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East Alabama Region MPO & RPO Transportation Monthly Newsletter

September 2019 Issue

Calhoun Area MPO Updates

- **August MPO Project Changes**
 - #43 CN (100064895) LENLOCK LANE RESURFACE FROM US-431 TO ANNISTON CL
 - Old Project Allocation: \$618,840
 - New Project Allocation: \$683,193.77
 - Project incurred overruns in the amount of \$64,353.77 which was less than 20% of old allocation amount (\$123,768)
 - #23 RW (100054937) CR-440 (64TH STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN #6204 NEAR WEAVER
 - Old Target Start Date: February 1, 2020
 - New Target Start Date: February 1, 2022
 - Project moved 2 FYs to help maintain financial constraint through FY 2023, incurred 2% increase to previous allocation (was \$36,209; now \$36,937)
 - #23 UT (100054938) CR-440 (64TH STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN #6204 NEAR WEAVER
 - Old Target Start Date: February 1, 2021
 - New Target Start Date: February 1, 2023
 - Project moved 2 FYs to help maintain financial constraint through FY 2023, incurred 2% increase to previous allocation (was \$23,880; now \$24,360)
 - #23 CN (100054939) CR-440 (64TH STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BIN #6204 NEAR WEAVER
 - Old Target Start Date: May 28, 2021
 - New Target Start Date: December 8, 2023
 - Project moved 2 FYs to help maintain financial constraint through FY 2023, incurred 2% increase to previous allocation (was \$477,626; now \$487,256)
 - #35 CN (100063208) RESURFACING AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT 4TH STREET AND NOBLE STREET
 - Old Engineers Estimate: \$660,076
 - New Engineers Estimate: \$664,525.38
 - Project increase of \$4,449.38 less than 20% (132,015.20) of previous estimate
 - #41 CN (100064890) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON AIRPORT ROAD AT COLDWATER CREEK BIN #11215 CITY OF OXFORD

Old Engineers Estimate: \$918, 090

New Engineers Estimate: \$2,122,727.10

-Resolution 775 (1/17/19) increased project allocation to \$2,101,710. New estimate is an increase of \$21,017.10 which is less than 20% (\$420,342) of current estimate.

- #4 PE (100054601) TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LENLOCK LANE AND SR-21 IN THE CITY OF ANNISTON
Current Funding: \$43,148
Requested Funding: \$42,911
-Decrease of \$237 in PE per ALDOT CPMS Support
- #7 RW (100051025) INTERSECTION SIGNALS AND TURN LANES AT CR-389 (LENLOCK LN) AND CR-324 (SAKS RD)
Current Funding: \$294,155
Requested Funding: \$173,382
-ALDOT Close out/Release of funds

East Alabama RPO Updates

○ **FY 2020 RPO Meetings**

October 2019

Northern District (Etowah and Cherokee Counties):

Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ Gadsden Chamber @ 11:30

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

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

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

Thursday, October 24, 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 August 30, 2019**

○ **Calhoun County**

- STPOA-0815(255) for constructing the Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements (Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Traffic Signs, and Traffic Stripe) on 4th Street and Noble Street to include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements on Noble Street from the

intersection of 4th Street to the junction of SR-202 in Anniston. Length 0.369 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$469,084 to \$573,325.

- **Chambers County**

- IMF-185(317) for constructing the Welcome Center Replacement on I-85 at the Georgia State Line. Length 0.470 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$11,165,951 to \$13,647,274.

- **Cherokee County**

- HSIP-MR19(902) for constructing the Safety Improvements (Curve Warning Sign Installation) on various routes at various locations in the North Region (Guntersville Area) as indicated in the plans. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$117,542 to \$143,663.

- **Clay County**

- none

- **Cleburne County**

- FLAP-FLAP(022) for constructing the Permanent Restoration (Soil Nail Wall Installation, Scour/Erosion Damage Repair, Resurfacing, Patching, and Minor Drainage Improvements) on Cheaha Road near the junction of Cheaha Lake drive. Length 0.071 mi. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$371,680 to \$454,275.

- **Coosa County**

- none

- **Etowah County**

- HSIP-MR19(902) for constructing the Safety Improvements (Curve Warning Sign Installation) on various routes at various locations in the North Region (Guntersville Area) as indicated in the plans. The Bracket Estimate on this project is from \$117,542 to \$143,663.

- **Randolph County**

- none

- **Talladega County**

- none

- **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 [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) invites communities interested in revitalizing neighborhoods through development of local food systems to apply for [Local Foods, Local Places](#) technical assistance. Local Foods, Local Places supports projects that create livable, walkable, economically vibrant main streets and mixed-use neighborhoods; boost economic opportunities for local farmers and main street businesses; and improve access to healthy, local food, especially among disadvantaged populations. Eligible applicants include local governments, Indian tribes, and nonprofit institutions and organizations proposing to work in a neighborhood, town, or city of any size anywhere in the United States. Communities with projects located in [federally designated Opportunity Zones](#) will receive special consideration. Highest consideration will be given to those communities who can identify how Local Foods, Local Places assistance will leverage the Opportunity Zone designation to support implementation of the resulting action plan. The deadline is **September 30, 2019**. Complete application instructions are available [here](#). On **September 4, 2019** EPA will host a webinar that will provide an overview of the Local Foods, Local Places program and the selection criteria for the 2019-2020 application.
- 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](#).

More information on deadlines will be distributed as it becomes available. [Please don't hesitate to contact Tyler Ferrell, EARPCD Director of Planning and Development at 256-237-6741 for more information.](#)

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Transit Advisory Board @ 9	11 MPO Technical Advisory Committee @ 10	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 MPO Citizen's Advisory Committee @ 10	19 MPO Policy Committee @ 10	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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 @ 11:30	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 MPO Policy Committee @ 10 Central RPO meeting @ Anniston @ 11	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Southern RPO meeting @ Alex City @ 10	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		