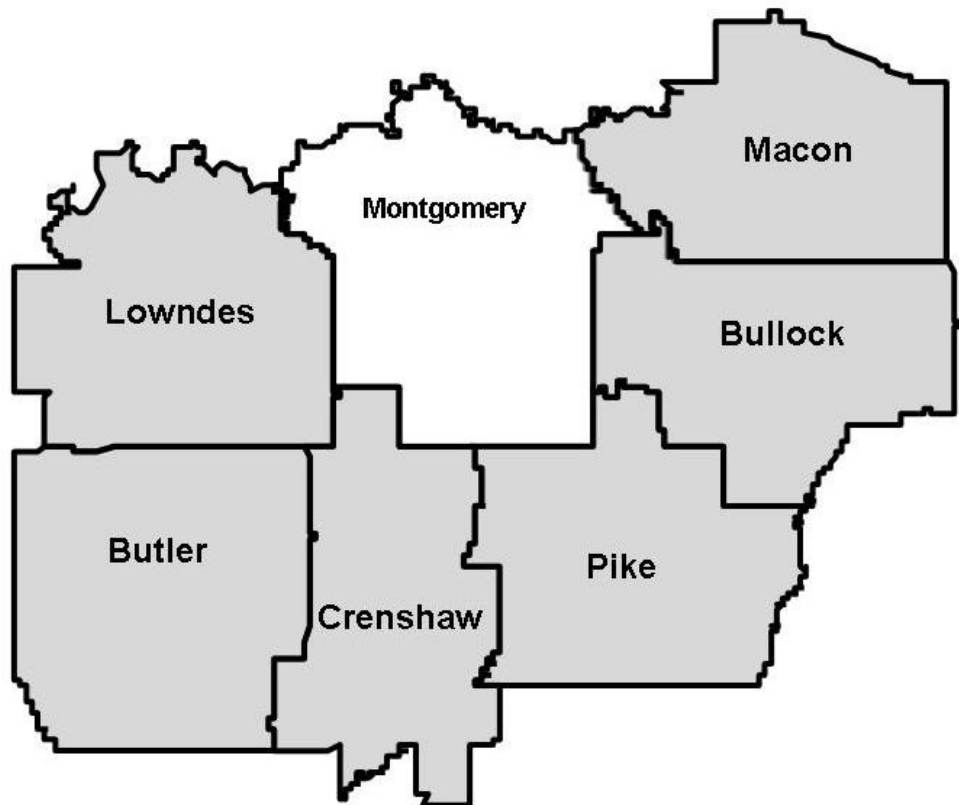


Public Involvement Plan



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Adoption and Review Schedule**

Adopted September 19, 2007

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VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee to establish a continuous and on-going rural transportation planning process that will aid in the identification of transportation needs and issues of the non-metropolitan areas of the South Central Alabama Region.

GOALS

I. Open Process

It is the goal of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee to have an open consultation process that encourages early and continued public participation.

II. Information Access

It is the goal of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee to provide complete and timely information regarding the plans, programs, procedures, policies, and technical data produced or used during the consultation process to interested parties and the general public.

III. Notice of Activities

It is the goal of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee to provide timely and adequate public notice of hearings, meetings, document reviews, and document availability.

IV. Public Input and Committee Response

It is the goal of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee 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 South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee 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 South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will develop and follow a Public Involvement Plan and review the plan at least every five years.

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

- B.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will maintain a Rural Transportation Stakeholder List in each of the following six counties: Bullock, Butler, Crenshaw, Lowndes, Macon and Pike.

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

- C.** All meetings of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee and the County Rural Transportation Advisory Committees 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

- D.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will provide notice for all county Rural Transportation Stakeholder meetings. The notice will include the meeting purpose, 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

- E.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will provide a notice for all Rural Transportation Stakeholder Meetings to groups that address the needs of persons with disabilities. The notice will include the meeting purpose, date, time, and location of the meeting. The notice will request that interested individuals, who need special accommodations, notify the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee prior to the date of the meeting so necessary arrangements can be made. The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will follow all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

- F.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will consider all legitimate inquiries and comments regarding transportation planning activities. When warranted, a written response will be provided.

Goals Addressed: I, IV, V

- G.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will maintain a record of public involvement. The record will document the public involvement activities of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee and the County Rural Transportation Stakeholder Committees.

Goals Addressed: I, II, IV

- H.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee 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

- I.** The South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee will encourage the publication of news articles on the transportation planning process.

Goals Addressed: I, II, III, V

- J.** The staff of the South Central Alabama Development Commission will be available for speaking engagements concerning the transportation planning process.

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

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. What was the attendance percentage of the South Central Alabama Rural Transportation Steering Committee Meetings?

Strategy Measured: C

2. What was the attendance at each of the County Rural Transportation Stakeholder Meetings?

Strategy Measured: B, D, E

3. How many citizens who were not elected officials, local government employees or transportation agency employees attended stakeholder committee meetings? What was the ratio of citizens to elected officials and employees?

Strategy Measured: B, D, E

4. What was the ratio of attendance at stakeholder meetings to meeting notices mailed?

Strategy Measured: D

5. How many standing committee meeting notices were posted in the local newspapers?

Strategy Measured: D

6. How many meeting notices were posted in public places?

Strategy Measured: D

7. Was the mailing list updated annually or more frequently?

Strategy Measured: D, E

8. What was the ratio of requests for special meeting accommodations to special arrangements made?

Strategy Measured: E

9. How many persons with disabilities attended stakeholder meetings? What percentage of meeting attendees were persons with disabilities?

Strategy Measured: E

10. How many complaints regarding the transportation planning process were received?
Strategy Measured: F
11. What was the ratio of inquiries or comments to responses?
Strategy Measured: F
12. Was the record of public involvement produced?
Strategy Measured: G
13. How many documents were produced?
Strategy Measured: H
14. How many documents were available on the web site?
Strategy Measured: H
15. How many requests for information were received (in-person, by telephone, and by mail)?
Strategy Measured: H
16. How many documents were distributed?
Strategy Measured: H
17. How many newspaper articles were published on the transportation planning process in the local newspapers?
Strategy Measured: I
18. How many speeches or presentations did the staff provide?
Strategy Measured: J
19. Was the Public Involvement Plan produced / updated?
Strategy Measured: A
20. How frequently was the Public Involvement Plan reviewed?
Strategy Measured: A