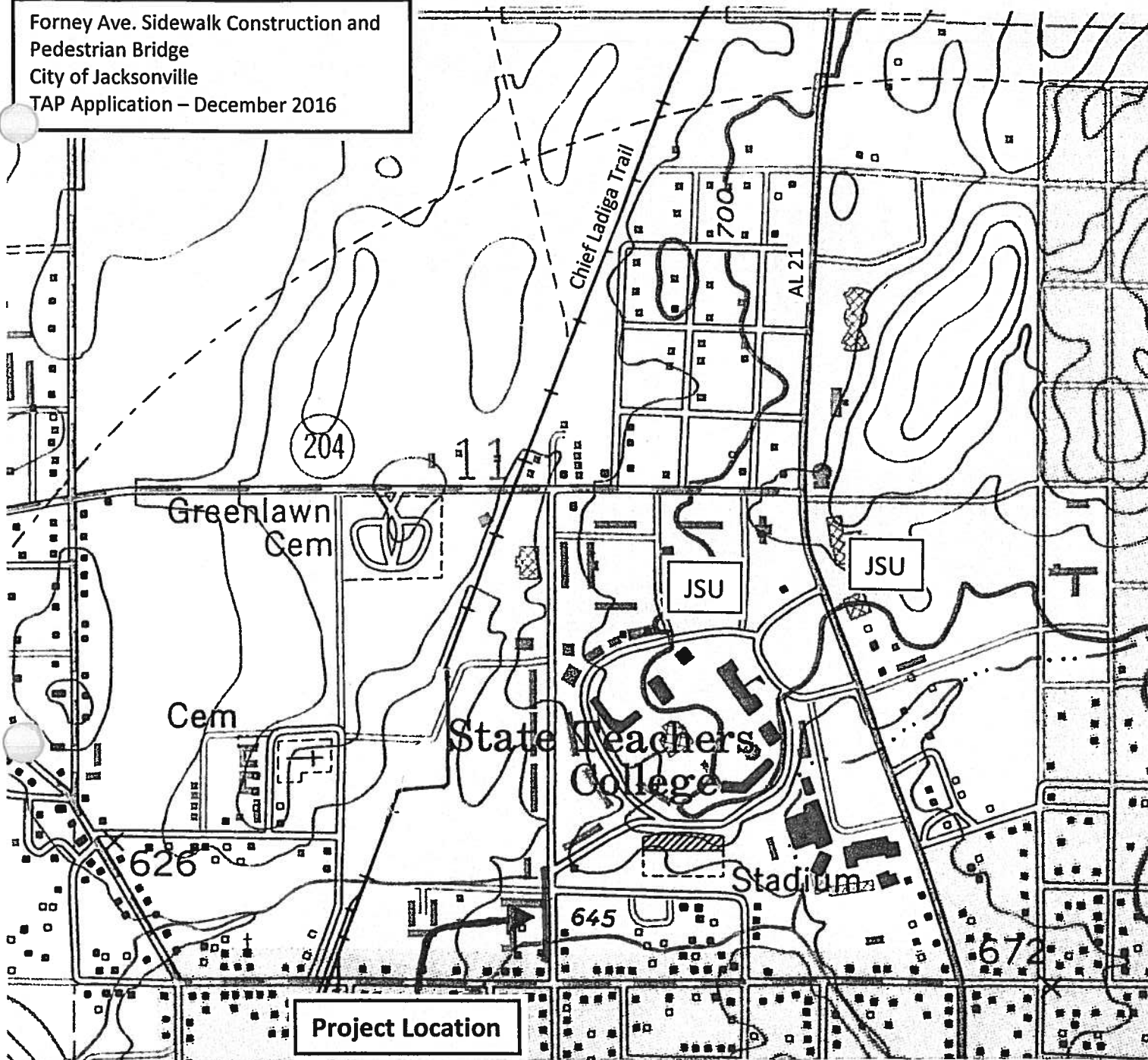
Dear Mr. Jilla:

I have enclosed an FY 17 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application sponsored by the City of Oxford. This application, prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) will provide funding for a second phase of ADA compliant sidewalk improvements for approximately .85 miles of sidewalks in the downtown area of Oxford. Several of these street segments had been removed from the area funded by the FY 14 TAP award. This application if approved, will provide \$384,472 from the TAP fund which will be matched with \$96,118 from the City of Oxford providing a project total of \$480,590 for the next phase of sidewalk improvements.

The City of Oxford is currently anticipating the December 2016 authorization of the first phase of ADA sidewalk and streetscape improvements funded with the FY 14 TAP award. Both phases are part of a larger downtown improvement project which will include relocating overhead power lines. The City and our downtown merchants are anxious to complete these important urban design improvements in the downtown area.



Forney Ave. Sidewalk Construction and  
Pedestrian Bridge  
City of Jacksonville  
TAP Application – December 2016



Mr. Robert J. Jilla  
Bureau of Transportation Planning &  
Modal Programs  
Alabama Department of Transportation  
1409 Coliseum Blvd.  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Mr. Jilla:

I respectfully submit the enclosed FY 17 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application sponsored by the City of Jacksonville. This application, prepared by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC), will provide funding for an ADA compliant sidewalk and pedestrian bridge along the west side of Forney Avenue NW near Jacksonville State University. This application if approved, will provide \$ 174,696 from the TAP fund which will be matched with

## RESOLUTION # 724

**WHEREAS**, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its FY 16-19 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIIP) on July 16, 2015 with Resolution #698; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO is required to include Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects in its current TIP when they are located within the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Oxford, Anniston and Jacksonville wish to submit applications to the FY 17 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to fund; a second phase of downtown sidewalk rehabilitation and ADA compliance in **Oxford**, and the restoration of the Greyhound Bus Station at 1031 Gurnee Avenue in **Anniston**, and ADA compliant sidewalk and pedestrian bridge along Forney Ave. NW in **Jacksonville**, and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal sponsors will provide funding for the necessary Preliminary Engineering (PE) and provide 20% local matching as required by the TAP.

1. *FY 17 TAP City of Oxford – Downtown Sidewalk Rehabilitation & ADA Compliance - \$480,590  
(80% TAP \$384,472 – 20% CoO \$96,118)*
2. *FY 17 TAP City of Anniston - Restore Greyhound Bus Station at 1031 Gurnee Ave. - \$500,000  
(80% TAP \$400,000 – 20% CoA \$100,000)*
3. *FY 17 TAP City of Jacksonville – ADA Compliant Sidewalk on Forney Avenue - \$218,370  
(80% TAP \$174,696 – 20% CoJ \$43,674)*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Calhoun Area MPO, that the FY 16-19 TIP be amended to include the TAP projects as described above.

Passed and adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2016.

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Mayor Wayne Willis, Chairman  
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

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Jack E. Plunk, Principal Planner  
East Alabama Regional Planning and  
Development Commission

11/8/16

**CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

<b><u>PROJECT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
NHF-0901(500)	Base and pave of Eastern Bypass from Lake Yahou to US 431	Punch list ✓
STPOA-0204(515)	Resurface SR 204 from US 431 to MP 6.62 (West Point Rd.)	Stripe and cleanup ✓
STPAA-HSIP-0004(542)	Resurface SR 4 (US 78) from MP 166.7 to MP 171.1	Wearing surface to start this week ✓
STPOA-0815(251)	Bicycle & Pedestrian Imp. at 14 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , and Cobb Ave.	Signs ✓
ACOA59378-ATRP(010)	Signal Improvements in Jville Along SR 21 at 10 intersections	Procurement – start at end of year or start of next year ✓
STPOA-7434(600)	Resurfacing of Coffee Street In Jacksonville	Resets, stripe, and cleanup ✓
STPOA-0814(251)	Chief Ladiga Trail Resurfacing City of Weaver	Began south end this week Closed from Main St. to south ✓

Fixed-Route Ridership								
	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	
	6,837	6,543	7,850	9,757	11,074	10,266	11,357	
Oct	5,834	5,680	7,714	9,178	10,168	9,690	9,644	
Nov	5,923	6,545	8,333	9,439	9,069	9,610	10,627	
Dec	6,510	6,030	7,514	9,458	10,188	9,240	10,444	
Jan	5,441	6,121	8,050	9,687	10,002	10,393	8,824	
Feb	5,863	7,480	9,064	10,131	10,117	11,245	9,467	
Mar	5,990	7,108	8,245	9,466	10,261	11,463	9,872	
Apr	5,827	6,843	8,650	9,787	10,258	11,512	9,544	
May	6,620	7,609	9,326	10,234	9,781	10,747	10,444	
Jun	6,692	7,714	9,358	9,821	10,136	11,707	10,534	
Jul	6,088	8,282	11,080	11,209	11,488	12,075	10,274	
Aug	6,229	8,190	10,218	9,573	9,756	11,370	9,684	
Sep								

2016 Avg./Mo.      728      237      1      200      410

**ADA Paratransit Ridership**

<b>Fiscal Year 2016-2017</b>	<b>Anniston</b>	<b>Jacksonville</b>	<b>Weaver</b>	<b>Oxford</b>	<b>Section CC Urt</b>
October	778	257	0	168	279
November					
December					
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
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			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
24	Mountain St. NW - Resurface (AL 21 to Old Gadsden Road) #100054941 <b>COMPLETE</b>	PE			38,457									
		CN					430,200							
25	Coffee (A) Street - Resurface (AL 21 to Alex/Jville Rd.) #100043808	PE			14,426									
		CN									356,622			
26	Gardner Dr. SE - Resurface (Vann to Church St.) #100054945 <b>COMPLETE</b>	PE				33,507								
		CN					195,916							
27	Edith Ave. - ReCon/Widen (Caffey Dr. to MLK, Jr. Dr.)#100054921 <b>COMPLETE</b>	CN				872,225					50,084			
28	AL 21 Signal Upgrade/Timing - Jacksonville #100057397  CN is ATRIP Funded	PE					150,000							
		UT								0				
		CN									0			
29	L. Smith Blvd/Friendship Rd. - Roundabout #100057400 #100057401 #100057402 #100057403	PE										69,448		
		RW											45,830	
		UT											115,542	
		CN												770,628
30	Barry Street/US 78 - Reconfigure Intersection #100057404 #100057405 #100057406 #100057407	PE					50,000							
		RW											114,563	
		UT											114,747	
		CN											669,073	
31	Whites Gap Road SE - Resurface (Jville to Whites Gap Rd.) PE - Dev. By Calhoun County Eng. Dept. #100057409 <b>COMPLETE</b>	PE												
		CN							329,330					
32	Cedar Springs Rd. - Resurface (Alex/Jville Rd. to Cedar Springs Dr.) PE - Dev. By Calhoun County Eng. Dept. #100057410 <b>COMPLETE</b>	PE												
		CN							694,275					
33	Chief Ladiga Trail - Anniston - ± 5.8 mi (Cane Ck. To 4th St.) #100063226 #100060694	PE								302,000				
		RW										517,726		
34	Main St./Astor Ave./Alex Rd./Cedar Springs Rd. - Resurface - Weaver CN Funded by ATRIP 08-03-05	PE						62,796						
		CN												
35	Noble St./4th Street Intersection Imp. & Resurface #100063207 Includes Resurface Noble St. (AL202 to 4th St.) #100065455 #100065454 #100063208	PE								81,387				
		RW										32,320		
		UT										8,080		
		CN										252,833		
36	Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements - Clydesdale, 11th & 14th St. #100063209 #100063210	PE								128,334				
		CN									104,115			
37	Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements - 4th St., Noble, 14th, 11th, 18th & Cobb Ave. #100063211 (CN Includes \$25k for Bicycle Parking Racks) #100063212	PE								63,853				
		CN									229,983			
38	Intersection Lighting AL 202/CR 109 #100064881 #100064882	PE									40,000			
		CN										343,500		
39	Mountain St. NE - Resurface (AL 21 to Eighth Ave. NE) #100064883 #100064884	PE										41,065		
		CN										378,483		
40	Church Avenue - Resurface (11th St. NE to G. Douthit Dr.) #100064885 #100064886	PE										118,686		
		CN											1,104,814	
41	Airport Rd. Replace Bridge BN #011215 (at Coldwater Ck.) #100064887 #100064888 #100064889 #100064890	PE										227,250		
		RW										10,000		
		UT										75,000		
		CN											900,000	
42	9th Street & Caffey Drive - Resurface (AL 78 to Barry St.) #100064891 #100064892	PE											60,526	
		CN												403,508
43	Lenlock Lane - Resurface (US431 to Anniston Cl) PE - Dev. By Calhoun County Eng. Dept. #100064895	PE												
		CN									800,000			
44	Bynum Leatherwood/Gadsden Hwy Intersection Improvements #100064896 (Add lanes and Signal) #100064897	PE											170,000	
		CN												675,000
45	Russell Drive - Resurface ( Alexandria Rd. to Peaceburg Rd.) #100064898 Authorized for Classification Oct. 13, 2015 #100064899	PE										48,028		
		CN										396,723		

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
PROGRAMMED	1,147,650	2,452,400	1,624,000	1,064,480	826,116	1,219,093	5,248,830	1,137,574	2,996,396	7,637,317	2,396,712	1,908,395
APPORTIONMENT	2,026,824	1,860,924	2,012,431	1,860,924	1,947,991	2,098,415	2,099,475	2,099,475	2,182,759	2,182,759	2,182,759	2,182,759
CARRYOVER	6,486,334	733,699	5,724,994	6,113,425	6,909,869	8,031,744	8,911,066	5,761,711	6,723,612	5,909,975	455,417	241,464
AVAILABLE	8,513,158	2,594,623	7,737,425	7,974,349	8,857,860	10,130,159	11,010,541	7,861,186	8,906,371	8,092,734	2,638,176	2,424,223
BALANCE	733,699	142,223	6,113,425	6,909,869	8,031,744	8,911,066	5,761,711	6,723,612	5,909,975	455,417	241,464	515,828

- Authorized to Proceed
- Moved from one FY to another FY
- Funded by ATRIP or ARRA
- New Project or Allocation Change

Dec. '09 ALDOT Reduces FY 08 Carryover to \$589,959 and Reduces FY 09 Allocation to \$1,488,739.

March '10 ALDOT Restores \$4,466,217 in Fed Funds & Increases FY 10 MPO Fed Allocation to \$1,609,945.

March '11 ALDOT Reduces FY 12-15 allocation to FY 09 Level of \$1,488,739.

August '12 ALDOT Increases Annual Allocation by \$69,654 up to \$1,558,393.

August '13 ALDOT Increases FY 13 Fed Funds by \$120,339 up to \$1,678,732.

May '14 Delete Ann/Wvr/Jville Rd. Project and Pay ALDOT \$1,467,489 for expended funds.

June '14 Confirm Eulaton Road Bridge 100% Paid by ARRA - Restore \$322,686 back to MPO balance.

December '15 Allocations Revised as per Final Costs for Three MPO projects - Res. #704

March '16 ALDOT Increase Fed Allocation by \$66,627 up to \$1,746,207.





Communities should plan parks that are accessible for use by people of all ages and abilities.

## Adapting Communities for an Aging Population

### BEST PRACTICES

**IF YOU'VE NOTICED** an increase in the number of older people in your community, you are bearing witness to a global phenomenon.

The aging of society is both an amazing opportunity and a significant challenge. Older adults are an extraordinary social and economic resource—as caregivers, volunteers, skilled employees, investors, and consumers. At the same time, increased longevity corresponds to more years of living with disabilities. For example, we can expect to live six to eight years past our ability to drive safely. The need for support in daily activities such as food preparation and self care will be enormous, but changing household composition will mean less family support and more reliance on increasingly expensive professional services. The health care system will be strained.

Most American communities have built environments that are predicated on continuing capacity to maintain large homes and drivers. This creates challenges for older people who wish to retain their independence and quality of life. Extreme social isolation is possible, and caregiving is more difficult.

It is imperative that communities and their planning efforts get serious about providing a livable environment that is supportive of people at all life stages. Aging should be a dominant consideration in the comprehensive planning process to ensure that this perspective is embedded in all aspects of planning and that implementation is not an ancillary consideration. This focus would also be educational, raising awareness for consumers as they make important long-term decisions such as housing purchases. Aging must also become a cornerstone of several functional areas of planning to integrate it from the start.

**LAND-USE PLAN.** A livable community for older people includes a range of easily accessible land uses that serve daily needs, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, and medical services. Particular attention needs to be given to the long-term tenancy of certain uses like grocery stores, as their closure could have a devastating effect on people who are aging in place. Specialized housing such as assisted living should be in livable, accessible neighborhoods and not relegated to the outskirts of a community or a nonresidential area.

**TRANSPORTATION PLAN.** Older people will continue to drive, but they must also have viable alternatives. Road design standards should reflect the possibility that drivers might have vision deficits and slower reaction times. Pedestrian amenities such as benches and crosswalks in appropriate locations should address the needs of older people. Transit systems should be accessible, safe, and responsive.



**HOUSING PLAN.** Communities need to allow the single-family home to adapt to changing demographics. Universal design and accessory dwelling units are the two most significant ways in which the single-family home can be made more responsive to the aging of society. Mandatory universal design will reduce the need to make expensive modifications that delay the need to move to more specialized housing. Accessory dwelling units enable home owners to derive revenue from excess space or provide cost-effective independent living units for family members or care providers.

There is also a need for more housing diversity, including centrally located, higher density housing connected to transit services.

**PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN.** Parks can play an integral role in an older person's quality of life by serving as a place for physical activity and relaxation. Design standards need to address the specific needs of older people, such as appropriately designed benches with armrests that enable an older person to more easily sit and then stand up. Specific recreational needs such as shuffleboards can be offered in response to the interests of communities adjacent to a particular park.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** Aging can be embraced as a significant economic opportunity. This might involve initiatives such as workforce training that supports an older work force and supporting the development of new businesses that view older adults as an important consumer base.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.** At this scale it is possible to focus on a level of detail that makes a huge difference in livability for older adults. A new mixed use development might be modified to meet specific local needs. Both private property improvements and public investments can be encouraged to contribute to the incremental improvements that are needed to transform the built environment in support of the aging experience. Even cracks in sidewalks, which could be insurmountable obstacles to older people, could be addressed.

Planning for aging involves recognizing the exceptional opportunity to see communities from a different perspective. It is imperative for those involved in the planning process to develop an appreciation of how people experience a community as they age. To this end, we should engage older people in meetings, focus group interviews, expert interviews, and

surveys. Older people can give neighborhood tours to reveal where improvements are needed. Care providers, both professionals and family members, are an important source of input, as are unobtrusive observations of older people as they negotiate the environment.

It may be necessary to help people consciously view the environment differently in order to identify what is helping and what is hindering older people. Care providers, for example, may not currently appreciate how land-use policy makes their work more difficult; they just do what needs to be done.

Solicitation of input about how the environment can be improved should be an ongoing effort because the work will never be completely finished. But in taking the first steps, planners make a powerful statement that we need to humanize our environment to ensure that it supports life as it is actually lived. Older adults will have greater opportunities to maintain their health and independence and to thereby have a higher quality aging experience.

—Deborah Howe, PhD, FAICP

*Howe is the president of the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, and a former professor of planning at the Tyler School of Art and Oregon State University.*

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10:00 am  
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## RESOLUTION # 723

**WHEREAS**, the Calhoun Area MPO has adopted its FY 16-19 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIIP) on July 16, 2015 with Resolution #698; and

**WHEREAS**, the ALDOT has requested that the TIP be amended to include; the FY 17 Section 5311 Transit allocation for Operating Assistance and a Resurfacing project on US 78 (Talladega CL to SR 202) as described below.

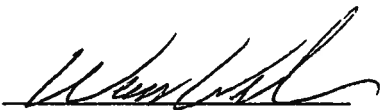
#100066256 TR Sec. 5311 Calhoun County (East AL Regional Planning and Dev. Commission)  
11/1/16 \$840,000

#100065902 FM Resurface and add 2' Safety Widening US 78 (Talladega CL to SR 202) \$2,000,000  
4/28/17 (MP 148.8 – MP 154.6)

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Calhoun Area MPO, that the FY 16-19 TIP be amended to include the two projects as described above.

Passed and adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



  
Mayor Wayne Willis, Chairman  
City of Weaver

ATTEST:

  
Jack E. Plunk, Principal Planner  
East Alabama Regional Planning and  
Development Commission