

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD ON YEAR 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Planning Staff will hold a Public Involvement Meeting and comment period concerning an amendment to the year 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has proposed to construct an interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road in Montgomery County, Alabama. The purpose of this new interchange is to provide a new access point to serve existing traffic and future traffic generated in the area from existing and future residential, commercial and industrial development.

The Montgomery MPO is proposing to amend the 2030 LRTP's financially constrained program of projects by adding the proposed new interchange into the LRTP, and also amend the regional travel demand model so that the project is included. The estimated total cost of the project is \$40,085,306 total dollars in Federal and ALDOT matching funds for preliminary engineering, right of way, utility relation and construction costs. The following meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2009:

Metropolitan Planning Organization—The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the body of local elected officials responsible for approving transportation projects and setting overall transportation policy in the study area portion of the tri-county area, and for adoption of the required transportation documents for the Montgomery Study Area.

The Public Involvement Meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City of Montgomery-City Council Chambers, City of Montgomery City Hall, located at 103 North Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. The Public Involvement Meeting format will be an open house format for the meeting. Attendance at the meeting is at the general public's convenience. Preliminary maps and other information concerning the proposed new interchange project and 2030 LRTP amendment will be available at the meeting as well as at public involvement sites listed below. Representatives from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Planning Staff will be available to answer questions during the meeting. The public involvement comment period will last for 14 days from March 17, 2009 to March 30, 2009 and end at 5:00 p.m. central standard time (CST).

In addition to the public involvement meeting, concerned citizens can see the information concerning the proposed interchange project and make comments at the following locations listed below. Comment forms are available at each location as well as on the MPO internet website at <http://www.montgomerympo.org>.

MONTGOMERY CITY/COUNTY

- Montgomery City/County Library, Main Branch, 245 High Street
- Montgomery Planning and Development Department, 2nd Floor, 27 Madison Ave
- Montgomery Area Transit System, 2318 West Fairview Ave
- Transportation Planning Division, Montgomery Intermodal Transportation Facility, 495 Molton Street
- Montgomery Housing Authority, Main Office, 1020 Bell Street
- Rufus Lewis Library, 3095 Mobile Highway
- Rosa L. Parks Library, 1276 Rosa L. Parks Ave
- ALDOT Sixth Division Office, 1525 Coliseum Blvd
- E.L. Lowder Library, 2590 Bell Road

CITY OF PRATTVILLE/AUTAUGA COUNTY

- Prattville/Autauga County Library, 254 Doster Street
- Prattville City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Room 162, 101 West Main Street

ELMORE COUNTY (MILLBROOK, WETUMPKA, AND COOSADA)

- Millbrook Library, 3650 Grandview Road
- Millbrook City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 3390 Main Street
- Coosada Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 5800 Coosada Road
- Wetumpka City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 212 South Main Street

A Technical Summary is available on the web at <http://www.montgomerympo.org> under the **Public Involvement** link at http://www.montgomerympo.org/public_involvement.html. For more information or to comment by telephone, call Robert E. Smith Jr. of the Montgomery MPO Transportation Planning Staff at (334) 241-2249 by March 30, 2009 by 5:00 p.m. The MPO Staff Office is located at the City of Montgomery's Planning and Development Department, Transportation Planning Division at the Montgomery Intermodal Transportation Facility, 495 Molton Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Comments can be emailed to rsmith@montgomeryal.gov, or sent by mail to:

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If you have special disabilities that require special assistance, please contact the MPO Transportation Planning Staff at least 72 hours before the meeting at the number listed above. All meetings are open to the public.