



## Rural Planning Organization Update

The Rural Planning Organization (RPO) serves as an important link between the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and local governments in southeast Alabama. The RPO is made up of two separate coordinating committees; A Technical Coordinating

Committee, which consist of county engineers, public works directors and other local transportation technical specialists. The second body of the RPO is the Policy Coordinating Committee.

This committee is made up of local elected officials from each county in SEAR&DC's seven county region. These two important committees manage the rural transportation planning process in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation. The RPO also conducts countywide public hearings in each county in order to give local citizens an opportunity to comment on rural transportation issues in each county. The RPO will disseminate meeting locations, dates and times at a future date, so please monitor your local newspapers and information sources in the future. If you have any questions regarding the RPO or any public comments regarding rural local transportation in southeast Alabama, please contact Associate Planner Chris Rush at 334-794-4093 or [crush@searpdc.org](mailto:crush@searpdc.org).