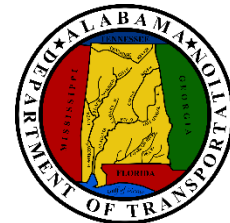


# Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments Rural Planning Organization

## Documentation for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan 2020-2023 Public Meetings

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No comments were received.

## Section I

### INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the public involvement meetings for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2020-2023 which were held in the Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG) Region. Three meetings were held in the NACOLG Region. A combined Marion and Winston County meeting was held in the City of Haleyville. A central region meeting was held at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex. The final public meeting was held at the NACOLG office in Muscle Shoals. Projects located in those counties and delineated in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) were available for review and comment by the public.

The public involvement procedures employed by the ALDOT are in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613.

Results of the public involvement meetings are documented for use in the consideration of projects advanced by the ALDOT in the STIP.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) lists transportation projects programmed over a Four-year period. A major component of STIP development is public involvement. Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) engages the public involvement process as part of the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). All thirteen MPO's follow the TIP development process whereby TIP's include a four-year listing of projects identified by the MPO's. The TIP's are incorporated, as adopted by the MPO's, into the STIP. In rural areas of the state, ALDOT is responsible for cooperatively identifying needed projects, facilitating public input and involving traditionally under-served populations in transportation decision-making for the STIP. Each Rural Planning Organization (RPO) was assigned the task of coordinating public involvement meetings in their respective counties. The goal of the public involvement process for the STIP is to ensure stakeholder involvement by employing different approaches. The NACOLG RPO posted notices at meeting locations, published a notice in the largest local newspaper, sent multiple emails to the RPO stakeholders, utilized social media, and invited the media to attend the public meetings and publish stories.

The Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments sent notices of public involvement meetings to:

- Advisory Groups
- Chambers of Commerce
- County Commissions
- Mayors
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Regional Planning Organization

- State of Alabama Legislative Representatives
- State of Alabama Senators
- Transit Operators
- United States House of Representatives delegation from the State of Alabama
- United States Senators representing the State of Alabama

ALDOT held a comment period and a series of public involvement meetings for the purpose of soliciting comments regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The comment period closed at 5:00 PM Tuesday, June 21, 2019.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETINGS

A meeting was held in each of the counties comprising the NACOLG Region: The following is a list of these meeting schedules & locations:

### STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2020-2023 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING SCHEDULE

May 6, 2019

Marion and Winston Counties  
Haleyville, AL - City Hall Court Room  
911 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Haleyville, AL 35565  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

May 7, 2019

Franklin County  
Franklin County Courthouse Annex  
405 North Jackson Avenue  
Russellville, AL 35653  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

May 8, 2019

Colbert and Lauderdale Counties  
NACOLG Board Room  
103 Student Drive  
Muscle Shoals, AL  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

## Section II

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURES

Legal notices were published in the following newspaper:

North West Alabamian

<https://www.mynwapaper.com/>

P.O. Box 430

Haleyville, AL 35565

The Journal Record

<https://www.myjrpaper.com/>

P.O. Box 430

Haleyville, AL 35565

Franklin County Times

<https://www.franklincountytimes.com/>

P.O. Box 1088

Russellville, AL 35653

The Times Daily

<https://www.timesdaily.com/>

219 W. Tennessee Street

Florence, AL 35630

Copies of the notice of the meeting were distributed to all counties and municipalities for local postings. A copy of the notice of the meetings were placed in NACOLG Office as well.

Notices were posted on the NACOLG website "Events Calendar" section at [www.nacolg.org](http://www.nacolg.org) and multiple posts were made on NACOLG Facebook pages in advance of each meeting.

There was also a news story which ran in the Times Daily for the May 8, 2019 meeting:

[https://www.timesdaily.com/news/local/public-encouraged-to-comment-on-future-highway-improvement-projects/article\\_d40dc921-2a2a-5c24-8508-9f52fe685b8b.html](https://www.timesdaily.com/news/local/public-encouraged-to-comment-on-future-highway-improvement-projects/article_d40dc921-2a2a-5c24-8508-9f52fe685b8b.html)

## Section III

### ATTENDANCE AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

There was a total of 26 persons that attended the three meetings. Copies of the following available to each attendee:

- Comment Sheet
- An abbreviated draft of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) containing only projects within the scope of the ALDOT division hosting the meeting, entitled, "State of Alabama Department of Transportation, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2020-Fiscal Year 2023"
- There was also a statewide list of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program available at each meeting for anyone that had interest outside of the ALDOT Division
- 9 pages Brochure Describing the all funding categories & the federal & state apportionments

Maps depicting the location of the proposed STIP projects were displayed in the meeting room. Members of the ALDOT Division and Bureau of Transportation Planning provided background information and answered questions. Meetings were two hours in duration and were conducted in an open-house format. Those in attendance were encouraged to complete comments and either turn them in at the meeting or mail them to ALDOT or email comments to ALDOT. Written comments were received until 5:00 PM Friday, June 21, 2019.

## Section IV

### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Below are all comments that were received during the Public Involvement meetings, Electronic submittals from the ALDOT webpage and comments that were mailed to the ALDOT offices.

The following are the comments received from the public; there were 0 comments submitted:

## Appendix I

### Sample Advertisement

There was a copy of the following advertisement used for public notice. The notice was modified to display the correct meeting schedule; and distributed throughout the Region.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

***DRAFT***

**STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – STIP**

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will hold public meetings to gather input regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The meeting is scheduled for:

**Monday, May 6, 2019  
Haleyville, AL – City Hall Court Room  
911 21st St  
Haleyville, AL 35565  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

The ALDOT is seeking public comment on the proposed STIP, which includes a listing of specific transportation projects that will be funded during the next four years.

Each meeting will be held in open house format. Displays and information, along with a short presentation, will be included to explain the requirements to have a STIP. ALDOT staff will be available to discuss planning efforts and answer questions.

Persons with disabilities should contact the Fayette Area Office, (205) 932-7560 (Mr. David Kemp) to request special assistance. Please make request at least one week prior to the meeting and specify the type of assistance needed.

The *DRAFT* STIP 2020-2023 will be available for review at the Fayette Area Office, and the District Offices in Hamilton, and Jasper.

Comments will be accepted until June 21, 2019 and should be forwarded to:

State Office Engineer  
Alabama Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 3050  
Montgomery, AL 36130-3050

OR:

Submit your comments electronically by going to ALDOT's web page: [www.dot.state.al.us](http://www.dot.state.al.us)

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Franklin County Courthouse Annex  
405 North Jackson Avenue  
Russellville, AL 35653  
5:00 – 7:00 PM**

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**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**  
**Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments – NACOLG**  
**NACOLG Board Room**  
**103 Student Drive**  
**Muscle Shoals, AL 35661**  
**1:00 – 3:00 PM**

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Appendix II  
Sign-In Sheets

Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program  
 Northwest RPO May 6, 2019 Haleyville, AZ

	Name	Representing	Contact
1	Ryan Hayze	NACOLG	RHayze@nacolg.org
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FISCAL YEARS 2020-2023

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Northwest RPO REGION

May 7, 2019

How Did You Hear About This Meeting ?						
	Name	Representing	News Paper	Word of Mouth	Radio	Other
1.	Joseph E. Holt	NAIDLG/NW RPO				
2.	Ryan Hayes	NAIDLG/NW RPO				
3.	Allen Tenque	ALDOT				
4.	Billy Moore	Franklin County				
5.	Joseph Ford	Town of Hayes				
6.	KENNETH ADAMS	ALDOT				
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FISCAL YEARS 2020-2023

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Northwest RPO REGION

May 8, 2019

	Name	Representing	Contact
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