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For the Southeast Alabama

Rural Planning Organization

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Al Miller, Enterprise Municipal Airport Authority Chairman
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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.
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

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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
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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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.
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
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3. Policy Committee, Thursday, September 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – Houston County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room

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Section C – RPO Legal Ads
Meeting Notice

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Location: , DOTHAN, AL 36303

Posted in Legal on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 10:02 pm.
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:


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 inspection of the property, including all zones, easements, 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. KANE, JR.

古城, 奎特曼县

7月30日, 2010年，记载于105页，第796注，奎特曼县, 佐治亚州记载，所述的证券契约被给予支付一笔连同利息的贷款，金额为337,500美元。所述的证券契约包括所述的所有财产，以及以下描述的财产：

该房地产契约是以嘉杰·凯恩的名称，型号为14，位于8区土地的登记区，佐治亚州，以2005年3月10日由C·尤金·布拉德利准备的佐治亚州注册土地测量员No. 2052，在A-999卷，第3页B，在奎特曼县的行政记录中，所述的契约和土地的界限，经此参考而确定。

所述的法律描述是决定性的，但是所述的财产以更常见的名称为101 JOSEPHINE OVERLOOK DR aka 101 RUE DE LANE, GEORGETOWN, GA 39854。

所述的债务契约的清偿已经并且被宣布为由于违约而支付的，包括费用、律师费用（包括清偿的公告）和所述的所有其他支付。所述的契约和债务契约将被出售，以支付债务、所有费用、包括所有违约的税收（包括税收，无论是否已经缴纳）；赎回权的行使；任何征税当局的事项；所有可能被精确的调查或对房地产的检查中被披露的事项，包括所有区域，限制，地役权，负担，任何记录的事项。

声明在所述的所有财产的最好知识和信念中，所述的财产的拥有者和在位置中的是JACK KANE aka JACK D. KANE, JR.
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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;
- The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) will meet Tuesday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. at the Daleville City Hall, Chamber Room.

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Whisnant honored at memorial service

Geneva County business leader Blain Whisnant, 68, was honored at a memorial service at Pitman 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 Pitman Funeral Homes in Geneva and Samson. Whisnant began working at Pitman Funeral Home while he was still in Geneva High School in 1963.

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

Whisnant recently retired after 50 years of service.

Complete obituary, Page 1B.

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 up 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 Hamnic 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 low traffic count.

Barfield said he would do an estimate, but Hamnic said that he would cost about $30,000 to resurface a mile and about $400,000 a mile to pave a dirt road.

Hamnic 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.

Hamnic 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,” Hamnic said.

There was considerable discussion about work recently completed on the courthouse. Hamnic said the contractor used the 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,” resulting in more than $1,000 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.

Hamnic 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 warming sirens in Devoe 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 Hamnic 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 16-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.”

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 maintaining roads throughout the county.

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

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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 active job orders in July. Choctaw County was the moving their effects to the civil labor force.
RPO looks to assess transportation needs in Coffee County

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By Cassie Gibbs egibbs@southeastsun.com

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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  - Covington

- **Eufaula/Barbour County Transit AutDaniels**  
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  - Barbour

- **Healthcare Authority of the City of IStinson**  
  - Barbara  Administrator  
  - Coffee

- **South Central Alabama Mental Heal Gilbert**  
  - Art  
  - Covington

- **Dale County RSVP**  
  - Glaze  Director  
  - Dale

- **Vivian B. Adams School**  
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- **Wiregrass Medical Center**  
  - Johnson  Sam  CEO  
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- **Vaughn-Blumberg Services**  
  - Dorsey  Ed  Executive Director  
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- **Wiregrass Adult Care**  
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- **City of Dothan Dept. of Leisure ServJones**  
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- **Elderly and Disabled Transit**  
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- **Wiregrass Transit Authority**  
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- **Medicaid, Dothan District Office**  
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- **Wiregrass Rehabilitation Services (J Coleman**  
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  - Kirkland  Melissa  Executive Director  
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- Eufaula Senior Center (Jaxon Life C Hunt)| Glisson   | Jackie  | Director | Barbour   |
- Damascus Senior Center                   | Glisson   | Barbara | Director | Coffee    |
- Elba Senior Center                       | Cowen     | Brandy  | Director | Coffee    |
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Section F - Meeting Schedule and Minutes
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.
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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.
RPO Barbour County Local Public Forum  
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization  
April 13, 2015 – Barbour County Courthouse  
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Coffee County Local Public Forum – Coffee County Community Room
April 16, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

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2. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region

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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.
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Covington County Local Public Forum – Covington County Adm Bldg
April 14, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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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.
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)

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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
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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)**

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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.
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)**

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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.

1. Review Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

2. 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
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.
RPO Houston County Local Public Forum
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
April 15, 2015 – Houston County Administration Building
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1. Review and Approval of September 17, 2014 Minutes

2. Local Public Forum Reports

3. Updates of Ongoing Projects
   - Technical Committee Members
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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.
10:30 AM
April 28, 2015 - Daleville City Hall
Southeast Alabama Rural Planning Organization
RPO Technical Committee Meeting
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.
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.

4. Open Forum

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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.
10:30 AM
August 18, 2015 – Barbour County Courthouse
Southwest Alabama Rural Planning Organization
Barbour County Local Public Forum
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)

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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.
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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.
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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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1. Discussion and update of ongoing transportation projects in County and Region

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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.
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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

The Henry County RPO Local Public Forum was held at the Henry County Courthouse on Thursday, August 13, 2015. The attendees included Scott Farmer and Darrell Rigsby of SEARP&DC and Henry County Commission Chair/Probate Judge David Money. 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 and Mr. Farmer discussed in depth the purpose and goals of the HSCTP. There were no new safety issues addressed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 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  
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

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  
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.
10:00 AM
August 20, 2015 - Houston County Administration Building
Southwest Alabama Rural Planning Organization
RPO Houston County Local Public Forum
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.
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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.
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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 searpdc.org

Summary by Month

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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
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