

**Record of Public Involvement
For the Southeast Alabama
Rural Planning Organization
Fiscal Year 2015**

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For The

Southeast Alabama

Rural Planning Organization

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Section A – RPO Public Involvement Plan

**Fiscal Year 2015 Review
of the
Public Involvement Plan
for the
Southeast Alabama Rural
Planning Organization**

**Adopted
September 25, 2007
(As amended)**

Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization to have a community that understands the transportation planning process and actively participates in the process.

Goals

I. Open Process: It is the goal of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization to have an open planning process that encourages early and continued public participation.

II. Information Access: It is the goal of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization to provide complete and timely information regarding the plans, programs, procedures, policies, and technical data produced or used during the planning process to interested parties and the general public.

III. Notice of Activities: It is the goal of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization to provide timely and adequate public notice of hearings, meetings, document reviews, and document availability.

IV. Public Input and Organization Response: It is the goal of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization to demonstrate consideration and recognition of public input and to provide appropriate responses to public input.

V. Inclusive Process: It is the goal of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization to encourage participation in the planning process by low-income groups, minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly; and to consider the needs of these groups when developing programs and plans.

Strategies

A. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will conduct local public forums. The standing committees are the Policy Committee, and the Technical Coordinating Committee.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, IV, V

B. All meetings of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will be open to the public and will provide non-committee members an opportunity to participate in the planning process.

Goals Addressed: I, IV, V

C. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will provide a notice for all standing committee meetings. The notice will include the agenda, date, time, and location of the meeting. The notice will be provided to local media representatives and groups that address the needs of low-income groups, minorities, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, V

D. Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will provide a notice for all standing committee meetings to groups that address the needs of persons with disabilities. The notice will include the agenda, date, time, and location of the meeting. The notice will request that interested individuals, who need special accommodations, notify the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission at least 2 days prior to the date of the meeting so necessary arrangements can be made. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will follow all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, IV, V

E. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will consider all legitimate inquiries and comments regarding transportation planning activities. When warranted a written response will be provided.

Goals Addressed: I, IV, V

F. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will maintain a record of public involvement. The record will document the public involvement activities of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission for a 1-year period.

Goals Addressed: I, II, IV

G. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will make available to the general public and government agencies all documents and appropriate technical data produced for the transportation planning process.

Goals Addressed: I, II, IV, V

H. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will encourage the publication of news articles on the transportation planning process.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, V

I. The staff of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will be available for speaking engagements concerning the transportation planning process.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, IV, V

J. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will make available the Public Involvement Plan and any amendments to the plan. The public will be given opportunity to provide comments related to the plan.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, IV, V

K. The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization will review the Public Involvement Plan at least every 5 years.

Goals Addressed: I, II, IV

Performance Measures

1. What was the attendance at the local public forums? Strategy Measured: A

In fiscal year 2015 the attendance at local public forums was 53 individuals. Twenty-five percent (13 individuals) were members of the general public.

2. How many citizens who were not committee members or transportation agency employees attended standing committee meetings? What was the ratio of citizens to members and employees? Strategy Measured: B

Zero local citizens attended the meetings of the RPO's standing committees (0 citizens to 16 members/employees/county-city representatives, 0%).

3. What was the ratio of standing committee meetings to meeting notices provided? Strategy Measured: C

12 published notices were provided for four (4) full-committee meetings (two technical advisory committee meetings and two policy committee meetings). A uniform news release was published in each newspaper informing reader of all 7 semi-annual county local public forums and committee meetings.

4. How many standing committee meeting notices were posted in the local newspapers? Strategy Measured: C

Total standing committee meeting notices in the local newspapers:

Newspaper List

Dothan Eagle: 1

Daleville Sun Courier: 1

The Clayton Record: 1

Geneva County Reaper: 1

The Southeast Sun: 1

The Elba Clipper: 1

The Andalusia Star News: 1

The Southern Star: 1

The Eufaula Tribune: 1

The Clayton Record: 1

The Star News: 1

The Opp News: 1

A uniform news release was published in each newspaper informing reader of all 7 semi-annual county local public forums and committee meetings.

5. Was the mailing list updated annually or more frequently? Strategy Measured: C, D

A comprehensive update of the RPO mailing list was performed in FY2015 in order to reach a wider audience, including the addition or expansion of: senior centers, senior service providers, social service providers, transportation providers, public housing providers, libraries, news media, and local elected/appointed officials. Also, the list was updated several times throughout the year as people and organizations asked to be removed or added to the list.

6. What was the ratio of requests for special meeting accommodations to special arrangements made? Strategy Measured: D

The RPO staff did not receive any requests for special meeting accommodations during fiscal year 2015.

7. How many persons with disabilities attended standing committee meetings and the annual training session? What percentage of meeting attendees were persons with disabilities? Strategy Measured: D

No meeting attendees identified themselves as having a disability. Also, the RPO staff did not observe any persons with a disability at the standing committee meetings.

8. How many complaints regarding the transportation planning process were received? Strategy Measured: E

The RPO staff received no complaints regarding the transportation planning process in fiscal year 2015.

9. What was the ratio of inquiries or comments to responses? Strategy Measured: E

The RPO staff did not receive any inquiries or comments regarding the RPO process in fiscal year 2015.

10. Was the record of public involvement produced? Strategy Measured: F

Yes, The Record of Public Involvement was produced for FY 2014.

11. How many documents were produced? Strategy Measured: G

The RPO staff produced or updated three documents in fiscal year 2015 (Southeast Alabama RPO Fiscal Year 2016 Work Program, Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan FY 2016-FY 2017, Updated Record of Public Involvement)

12. How many documents were available on the web site? Strategy Measured: G

There were five Southeast Alabama RPO documents available on the SEARP&DC website, as well as various other transportation related documents. The five RPO documents on the website include: Southeast Alabama RPO Work Program, Southeast Alabama RPO Long

Range Transportation Needs, Southeast Alabama RPO Public Involvement Plan, Southeast Alabama RPO Bylaws, Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan.

13. How many requests for information were received (in-person, by telephone, and by mail)?
Strategy Measured: G

Approximately five requests for information were received during regularly scheduled RPO meetings during FY 2015.

14. How many documents were distributed? Strategy Measured: G

Dozens of draft work programs were distributed at RPO local public forums and committee meetings. The RPO staff reuse un-distributed copies during these meetings and did not track the numbers that were given away.

15. How many newspaper articles were published on the transportation planning process in the local newspapers? Strategy Measured: H

Two articles were published on the transportation planning process in local newspapers. Additionally, one television news station did a segment about the transportation planning process.

Southeast Sun
Geneva County Reaper
WDHN News

16. How many speeches or presentations did the staff provide? Strategy Measured: I

The RPO staff did not make any presentations or speeches at conferences or workshops. The RPO staff did make a presentation about the role of the RPO and transportation planning process at all RPO Local Public Forums and Committee Meetings.

17. Was the Public Involvement Plan produced / updated? Strategy Measured: J

The PIP was adopted in 2007 and is scheduled to be updated again in fiscal year 2017.

18. Did the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization provide opportunity for public comment prior to adopting the Public Involvement Plan or any amendments? Strategy Measured: J

Prior to adopting the PIP in fiscal year 2008, the RPO provided more than 45 days for public comment.

19. How frequently was the Public Involvement Plan reviewed? Strategy Measured: K

The PIP is reviewed every year and is scheduled to be updated in fiscal year 2017.

Section B - RPO News Releases



NEWS RELEASE

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March 27, 2015

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings:

1. Local Public Forums
 - A. Henry County – April 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Henry County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
 - B. Barbour County – April 13, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – Barbour County Courthouse (Clayton), Commission Chamber
 - C. Covington County – April 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Covington County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - D. Geneva County – April 14, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – Geneva County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
 - E. Dale County – April 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Dale County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - F. Houston County – April 15, 2015, 3:00 p.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room
 - G. Coffee County – April 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Coffee County Community Room (New Brockton)
2. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – Daleville City Hall, Chamber Room
3. Policy Committee, Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – Daleville City Hall, Chamber Room

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August 3, 2015

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 - B. Coffee County – August 19, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – Coffee County Community Room (New Brockton)
 - C. Covington County – August 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Covington County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - D. Dale County – August 18, 2015, 1:30 p.m. – Dale County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - E. Geneva County – August 19, 2015, 3:00 p.m. – Geneva County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
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 - G. Houston County – August 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room
2. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Thursday, August 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room
3. Policy Committee, Thursday, September 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room

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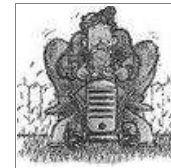


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LEGAL NOTICES

L237 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, QUITMAN COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from JACK KANE aka JACK D. KANE, JR. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Superior Bank, dated September 30, 2010, recorded October 25, 2010, in Deed Book 105, Page 796, Quitman County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$337,500.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Quitman County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in September, 2015**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING KNOWN AS LOT NO. 14 OF BONAPARTE'S RETREAT LOCATED IN THE 8TH LAND DISTRICT OF QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY FOR "JACK KANE" DATED THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005, PREPARED BY C. EUGENE BRADLEY, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2052 IN PLAT BOOK A59, PAGE 3 B IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF QUITMAN COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH SAID PLAT, INCLUDING THE BOUNDARIES, METES, COURSES AND DISTANCES OF SAID REAL ESTATE AS SHOWN AND DELINEATED THEREON IS BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN IN AID OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **101 JOSEPHINE OVERLOOK DR aka 101 RUE DE LANE, GEORGETOWN, GA 39854**.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JACK KANE aka JACK D

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Section D - RPO Newspaper Articles and Notices

The Abbeville Herald

8/6/2015

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Southeast AL RPO meeting schedule for April

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold meetings and local public forums in Barbour County and surrounding counties during the month of April.

Meeting dates and places are as follows: Henry County - April 13, 2015; 10:00 a.m., Henry County Courthouse, Commission Chamber; Barbour County - April 13, 2015, 2:00 p.m., Barbour County Courthouse (Clayton), Commission Chamber;

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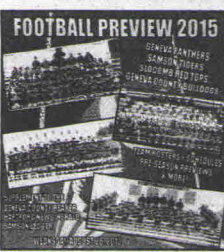
Geneva County business leader Blan Whisnant, 68, was honored at a memorial service at Pittman Funeral Home in Geneva on Friday. Whisnant passed away at his home on Wednesday, August 19 after an extended illness.

Whisnant was the owner of Pittman Funeral Homes in Geneva and Samson. Whisnant began working at Pittman Funeral Home while he was still in Geneva High School in 1963.

He graduated in 1965 and served his apprenticeship at Pittman and earned a degree from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science.

Whisnant recently retired after 50 years of service.

Complete obituary, Page 1B.



2015 Football Preview in this week's paper.

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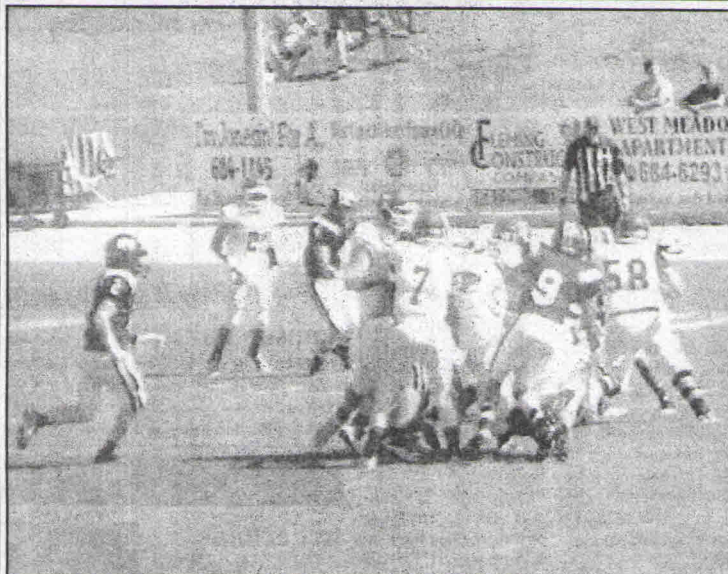
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FOOTBALL 2015



Geneva and Slocomb opened the 2015 football season Saturday morning in Geneva after being forced to postpone Friday night's game due to bad weather. Slocomb pulled out a 31-26 victory. Game coverage, Page 5B.

Commission hears request for upgrade to CR 75

JAY FELSBERG
Editor

The new owners of Coffee Springs pool came to Geneva County Commission Monday requesting upgrades to County Road 75 leading to the pool. They did not receive very much encouragement.

John Gilley and Janice Waters asked Commission to resurface the road from the county line to the pool. They plan to host a variety of events, including weddings, family reunions and music concerts. They also requested purchasing a piece of county property adjacent to the pool.

"We don't want the county to put a park in there and take away from what we are doing," Gilley said.

The property in question was part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood property buyouts, and cannot be developed except for recreation or planting pine trees, Commission Chairman Fred Hamic said.

The property also cannot be sold under federal buyout regulations.

It was acknowledged that County Road 75 is in poor condition, but County Engineer Justin Barfield said that the road is not on the resurfacing schedule. The road is not eligible for state funds due to a low traffic count.

Barfield said he would do an

estimate, but Hamic said that it would cost about \$130,000 a mile to resurface a roads and about \$400,000 a mile to pave a dirt road.

Gilley said he would check on the issue on his own.

Hamic told Commission that he closed his office Friday due to a personal loss by one of his employees, "and I will continue to do so," he said.

Hamic also reported that work is underway to improve the county website, geneva-county.us. This would allow more information on the site.

"The more knowledgeable the public is the better off we are," Hamic said.

There was considerable discussion about work recently completed on the courthouse. Hamic said the contractor used three wrong color of caulking. County Administrator Marietta Webster said that the contractor used the closest color match and the caulking would age and blend in more. Commission looked the courthouse over before holding a budget workshop after the regular meeting.

Sheriff Tony Helms noted that "a deer attacked one of our patrol cars," causing more than \$3,000 in damage, and that a 24/7 watch is being maintained on a sex offender in Wiregrass Medical Center. Helms also reported that the trash pickup is continuing to be a big success, with an average

of 32 bags a day being picked up for a total of 316 bags since the program began.

Barfield reported that the County Road 70 resurfacing is complete except for striping. The installation of the guardrail makes the Kelly Road Bridge "open for business," and work on the Windy Hill Bridge should begin soon. County crews are cutting bushes and once that is done will return to blading depending on the weather.

County Attorney Phil Eldridge reported that a federal lawsuit that was filed by an inmate in 1983 has been dismissed, but an appeal is possible.

An amended notice on the closure of the Bellwood road will be published.

Hamic reported that in discussion at a recent conference that he heard that another \$7 million would be cut from the mental health program, and if federal matching funds were correspondingly reduced, that the cuts would actually total \$19 million.

EMA Director Margaret Mixon said that the warning sirens in Devco and on County Road 73 have been optimized, and would be operational on Wednesday. Mixon will retire on February 29, 2016

Fred Smith of FAS Air Conditioning reported that the courthouse air conditioning is "good to go."

County to meet with poultry companies about roads

JAY FELSBERG
Editor

County Commission Chairman Fred Hamic and County Attorney Phil Eldridge will meet with representatives from major poultry companies regarding improvements to county dirt roads and the new "superhouses" being built in the county.

Commissioner Johnny Windham addressed the problem of the roads and large poultry operations at Monday's regular county commission meeting. "They have offered to help some," Windham said. The superhouses are each serviced by about 90 18-wheelers that cause serious damage to dirt roads, making service to the large poultry houses very difficult. Windham proposed a meeting to discuss the issue.

Commission has maintained a policy where a private landowner pays for the material, and county road crews would make the improvements. One superhouse operator, Jim Mock of West Geneva County, has offered to pay part of the improvements on the road servicing his houses, but has not offered to pay the full cost. Commission has so far held to its policy.

County Engineer Justin Barfield noted instances where he gets calls at night to fix roads the next morning. Barfield was critical about the situation where poultry operators put in superhouses

"If I was putting millions into superhouses I would think twice about putting them on dirt roads," Barfield said. "We have to fix those roads." During past discussions on the subject Barfield has quoted the high cost of repairing damage or upgrading the roads, as well as the time required of county road crews already responsible for maintain roads throughout the county.

Hamic and Eldridge will meet with poultry representatives, and then the discussion would resume at a full Commission meeting.

ARREST REPORTS
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Geneva County unemployment rate up slightly

Gov. Robert Bentley on Friday announced that Alabama's

leisure and hospitality sector (+5,400), and the construction

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RPO looks to assess transportation needs in Coffee County

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The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization discussed ongoing transportation projects in Coffee County and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan at a public meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

According to Darrell Rigsby, regional manager for the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission, RPO's work with rural areas to find transportation issues in seven counties, including Coffee and Dale.

"We're one of 12 RPOs in the state," Rigsby said. "We basically cover all transportation needs outside the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). For our region, that is only the Dothan area.

"The RPO is basically a liaison between ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) and the community. We try to pass information back and forth in whatever direction. For the most part, the focus is just on transportation, road networks and transit, whether that be safety, road issues or projects that ALDOT's doing."

The RPO develops the regional HSCT plan, which looks at identifying issues with public transportation and tries to find solutions to the problems.

"The focus of that plan is to look at the impediments and needs of the population of the region, and find how some of the services can provide potential solutions to some of those problems," Rigsby said.

The populations most affected by public transportation issues are the elderly, low-to-moderate income makers and disabled individuals.

Rigsby and Scott Farmer, director of community development, are working to create a newly revised plan based on public commentary, information from elected officials and transit providers and users.

Surveys and questionnaires have been sent out to providers and users to provide feedback on the issue.

"Coffee and Dale don't have a general transit provider," Farmer said. "It's difficult for people in those counties, unless you have different programs such as the (Section) 5310 programs at senior centers."

Besides public commentary, Farmer and Rigsby are also using the demographics of all the counties to help find any possible transportation issues.

"The biggest thing with these plans are looking at the impediments for transportation," Farmer said. "We utilize demographic data and

census data. We look at where populations are a little bit higher proportion than others. Then, we also look at common destinations, things like medical facilities, government buildings, social service agencies, Walmarts and grocery stores, and dialysis centers, places like that a lot of these people have to go.”

The transportation resources available are also compiled in the plan.

“It’s an ongoing process,” Farmer said. “Things we found out four years ago are probably about the same now, but we’re trying to do a little bit different process in getting comments.”

Farmer said it’s important to know about local transportation issues.

“Transportation affects everybody, and there’s a lot of people with limitations that can’t just jump in a car to go to the doctor or the grocery store,” Farmer said. “There are certain limitations to the resources that are available to these people.”

For any information about RPOs, the HSCT plan or local transportation issues, contact the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission at (334) 794-4093.

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Section E - Summary of the RPO News Release List

Southeast Alabama RPO News Release List

Catego Company Name	Last Name	First Name	Job Title	County
Elected Officials				
Barbour County Commission	Gilmore	Kenneth Earl	Chairman D-4	Barbour
Barbour County Commission	Franklin	Henry	Commissioner D-1	Barbour
Barbour County Commission	Straughn, Jr.	Frank	Commissioner D-2	Barbour
Barbour County Commission	Person-Crews	Frances	Commissioner D-3	Barbour
Barbour County Commission	Cooper	Fred	Commissioner D-5	Barbour
Barbour County Commission	Ivey	Patricia	Commissioner D-6	Barbour
Barbour County Commission	Horne	Trip	Commissioner D-7	Barbour
Coffee County Commission	Smith	Dean	Chairman D-1	Coffee
Coffee County Commission	Ellis	Kim	Commissioner D-2	Coffee
Coffee County Commission	Carnley	Josh	Commissioner D-3	Coffee
Coffee County Commission	Britt	Frank "AL"	Commissioner D-4	Coffee
Coffee County Commission	Jones	Jimmy	Commissioner D-5	Coffee
Coffee County Commission	Mitchell	Kevin	Commissioner D-6	Coffee
Coffee County Commission	Grimsley	Tom	Commissioner D-7	Coffee
Covington County Commission	Godwin	Bill	Chairman	Covington
Covington County Commission	Northey	Kenneth	Commissioner D-1	Covington
Covington County Commission	Barton	Joe	Commissioner D-2	Covington
Covington County Commission	Elmore	Harold	Commissioner D-3	Covington
Covington County Commission	Turman	Carl	Commissioner D-4	Covington
Dale County Commission	Blankenship	Mark	Chairman	Dale
Dale County Commission	Carroll	Chris	Commissioner D-1	Dale
Dale County Commission	McKinnon	Steve	Commissioner D-2	Dale
Dale County Commission	Gary	Charles	Commissioner D-3	Dale
Dale County Commission	Strickland	James	Commissioner D-4	Dale
Geneva County Commission	Hamic	Fred C.	Probate Judge/Chairman	Geneva
Geneva County Commission	Hatton	Bryan	Commissioner D-1	Geneva
Geneva County Commission	Shields	Gary	Commissioner D-2	Geneva
Geneva County Commission	Seay	Toby	Commissioner D-3	Geneva
Geneva County Commission	Windham	Johnny	Commissioner D-4	Geneva

Henry County Commission	Money	David	Probate Judge/Chairperson	Henry
Henry County Commission	Beasley	Benton	Commissioner D-1	Henry
Henry County Commission	Saunders	John Ralph	Commissioner D-2	Henry
Henry County Commission	Calhoun	Jay	Commissioner D-3	Henry
Henry County Commission	Grimsley	Henry	Commissioner D-4	Henry
Henry County Commission	Reynolds	Gregory	Commissioner D-5	Henry
Houston County Commission	Culver	Mark	Chairman	Houston
Houston County Commission	Harvey	Curtis	Commissioner D-1	Houston
Houston County Commission	Sinquefield	Doug	Commissioner D-2	Houston
Houston County Commission	Battles	Jackie	Commissioner D-3	Houston
Houston County Commission	Shoupe	Brandon	Commissioner D-4	Houston
City of Abbeville	Giganti	Jim	Mayor	Henry
City of Andalusia	Johnson	Earl	Mayor	Covington
City of Daleville	Wigglesworth	Claudia	Mayor	Dale
City of Elba	Murdock	Mickey	Mayor	Covington
City of Enterprise	Boswell	Kenneth W.	Mayor	Coffee
City of Enterprise	Boswell	Kenneth W.	Mayor	Coffee
City of Eufaula	Tibbs, Jr.	Jack	Mayor	Barbour
City of Florala	Williamson	Robert	Mayor	Covington
City of Geneva	Carter	Phillip	Mayor	Geneva
City of Hartford	Sorrells	Jeff	Mayor	Geneva
City of Opp	Bartholomew	John	Mayor	Covington
City of Opp	Bryan	Jason	Planner	Covington
City of Ozark	Blackwell	William (Billy)	Mayor	Dale
City of Samson	King	Clay	Mayor	Geneva
City of Slocomb	Hinson	Rob	Mayor	Geneva
City of Taylor	Whiddon	Larry	Mayor	Houston
Town of Ariton	Sutton	Jivas	Mayor	Dale
Town of Babbie	Caldwell	Chris	Mayor	Covington
Town of Baker Hill	Grubbs	Aaron	Mayor	Barbour
Town of Black	Showers	Debi	Mayor	Geneva
Town of Blue Springs	Knight	Allen	Mayor	Barbour
Town of Carolina	Garner	James C.	Mayor	Covington
Town of Clayhatchee	Salter	Deloris	Mayor	Dale

Town of Clayton	Beasley	Rebecca Parish	Mayor	Barbour
Town of Clio	Grice	David S.	Mayor	Barbour
Town of Coffee Springs	Aycock	Leala	Mayor	Geneva
Town of Columbia	Lancaster	Lanny	Mayor	Houston
Town of Cottonwood	Hamilton	Ken	Mayor	Houston
Town of Gantt	Grissett	Melissa	Mayor	Covington
Town of Gordon	Lowe	Albert	Mayor	Houston
Town of Haleburg	Money	Roger	Mayor	Henry
Town of Heath	Baker	Judy	Mayor	Covington
Town of Horn Hill	Harper	Rowayne	Mayor	Covington
Town of Kinston	Mullins, Jr.	William	Mayor	Coffee
Town of Level Plains	Grantham	Bruce	Mayor	Dale
Town of Libertyville	Dozier	Byron	Mayor	Covington
Town of Lockhart	Birge	Eugene R.	Mayor	Covington
Town of Louisville	Grant	James B.	Mayor	Barbour
Town of Madrid	Williams	Elaine	Mayor	Houston
Town of Malvern	Vickers	Tom	Mayor	Geneva
Town of New Brockton	Holley	Kathryn	Mayor	Coffee
Town of Newton	Irby	Lehman	Mayor	Dale
Town of Newville	Whiddon	Kent	Mayor	Henry
Town of Onycha	Smith	Jerry	Mayor	Covington
Town of Red Level	Hendrix	Willie J.	Mayor	Covington
Town of River Falls	Gunter	Patricia	Mayor	Covington
Town of Sanford	Thomasson	Christopher P.	Mayor	Covington

Policy Committee

Barbour County Commission	Fred Cooper	Commissioner	Barbour
Coffee County Commission	Dean Smith	Commissioner	Coffee
Covington County Commission	Carl Turman	Commissioner	Covington
Dale County Commission	Mark Blankenship	Commissioner	Dale
Geneva County Commission	Fred Hamic	Commissioner	Geneva
Henry County Commission	Henry Grimsley	Commissioner	Henry
Houston County Commission	Doug Sinquefield	Commissioner	Houston
Barbour County Mayor Rep	David Grice	Mayor	Barbour

Coffee County Mayor Rep	Kenneth Boswell	Mayor	Coffee
Covington County Mayor Rep	Robert Williamson	Mayor	Covington
Dale County Mayor Rep	Billy Blackwell	Mayor	Dale
Geneva County Mayor Rep	Michael Langford	Mayor	Geneva
Henry County Mayor Rep	Vacant		Henry
Houston County Mayor Rep	Ken Hamilton	Mayor	Houston
ALDOT Rep	Emmanuel Oranika	Asst Bureau Chief, Metropolitan Planning Section	
FHWA Rep	Clint Andrews	Planning and Program Management Team Leader	
ALDOT Rep	Mark Graham	County Transportation Engineer	
Fort Rucker Rep			Ft Rucker

Technical Committee

Patrick McDougald	Barbour County Engineer	Barbour
Randy Tindell	Coffee County Engineer	Coffee
Darren Capps	Covington County Engineer	Covington
Derek Brewer	Dale County Engineer	Dale
Barkley Kirkland	Houston County Engineer	Houston
Justin Barfield	Geneva County Engineer	Geneva
Chris Champion	Henry County Engineer	Henry
Tim Brannon	PW Director Eufaula	Barbour
Steve Price	PW Director Ozark	Dale
Andy Wiggins	Planning Director Andalusia	Covington
Jason Bryan	Planning Director Opp	Covington
Michael Walters	Enterprise Engineer Director	Coffee
Jed Blackwell	South Al Reg Airport Dir.	Covington
Al Townsend	Fort Rucker Environmental	
Wiley Brooks	ALDOT	
Steve Turkoski	Dothan Chamber	Houston
Scott White	Alabama Motor Express	Houston
Krystal Lee Bonds	Covington Transit Director	Covington
Robert Crowder	SARCOA	
Zaneta Daniels	Eufaula Barbour Transit	Barbour
Darrell Rigsby	SEARP&DC	Houston
Ed Dorsey	Vaughn-Blumberg	Houston

Kenneth Whaley
 Patrick Henderson
 William Wofford
 Mark Graham
 Franklin Bowers

ALDOT District 1 Engineer
 ALDOT District 2 Engineer
 ALDOT District 3 Engineer
 ALDOT District 4 Engineer
 ALDOT District 6 Engineer

Transportation Providers (5307, 5310, 5311, Other)

Covington Area Transit System (CA Bonds	Krystal Lee	Transportation Coordinator	Covington
Eufaula/Barbour County Transit Aut Daniels	Zaneta	Manager	Barbour
Healthcare Authority of the City of I Stinson	Barbara	Administrator	Coffee
South Central Alabama Mental Heal Gilbert	Art		Covington
Dale County RSVP Glaze	Sheila	Director	Dale
Vivian B. Adams School Parker	Hannah	Director	Dale
Wiregrass Medical Center Johnson	Sam	CEO	Geneva
Vaughn-Blumberg Services Dorsey	Ed	Executive Director	Houston
Wiregrass Adult Care Johnson	Edsel	Field Services Director	Houston
City of Dothan Dept. of Leisure Serv Jones	Elston	Director	Houston
Elderly and Disabled Transit Newsome	Janice Miller	Director	Houston
Wiregrass Transit Authority Sorrell	John	Manager	Houston
Wiregrass Transit Authority Rathburn	Jim	Mobility Manager	Houston
Medicaid, Dothan District Office Stockton	Melissa	Manager	Houston
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Services (J Coleman	David		

Common Destinations / Social Service Providers

SpectraCare Health Systems Kirkland	Melissa	Executive Director	Houston
ADPH - Barbour King	Connie	Asst. Area Administrator	Barbour
ADPH - Coffee Thrash	Debra	Area Administrator	Coffee
ADPH - Covington Elliott	Ricky	Area Administrator	Covington
ADPH - Dale Kirkland	Corey	Asst. Area Administrator	Dale
ADPH - Geneva Kirkland	Corey	Asst. Area Administrator	Geneva
ADPH - Henry King	Connie	Asst. Area Administrator	Henry
ADPH - Houston Kirkland	Corey	Asst. Area Administrator	Houston
DHR - Barbour Graves	Eric	Director	Barbour
DHR - Coffee Stinson	Deana	Director	Coffee

DHR - Covington	Syler	Lisa	Director	Covington
DHR - Dale	Jochen	Judy	Director	Dale
DHR - Dale	Williams	Glenda		Dale
DHR - Dale	Karen	Clark		Dale
DHR - Geneva	Hughes	Jason	Director	Geneva
DHR - Henry	Lindsey	Julie	Director	Henry
DHR - Houston	McKnight	Stephanie	Director	Houston
SARCOA	Francis	Terri	Director, Resources & Activities	Houston
Andalusia Regional Hospital	Yanes	John	CEO	Covington
Mizell Memorial Hospital	Wyatt	Jana	Administrator	Covington
Dale Medical Center	Johnson	Vernon	CEO	Dale
Medical Center Barbour	Clark	Ralph	CEO	Barbour
Medical Center Enterprise	Ellis	Richard	CEO	Coffee
Flowers Hospital	Woods	Suzanne	CEO	Houston
Southeast Alabama Medical Center	Owen	Ronald	CEO	Houston
Laurel Oaks Behavioral Center	Johnson	Derek	CEO	Houston
HealthSouth Rehab Hospital	Futch	Margaret	COO	Houston
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	Coleman	David		Houston
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	Lisseveld	Kim		Houston
Wiregrass Medical Center	Johnson	Sam	CEO	Geneva

News Media

radio	AL Public Radio			Tuscaloosa
print	Alabama Associated Press			
print	Andalusia Star News			Covington
print	Dothan Eagle			Houston
print	Dothan Eagle			Houston
print	Dothan Eagle			Houston
print	Dothan Eagle			Houston
print	Eufaula Tribune			Barbour
print	Enterprise Ledger			Coffee
print	Enterprise Ledger			Coffee
print	Army Flier (Ft. Rucker)			Coffee
print	Geneva County Reaper			Geneva

radio	Metrosource Network News	
print	Mobile Register	Mobile
print	Montgomery Advertiser	Montgomery
print	Southeast Sun	Coffee
print	Southeast Sun	Coffee
print	Southern Star	Dale
TV	WDHN	Houston
TV	WDHN	Houston
TV	WDHN	Houston
TV	WDHN	Houston
radio	WDJR	Houston
radio	WDJR	Houston
radio	WDJR / the Radio People	Houston
print	Wiregrass Aviator	Dale
rado	WKMX	Houston
radio	WOAB	Dale
radio	WEOF	Houston
radio	WOPP	Covington
radio	WDBT (formerly WRJM)	Geneva
radio	WDBT (formerly WRJM)	Geneva
TV	WSFA	Montgomery
radio	WTVY	Houston
radio	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
TV	WTVY	Houston
radio	WVVL	Coffee
radio	WWNT	Houston

Housing Authorities

Eufaula Housing Authority	Wachs	Tom	Executive Director	Barbour
Dothan Housing Authority	Franklin	Glenn	Executive Director	Houston
Ashford Housing Authority	Spann	Carie	Executive Director	Houston
Cottonwood Housing Authority				Houston
Clayton Housing Authority	Dykes, Jr.	Earl	Executive Director	Barbour
Abbeville Housing Authority	Wachs	Tom	Executive Director	Henry
Headland Housing Authority	Spann	Carie	Executive Director	Henry
Midland City Housing Authority	Smith	Alan	Executive Director	Dale
Ozark Housing Authority	Walker	Dannie	Executive Director	Dale
Daleville Housing Authority	Harris	Rachel	Executive Director	Dale
Newton Housing Authority	Harris	Rachel	Executive Director	Dale
Hartford Housing Authority	Spann	Carie	Executive Director	Geneva
Slocomb Housing Authority	Harris	Rachel	Executive Director	Geneva
Samson Housing Authority	Coskrey	Diane	Executive Director	Geneva
Floralia Housing Authority	Kyser	Betty	Executive Director	Covington
Enterprise Housing Authority	Sutley	Carolyn	Executive Director	Coffee
Elba Housing Authority	Bedsole	Pamela	Executive Director	Coffee
New Brockton Housing Authority	Bedsole	Pamela	Executive Director	Coffee
Opp Housing Authority	Barber	Beverly	Executive Director	Covington
Andalusia Housing Authority	Boswell	Lena	Executive Director	Covington
Columbia Housing Authority	Spann	Carie	Executive Director	Henry
Section 8 Housing Organization				

Senior Citizen Groups

Houston County In-Home Services				Houston
VA groups				
Social Security groups				

Senior Citizen Centers

Clayton Senior Center	Dasinger	Annetta	Director	Barbour
Clio Senior Center	Bragg	Kathy	Director	Barbour
Eufaula Senior Center (Jaxon Life C	Hunt	Jackie	Director	Barbour
Damascus Senior Center	Glisson	Barbara	Director	Coffee
Elba Senior Center	Cowen	Brandy	Director	Coffee
Enterprise Senior Center	Briggs	Birgit	Director	Coffee

Ino Senior Center	Bludsworth	Stella	Manager	Coffee
Kinston Senior Center	Johnson	Cindy	Director	Coffee
Mt. Pleasant Senior Center	Martin-Revert	Kate	Director	Coffee
New Brockton Senior Center	Green	Leda	Director	Coffee
New Hope Senior Center	Banks	Connie	Director	Coffee
Pine Level Senior Center	Donaldson	Mary Dean	Director	Coffee
Zion Chapel Senior Center	Hodge	Pat	Director	Coffee
Andalusia Senior Center	Page	Myra	Manager	Covington
Floralda Senior Center	Brooks	Sue	Director	Covington
Opp Senior Center	Rodgers	Dianne	Director	Covington
Daleville Senior Center	Leger	Laura	Director	Dale
Midland City Senior Center	Hines	Belinda	Director	Dale
Newton Senior Center	Richburg	Carol	Director	Dale
Ozark Senior Center	Kelly	Angie	Director	Dale
Coffee Springs Senior Center	Henderson	Tammy	Director	Geneva
Geneva Senior Center	Owens	Robbie	Director	Geneva
Hartford Senior Center	Dorriety	Wanda	Director	Geneva
Samson Senior Center	Baine	Sherry	Director	Geneva
Slocomb Senior Center	Peters	Sylvia	Director	Geneva
Abbeville Senior Center	Carter	Barbara	Director	Henry
Haleburg Senior Center	Brown	Hollie	Director	Henry
Headland Senior Center	DeFee	Gail	Director	Henry
Newville Senior Center	Rowland	Betty	Director	Henry
Ashford Senior Center	Granger	Mayrene	Director	Houston
Baptist Village Senior Center	Vickers	Lynn	Director	Houston
Columbia Senior Center	White	Ceceilia	Director	Houston
Cottonwood Senior Center	Morris	Kasey	Director	Houston
Dorothy Quick Senior Center	Williams	Mary Ann	Director	Houston
Madrid Senior Center	Williams	Elaine	Director	Houston
Rose Hill Senior Center	Reed	Debbie	Director	Houston
Taylor Senior Center	Loftis	Debbie	Director	Houston
Webb Senior Center	Martin	Pam	Director	Houston

Libraries

Houston County Library - Main	Houston
Houston County Library - Ashford	Houston
Houston County Library - Columbia	Houston
Houston County Library - Westgate	Houston
Enterprise Public Library	Coffee
Blanche R Solomon Memorial Library	Henry
Abbeville Memorial Library	Henry
Mary Berry Brown Memorial Library	Dale
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Barbour
Town & Country Library	Barbour
Ariton Public Library	Dale
Ozark-Dale County Public Library	Dale
Newton Public Library	Dale
Daleville Public Library	Dale
Hartford library	Geneva
Slocumb Library	Geneva
Geneva Public Library (Emma Knox Kenan)	Geneva
Samson Public Library	Geneva
Floral Public Library	Covington
Elba Public Library	Coffee
Andalusia Public Library	Coffee

Section F - Meeting Schedule and Minutes



NEWS RELEASE

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March 27, 2015

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings:

1. Local Public Forums
 - A. Henry County – April 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Henry County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
 - B. Barbour County – April 13, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – Barbour County Courthouse (Clayton), Commission Chamber
 - C. Covington County – April 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Covington County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - D. Geneva County – April 14, 2015, 2:00 p.m. – Geneva County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
 - E. Dale County – April 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Dale County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - F. Houston County – April 15, 2015, 3:00 p.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room
 - G. Coffee County – April 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Coffee County Community Room (New Brockton)
2. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – Daleville City Hall, Chamber Room
3. Policy Committee, Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – Daleville City Hall, Chamber Room

The scope of the meetings is to discuss transportation safety issues, regional transportation project updates, and coordinated public transportation issues.

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All of the meetings are open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the SEARP&DC at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (334) 794-4093.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Barbour County Local Public Forum – Barbour County Courthouse
April 13, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.**

- 1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**
- 2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 3. Discussion of update to Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
- 5. Open Forum**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Barbour County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015 2:00 p.m. – Barbour County Courthouse (Clayton)**

The Barbour County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Barbour County Courthouse in Clayton at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC and Commissioner Fred Cooper of Barbour County, who is a new Policy Committee member. Mr. Farmer began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. There were no new safety issues addressed. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby went through the RPO program and its objectives with Mr. Cooper to assimilate him into the process. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Coffee County Local Public Forum – Coffee County Community Room
April 16, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**
- 2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 3. Discussion of update to Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Coffee County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Coffee County Community Room**

The Coffee County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Coffee County Community Room in New Brockton at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC and Mayor Kenneth Boswell from Enterprise, the Policy Committee Chairman. Mr. Farmer began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. There were no new safety issues. Mayor Boswell expressed interest in updating the Long Range Needs Assessment and felt it would energize local officials to participate further in the RPO process. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Coffee County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 16, 2015 – Coffee County Community Room
10:00 AM

Name:	Address:	Email:	Organization:
Sue Farmer			SEARPOA
Darrell Rigsky			SEARPOA
Kenneth W. Baswell			City of Enterprise

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Covington County Local Public Forum – Covington County Adm Bldg
April 14, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**
- 2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 3. Discussion of update to Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Covington County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Covington County Admin Building**

The Covington County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Covington County Administration Building in Andalusia at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer of SEARP&DC, Commission Chairman Bill Godwin of Covington County, Commissioner Carl Turman of Covington County, a Policy Committee member, and Karen L. Sowell, Covington County Administrator. Mr. Farmer began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. There were new safety issues addressed concerning the bridge on County Road 107, the narrowness of Blake Pruitt Road and its intersection with U.S. Highway 29, a need for a merge lane at the State Highway 137 / U.S. Highway 29 intersection, and a redesign of the Foley Road / Hester Store Road intersection. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Covington County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 14, 2015 – Covington County Administration Building
10:00 AM

Name:	Address:	Email:	Organization:
Sue Farmer			SEARPO
William Rodwin			Cov. Cty Comm
Karen L. Sowell			Cov. County Comm.
Carl Luma			Cov. County Comm.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Dale County Local Public Forum – Dale County Government Building
April 15, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**
- 2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 3. Discussion of update to Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
- 5. Open Forum**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Dale County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Dale County Admin Building**

The Dale County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Dale County Administration Building in Ozark at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, Commissioner Steve McKinnon of Dale County, and Carol Richburg, from the Newton Senior Center. Mr. Farmer began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums and went through a synopsis of the RPO process with Ms. Richburg, who was unfamiliar with the program. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. There were no new safety issues. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Dale County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 15, 2015 – Dale County Government Building
10:00 AM

Name:	Address:	Email:	Organization:
Sixth Farms			SEARPOL
Darrell Bigsby			SEARPOL
Carol Richburg		newtonseniors@gmail.com	Newton Senior Center
Steve McLean			Dale Co.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Geneva County Local Public Forum – Geneva County Courthouse
April 14, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.**

- 1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**
- 2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 3. Discussion of update to Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Geneva County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2015 2:00 p.m. – Geneva County Courthouse**

The Geneva County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The attendees included Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, Commissioner Bryan Hatton, Justin Barfield of Geneva County Road and Bridge Dept., Commissioner Fred Hamic, and Jay Felsberg of the Geneva Newspaper. Mr. Rigsby began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Mr. Rigsby also informed Mr. Hatton of the process and objectives of the Rural Planning Organization, as he was recently appointed to the board. There were no new safety issues addressed by the attendees of the public hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Geneva County Local Public Forum

Southwest Alabama Rural Planning Organization

April 14, 2015 - Geneva County Courthouse

2:00 PM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Henry County RPO Local Public Forum – Henry County Courthouse
April 13, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**
- 2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 3. Discussion of update to Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
- 5. Open Forum**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Henry County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Henry County Courthouse**

The Henry County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Henry County Courthouse on Monday, April 13, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC and Pam Ward of the City of Abbeville. Mr. Farmer began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. There were no new safety issues addressed. Ms. Ward asked about funding for non-Federal Aid improvements. Mr. Farmer replied the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a popular method for improving local streets, as well as some communities using local financing. Ms. Ward also asked if third party transit operators can provide services in Henry County. Mr. Farmer replied there are ways that third party operators can function, depending on the particular needs of a subgrantee. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed and all attendee's questions were answered.

RPO Henry County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 13, 2015 – Henry County Courthouse
10:30 AM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Houston County Local Public Forum
Houston County Administration Building
April 15, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Houston County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2015 3:00 p.m. – Houston County Admin Building**

The Houston County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Houston County Administration Building in Dothan at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, Mayor Lanny Lancaster from Columbia, and Sandra Lancaster. Mr. Farmer began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Concerning safety issues, Mayor Lancaster stated that the traffic light in the center of town needed to remain due to truck traffic. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Technical Committee Meeting
April 28, 2015 10:30 a.m.**

- 1. Review and Approval of September 17, 2014 Minutes**

- 2. Local Public Forum Reports**

- 3. Updates of Ongoing Projects**
 - Technical Committee Members**
 - SEARP&DC**

- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations**

- 5. New Business**
 - FY 2016 Work Program – update to Long Range Needs Assessment**
 - GIS Database**

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2015 10:30 a.m. – Daleville City Hall**

The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce room at the Daleville City Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. The meeting was attended by the following members: Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby (SEARP&DC), Darren Capps (Covington County), Chris Champion (Henry County), and Patrick McDougald (Barbour County).

The first item of business was to approve minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting, which was approved. The second item was reporting from Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby of the local public forums and the safety suggestions that were recorded.

The attendees updated ongoing projects in their counties, including the status of ATRIP or RAMP projects and other federal-aid projects. There was also discussion about how non-federal aid projects are funded at the local level.

Under safety suggestions, it was discussed that additional safety funding for guard rails and other important safety improvements not covered under HSIP or HRRR are important issues.

Mr. Farmer discussed the potential of updating or drafting a new Long Range Needs Assessment as part of the FY 2016 Work Program and the upcoming development of a new Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. The attendees were in agreement of its potential value to the RPO process. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby discussed changes to the RPO GIS Database by showing county-level map examples. The attendees thought those could be informative to rural local officials.

Before closing, Mr. Champion reminded the group about the upcoming expiration of MAP-21 and the ongoing issue of funding the Highway Trust Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Technical Committee Meeting
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 28, 2015 - Daleville City Hall
10:30 AM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Policy Committee Meeting
April 29, 2015 10:30 a.m.**

- 1. Review and Approval of September 18, 2014 Minutes**

- 2. Local Public Forum Reports**

- 3. Updates of Ongoing Projects**
 - Technical Committee**
 - SEARP&DC**

- 4. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations**

- 5. New Business**
 - FY 2016 Work Program – update to Long Range Needs Assessment**
 - GIS Database and Maps**
 - Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
 - MAP-21 – Expires 5/31/2015**

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2015 10:30 a.m. – Daleville City Hall**

The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce room at the Daleville City Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The meeting was attended by the following members: Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby (SEARP&DC).

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby were prepared to discuss the local public forums and Technical Advisory Committee meetings, updates of local projects including SEARP&DC-involved projects.

RPO staff was also prepared to discuss upcoming changes to the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan, adding the update/drafting of a Long Range Needs Assessment as part of the FY 2016 Work Program, and displaying transportation data from the RPO GIS database for use at local and regional levels. All items will be sent to Policy Committee members at a later date.

RPO Policy Committee Meeting
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 29, 2015 – Daleville City Hall
10:30 AM

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August 3, 2015

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings:

1. Local Public Forums and Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meetings
 - A. Barbour County – August 18, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Barbour County Courthouse (Clayton), Commission Chamber
 - B. Coffee County – August 19, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – Coffee County Community Room (New Brockton)
 - C. Covington County – August 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Covington County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - D. Dale County – August 18, 2015, 1:30 p.m. – Dale County Administration Building, Small Conference Room
 - E. Geneva County – August 19, 2015, 3:00 p.m. – Geneva County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
 - F. Henry County – August 13, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Henry County Courthouse, Commission Chamber
 - G. Houston County – August 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room
2. Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Thursday, August 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room
3. Policy Committee, Thursday, September 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room

The scope of the local public forums is to discuss transportation safety issues and regional transportation project updates. These meetings will also include discussion of the regional coordinated public transit plan, which identifies transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes, provides strategies for meeting these local needs, and prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation.

The committees will review the draft FY 2016 Work Program, discuss transportation safety issues and regional transportation project updates, and the development of the upcoming regional coordinated public transit plan. In addition, Mr. Scott Farmer of SEARP&DC will provide an update on recent developments regarding the new highway bill reauthorization.

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Barbour County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Barbour County Courthouse
August 18, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.**

- 1. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 2. Review / Discussion of Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 3. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Barbour County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Barbour County Courthouse (Clayton)**

The Barbour County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Barbour County Courthouse in Clayton at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. The attendees included Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC

Mr. Rigsby was prepared to discuss the local public forum agenda items, updates to local projects and the Barbour County STIP

RPO staff was also prepared to discuss the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan.

RPO Barbour County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
August 18, 2015 – Barbour County Courthouse
10:30 AM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Coffee County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Coffee County Community Room
August 19, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.**

- 1. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 2. Review / Discussion of Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 3. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
- 4. Open Forum**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Coffee County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015 1:00 p.m. – Coffee County Community Room**

The Coffee County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Coffee County Community Room in New Brockton at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, Randy Tindell with Coffee County, Phillip Thomas with the City of Enterprise, Alyssa Alans with Medical Center Enterprise and Cassie Gibbs with Southeast Sun. Mr. Rigsby began the meeting by informing the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums and the role of the RPO. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming project. Mr. Tindell then discussed the status of projects going on in Coffee County. Mr. Thomas then discussed the status of projects going on within the City of Enterprise. After some discussion of road project, Mr. Rigsby discussed the goals and objectives of the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. He provided an introduction to the plan and the role it plays to plan for transit services. Mr. Rigsby then opened the floor up for discussion concerning the HSCTP. All attendees asked various questions about the roles of individual service providers and access to various populations. Mr. Tindell mentioned some possible collaborations with Wiregrass Transit Authority and Coffee County facilities, for example Coffee County medical facilities, including Enterprise Medical Center. After much discussion Mr. Rigsby discussed the survey to provide to transit users and Mrs. Akins stated she would like a digital copy of the survey so she could pass it along to her clients at the hospital. There were no new safety issues. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Coffee County Local Public Forum
South East Alabama Rural Planning Organization
August 19, 2015 – Coffee County Community Room
1:00 PM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Covington County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Covington County Admin Building
August 19, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 2. Review / Discussion of Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 3. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
- 4. Open Forum**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Covington County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Covington County Admin Building**

The Covington County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Covington County Administration Building in Andalusia at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. The attendees included Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC and Staci Wilson of South Central Alabama Mental Health Center. Mr. Rigsby began the meeting by informing the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums and the purpose and role of the RPO. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Mr. Rigsby discussed the objectives and goals of the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan with Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Rigsby and Mrs. Wilson extensively discussed Mrs. Wilson's experiences and her mental health clients' experiences with transportation and transit in the Covington County area and the impediments experienced. There were new safety issues addressed concerning the need for a caution light and/or signage at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 West and Covington County Road 85 in Opp at the Horn Hill area. Mrs. Wilson said there have been many accidents and some deaths at this intersection and some sort of warning system needs to be put in place. Mrs. Wilson also mentioned the issues with the replacement of the traffic lights in downtown Opp with four-way stop signs along Main Street at Covington Ave. and E Hart Ave. Mrs. Wilson said drivers often get to these intersections and because it is a four lane intersecting with a two lane, drivers aren't sure who crosses the intersection and what order. Mr. Rigsby stated he would forward these safety concerns to the appropriate people and agencies and provide Mrs. Wilson with their responses. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed and Mrs. Wilson's concerns had been addressed.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Dale County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Dale County Government Building
August 18, 2015 - 1:30 p.m.**

- 1. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
- 2. Review / Discussion of Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP)**
- 3. Safety Suggestions and Recommendations - Opportunity for citizens and local officials to input safety ideas and suggestions to RPO.**
- 4. Open Forum**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Dale County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2015 1:30 p.m. – Dale County Admin Building**

The Dale County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Dale County Administration Building in Ozark at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, Glenda Williams and Karen Clark of Dale County DHR, and Steve Price, Ozark Public Works Director. Mr. Rigsby began the meeting by informing the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums and went through a synopsis of the RPO process with Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Williams, who were unfamiliar with the program. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Mr. Rigsby went in depth about the objectives and goals of the HSCTP and how they can assist with getting information for the process. General discussion continued for approximately 15 minutes concerning the HSCTP and the role DHR plays in the process and by meeting the needs of the plan's target populations. Mr. Rigsby informed the participants of the public outreach survey for transportation users and transportation providers. Participants thought it was a great idea for them to share the survey with their DHR clients and pass those responses back to Mr. Rigsby for inclusion into the HSCTP. Mr. Price mentioned several safety concerns including: appeal to the state for assistance for municipalities with striping local roadways. Mr. Price mentioned that the state does not currently provide any funding to the municipalities to add striping to existing roadways. Mr. Price made clear that this is a major safety concern throughout the region due to the rural nature of many of the roads and that adding striping to the roads would reduce the amount of accidents, injuries and deaths along these rural roadways. Other attendees agreed with the value of roadway striping and the need to encourage the State to assist with this issue. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. after all questions and comments had been address and all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Dale County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 15, 2015 – Dale County Government Building
10:00 AM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Geneva County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Geneva County Courthouse
August 19, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Geneva County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015 3:00 p.m. – Geneva County Courthouse**

The Geneva County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. The attendees included Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, and Jonathon Tullos of Wiregrass Economic Development Corp. Mr. Rigsby began the meeting by reminding the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums and provided information about the role of the RPO throughout the region. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects and the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Mr. Rigsby discussed in depth the role and objectives of the Human Services Coordinated Plan. Mr. Tullos mentioned the Wiregrass Foundation for possible HSCTP contacts/information and Enterprise School System that donated old school buses to the local YMCA for use in their programs. Mr. Tullos mentioned that he thought the RPO should look at doing an updated Transportation Needs Assessment. Mr. Tullos made note of various projects that he believes to be instrumental to the economy of the region, those being widening/ four-laning of Alabama Highway 167 and U.S. Highway 84 West. Mr. Tullos mentioned the Transportation Needs Assessment from 2008 which addressed these highways. There were no new safety issues addressed by the attendees of the public hearing. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Geneva County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
August 19, 2015 – Geneva County Courthouse
3:00 PM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Henry County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Henry County Courthouse
August 13, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Henry County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Henry County Courthouse**

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RPO Henry County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
August 13, 2015 – Henry County Courthouse
10:00 AM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Houston County Local Public Forum /
Coordinated Public Transit Plan Public Meeting
Houston County Admin Building
August 20, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region**
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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Houston County RPO Local Public Forum Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Admin Building**

The Houston County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Houston County Administration Building in Dothan at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC, Jim Rathburn of Wiregrass Transit Authority, Terri Francis of SARCOA, Sarah Moore, Kim Lisseveld and Edsel Johnson of Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, and Reginald Franklin with Southeast Wiregrass Area MPO. Mr. Rigsby began the meeting by informing the attendees of the purpose behind the local public forums and the role of the RPO. The attendees viewed the current STIP list and discussed upcoming projects. Following general information about the RPO process Mr. Rigsby discussed the goals and objectives of the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. Mr. Rigsby opened the floor up to attendees to discuss both WRC and SARCOA's experiences with transit and the pros and cons of their systems. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he has had issues funding medical transport because they cannot transport patients using JARC money. Also, he has had the same issues with Adult Daycare transportation funding. Mrs. Francis expressed similar concerns and also touched on the idea of Senior Center buses being shared with other programs and state that it is difficult because the senior center buses are used much of the day. Mrs. Francis informed the attendees that SARCOA has recently applied for grant funding to fund volunteer drivers to address the needs of their senior populations in more rural areas getting to and from various stops such as medical appointments, dialysis, etc. within the region. They based the grant application on other programs that have similar volunteer driver programs in North and South Carolina. The money from the grant would be used to pay the drivers to use their own vehicles. The vehicles and drivers would be screened and vetted prior to becoming eligible. The drivers would use an app based system and drive whenever they decided was appropriate for them. No safety concerns were brought up by the attendees. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

RPO Houston County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
August 20, 2015 – Houston County Administration Building
10:00 AM

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**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Technical Committee Meeting
Houston County Administration Building
August 27, 2015 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Review and Approval of April 28, 2015 Minutes**

- 2. Local Public Forum Reports**
 - Safety Suggestions and Recommendations**

- 3. Updates of Ongoing Projects**
 - Technical Committee Members**
 - SEARP&DC**

- 4. Highway Bill Reauthorization Update**

- 5. New Business**
 - FY 2016 Work Program – Recommendation for Adoption**
 - Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan**

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2015 – Houston County Admin Building**

The Technical Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Houston County Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015. The meeting was attended by the following members: Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby (SEARP&DC), Alfred T. Townsend (Fort Rucker), Barkley Kirkland (Houston County) and Randy Tindell (Coffee County).

The first item of business was to approve minutes from the April 28, 2015 meeting, which was approved. The second item was reporting from Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby of the local public forums and the safety suggestions that were recorded.

The attendees updated ongoing projects in their counties, including the status of ATRIP or RAMP projects and other federal-aid projects. There was also discussion about how non-federal aid projects are funded at the local level.

Under safety suggestions, it was discussed that additional safety funding for highway lines and other important safety improvements are important issues.

Mr. Farmer gave a presentation on the current status of the Transportation Reauthorization Update. Mr. Farmer discussed the extensions of MAP-21, proposed DRIVE Act, and upcoming actions of State and Federal elected officials in passing a new transportation bill.

Mr. Farmer discussed the updating or drafting a new Long Range Needs Assessment as part of the FY 2016 Work Program and the current status of the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan. The attendees were in agreement of the potential value of an updated Long Range Needs Assessment to the RPO process. The attendees thought those could be informative to rural local officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Policy Committee Meeting
Houston County Administration Building
September 3, 2015 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Review and Approval of September 18, 2014 Minutes**

- 2. Local Public Forum and Technical Committee Reports
- Safety Suggestions and Recommendations**

- 3. Updates of Ongoing Projects**

- 4. Highway Bill Reauthorization Update**

- 5. New Business
- FY 2016 Work Program –Adoption
- Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan**

**Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2015 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Admin Building**

The Policy Committee Meeting was held at the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Houston County Administration Building at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015. The meeting was attended by the following members: Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby (SEARP&DC), Barbour County Commissioner Fred Cooper and Houston County Commissioner Doug Sinquefield.

The first item of business was to approve minutes from the September 18, 2014 and April 29, 2015 meetings, which were approved. The second item was reporting from Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby of the local public forums and the safety suggestions that were recorded, as well as any safety suggestions and information from the RPO Technical Committee Meeting held August 27, 2015.

Once Mr. Farmer and Mr. Rigsby updated the board members on what is going on in the region and with the RPO, the floor was opened up for the board members to bring any updates of ongoing projects and suggestions. Both commissioners discussed current projects in their area and discussed potential future projects that would be good for various funding grants. Mr. Farmer then discussed various grant programs that might fit the projects and details of past and present projects that made good use of grant funds, such as road paving projects and recreational projects.

Mr. Farmer then gave a presentation on the current status of the Transportation Reauthorization Update. Mr. Farmer discussed the extensions of MAP-21, proposed DRIVE Act, and upcoming actions of State and Federal elected officials in passing a new transportation bill.

Mr. Farmer discussed the updating or drafting a new Long Range Needs Assessment as part of the FY 2016 Work Program. The attendees were in agreement that an updated Long Range Needs Assessment would be beneficial to the RPO process. Mr. Sinquefield made mention that he thought State Highway 52 from Dothan to the Georgia State Line would be a good future project for ALDOT to possibly add lanes and safety features.

Finally, Mr. Farmer discussed the current status of the Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. after all items on the agenda had been discussed.

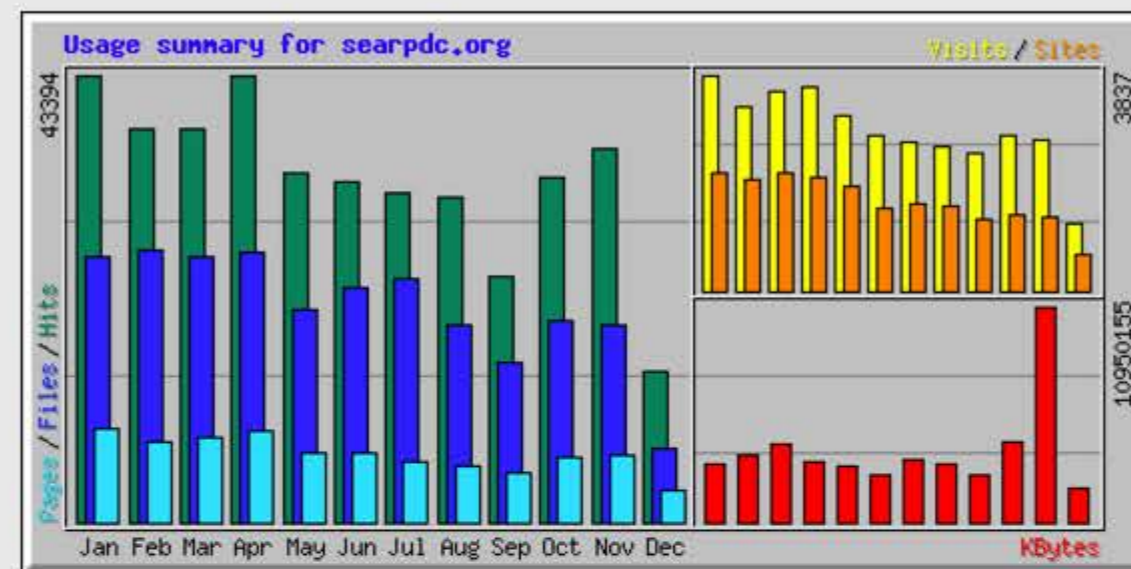
Section G - Items from RPO Public Meetings and Reviews

The Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) did not hold a public meeting or public review during fiscal year 2015. However, all County level RPO Local Public Forums, RPO Technical Advisory Committee meetings and RPO Policy Committee meetings are publicized to and open to the public.

Section H - RPO Website Items

Usage Statistics for searpc.org

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Nov 2015	1207	640	214	89	1314	10950155	2684	6449	19214	36218
Oct 2015	1076	632	203	89	1333	4075690	2778	6306	19600	33377
Sep 2015	797	515	157	81	1282	2347207	2448	4711	15473	23910
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Jul 2015	1032	764	193	84	1547	3229385	2627	5984	23696	32012
Jun 2015	1101	760	227	92	1486	2376101	2763	6816	22802	33047
May 2015	1092	665	214	100	1850	2901091	3105	6655	20618	33863
Apr 2015	1439	871	297	120	1998	3031542	3615	8922	26154	43188
Mar 2015	1228	828	263	113	2089	3927842	3532	8164	25692	38073
Feb 2015	1363	942	280	116	1960	3380550	3275	7852	26395	38164
Jan 2015	1399	828	290	123	2103	2984515	3837	9012	25693	43394
Totals						43907160	34442	79499	251467	401558

Section I - RPO Staff Public Speaking Items

The staff of the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) did not participate in any public speaking events during fiscal year 2015. The status of and important information regarding the Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization was discussed during RPO meetings and SEARP&DC Board meetings throughout fiscal year 2015.

Section J - Public Comments, Correspondence, and RPO Responses

Safety Suggestions List

Item #	Meeting	County	Location	Observation	Contact	Jurisdiction	Response	Comments	Status
2015-COV-1	4/14/2015	Covington	County Road 107 - Bridge	Unsafe; Needs replacement	Chairman Godwin	County Engineer	Need funding		OPEN
2015-COV-2	4/14/2015	Covington	US Hwy 29/AL Hwy 137 Intersection	Need for Merge Lane	Chairman Godwin	ALDOT	No Response		OPEN
2015-COV-3	4/14/2015	Covington	Foley Rd / Hester Store Rd	Need to redesign intersection	Chairman Godwin	County Engineer	Need funding		CLOSED
2015-GEN-1	8/6/2015	Geneva	Rd/Foreman Mill Rd	"Unsafe"; road in disrepair Assistance for Striping and Other Safety Improvements for Local Streets	Virginia Belcher	County Engineer	No Response		OPEN
2015-DAL-1	8/18/2015	Dale	Overall		Steve Price, Ozark	ALDOT	No Response		OPEN
2015-COV-4	8/19/2015	Covington	US Hwy 84W/Cov. Co Rd 85	Low visibilty intersection from 84W point of view	Stacie Wilson	ALDOT	No Response		CLOSED
2015-COV-5	8/19/2015	Covington	N Main St/E Hart Ave and N Main St/Covington Ave	Drivers unsure of order to go from four-way stop	Stacie Wilson	City of Opp (Jason Bryan)	Jason Bryan: The previous administration removed the traffic lights at the intersection. The citizens must conduct themselves like any other 4 way stop yielding the right of way to the right when there is confusion. The glitch for most people is that the north and south lanes are four lanes, east and west are two lanes. Both issues are difficult to address past public education and awareness.		CLOSED