Air Quality Conformity Documentation for the
FY 2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project List

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Section 1

INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the public involvement meeting held on July 15, 2015, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, Third Floor Conference Room, Suite 310, 2 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL. This meeting was conducted to discuss and document comments and questions on the, Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing.

The public involvement meeting was conducted in an open house format with a short formal presentation that provided an overview of the Air Quality Conformity Determination, the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing. Displays were posted around the room representing important aspects of the Air Quality Conformity Determination, the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing. RPCGB staff was available to respond to any questions and comments.

Attendees received a one page handout highlighting funding sources and air quality conformity, a comment form and a meeting evaluation form. Electronic copies of each document was available on flash drives and hard copies of each document was available for attendees.

The results of a public involvement meeting are used by the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the adoption of plans, programs, and projects. The final written report is made available to the public.

This report has been prepared by the transportation planning staff of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham.
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Section 2

OUTREACH AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Material Preparation (Examples included in Appendix A)
- A standard size flyer was prepared for distribution.
- Postcards were prepared for mailing

Direct Mailing (Examples included in Appendix A)
- The postcard was mailed to 683 persons/organizations included in the Transportation Public Involvement contacts list updated June 2015.
- A letter to the Transportation Citizen Committee, Transportation Technical Committee, and the Policy Committee was mailed June 30, 2015.
- A letter and flyers were mailed June 30, 2015 to local librarians to distribute to patrons.
- A letter and flyers were mailed June 30, 2015 to City of Birmingham’s neighborhood association presidents for distribution in their neighborhoods.
- A letter and flyers were mailed June 30, 2015 to the city clerk and county administrator of each county and municipality in the metropolitan planning area to distribute to citizens.

Advertising (Included in Appendix A)
- A legal notice was included in The Birmingham News- July 1, 5, 8 and 12.
- A legal notice was included in the Birmingham Times- July 2 and 9, 2015
- A legal notice was included in the Shelby County Reporter- July 1 and 8, 2015

Media Outreach (Examples included in Appendix A)
- A Press Release was sent to all local media outlets on July 8, 2015
- A Media Advisory was sent on July 14, 2015

Additional Outreach (Appendix A)
- Information about the public involvement meeting was posted on the RPCGB website (http://rpcgb.org/pi) on June 23, 2015
- An online version of the presentation given during the Public Involvement meeting was available during the 21 day comment period on the RPCGB website.
- Information about the public involvement meeting was prepared and distributed using Constant Contact to over 1,000 persons and organizations including local media.
- Information about the public involvement meeting was posted on the RPCGB Facebook and Twitter several days leading up to the meeting.
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Section 3

ATTENDANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

A total of 39 persons, exclusive of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham staff, signed the attendance sheet that is included in this section. (See page 3-2)

The following information was given to each attendee:
• A FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination Fact Sheet (See Appendix B)
• Meeting Comment Sheet (See Appendix B)
• Meeting Evaluation form (See results page 3-4)

The following information was available to attendees during the meeting:
• FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program
• Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Capacity Project Listing
• Air Quality Conformity Documentation
• List of vacancies on the MPO Transportation Citizen’s Committee

Poster-sized maps and charts were displayed around the room. They included the following maps and charts (See Appendix C):

• Conformity Determinations For Annual PM2.5 Standard
• FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Total Dollars by Funding Category Chart
• 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Visionary Plan Capacity Projects Map
• 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Non-Exempt Projects (Capacity Projects) Map
• Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects Map
• Transportation Alternative Projects
• Surface Transportation Attributable Projects Map
• ALDOT Funded Projects Map

The PowerPoint presentation presented at the meeting is included in Appendix D.

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Public Involvement Meeting Evaluation
July 15, 2015

Below are the results of the Meeting Evaluations completed at the Public Involvement Meeting. The number on the left and in bold represents the combined number of answers calculated from each individual evaluation including multiple answers to some questions by an individual. For all open ended questions, each comment is documented.

1. How did you find out about this public involvement meeting? Check all that apply.
   - Newspaper, Name of paper? ________________________________
   - TV
   - Radio
   - Friend/Neighbor
   - Email
   - Library
   - Postcard in the Mail
   - Church
   - Social Media
   - Website
   Other:
     - Letter to Neighborhood Association President
     - Disability Rights and Resources Organization

2. How often have you attended transportation related government meetings in the community in the past year?
   - 0 times
   - 1-2 times
   - 3-4 times
   - 5 or more times

3. People attend meetings for many reasons. What was the main reason you attended this meeting?
   - I work for the total well-being of women and children in homelessness. Transportation is vital to any possible self-sufficiency.
   - To ensure that people with disabilities were represented
   - Understand planning process
   - To be reminded of all the upcoming projects in the TIP ad to hear people’s concerns
   - To get information
   - Transportation plan information for the region
   - Understand the purposes of the organization and what it hopes to accomplish
   - To get info from myself and neighborhood for meetings
4. Overall, how did you like the format of this meeting?
   1. Liked it very much
   7. Liked it
   2. Neither liked nor disliked it
   ☐ Disliked it
   ☐ Disliked it very much

5. How would you rank the information presented today?
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6. Did you ask a question during the meeting?
   5. Yes
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7. Were your questions and/or concerns addressed?
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8. How would you prefer to get transportation project information?
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11. Feel free to include other comments you have on how RPCGB can improve these meetings or communicate better with you and the public.

- Introductions of organizations represented helps to add insight into “who’s at the table.” BJCTA should be more present since transit is a huge piece of the conversation.
- This was my first time attending a RPC meeting. I was here to represent people with disabilities on transportation. The presentation was very informative for me in regards to transportation and how the projects will affect the citizens who use transportation.
- Health Department representative should be meeting to answer air quality questions that RPC staff could not answer. ALDOT representative should be at meeting to answer questions that RPC staff could not answer.
- This will be taken back to neighborhood meetings and they will in turn review and send comments back.
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Questions/Comments and Responses

As required by the Birmingham MPO’s Public Participation Plan, the following is a summary of questions and comments submitted during the comment period that opened July 15, 2015 and closed August 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m. for the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing.

Responses are noted in **Bold** following each question/comment.

1. **Question/Comment:** There were numerous comments/questions related to the Northern Beltline. The comments/questions in support of constructing the Northern Beltline were relative to improving the economy, reducing traffic congestion, improving safety, and reducing costs for commuters. The comments/questions opposing the construction of the Northern Beltline were relative to using those funds for other projects and potential adverse impacts to the environment including watersheds and air quality.

**Response:** The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) controls the funding programmed for the Northern Beltline. All comments related to the Northern Beltline that were provided to the MPO during this public involvement process will be forwarded to ALDOT.

All federally funded transportation projects are required to be listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Similarly, all capacity improvement projects, regardless of funding, are required to be included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The $106 million of Appalachian Highway funds listed in Section 2.4.4 of the TIP is the remaining funding for this program. The Appalachian Highway funding source was discontinued in FY2012 as part of MAP-21. The Northern Beltline will be funded with other federal funding sources for future phases of the project.

2. **Question/Comment:** There were numerous comments/questions related to the Cahaba Beach Road bridge project. The comments/questions opposing the construction of the bridge were related to potential environmental impacts, quality of life for the residents along the corridor, and congestion.

**Response:** ALDOT has allocated federal transportation funds for the construction phase of this project and thus the project is required to be listed in the TIP.
Currently the project sponsor, Shelby County, is performing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project to determine the various impacts to the environment. As part of the EA, comments from the public will be solicited. All comments related to this project that were provided to the MPO will be forwarded to Shelby County, as well as ALDOT.

3. **Question/Comment:** As part of the comments received for the Cahaba Beach Road bridge project, one citizen also included in a list of roadway projects that could potentially impact various streams and watersheds.

   **Response:** These comments were forwarded to each of the sponsors managing those roadway projects.
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APPENDIX A

(Outreach Notification)
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING
FY2016 - 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity
Determination and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Purpose: To obtain public comments on the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Determination and
Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015, 12-2 P.M.

Open house with presentation at 12:30 p.m.

@ Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
2 North 20th Street, Juster Conference Room (Suite 310), Birmingham, AL 35203

Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact Cissy Edwards Crowe at
205-251-8139 at least one week in advance of meeting date.

“This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments
on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA’s Program of Projects requirements.”

Visit www.rpcgb.org for additional information and Understanding the TIP

RPCGB
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

MPO
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June 30, 2015

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We would appreciate your support by distributing the fliers at your neighborhood meetings and in your neighborhood if possible. If you are in need of more materials, please do not hesitate to call me at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, (205) 251-8139. Also, if you would like an electronic copy, please email me at cedwards@rpcgb.org.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Cissy Edwards Crowe
Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
June 30, 2015

Attention City/Town Clerk, County Manager:

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Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Cissy Edwards Crowe
Public Information Officer
June 30, 2015

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Sincerely,

Cissy Edwards Crowe
Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
June 30, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
    Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Citizens Committee
    Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Scott Tillman, Director of Planning and Operations

SUBJECT: Public Involvement Meeting
          July 15, 2015

A Public Involvement Meeting to present an overview of the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, Air Quality Conformity Determination and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, 2 North 20th Street, Juster Conference Room (Suite 310), Birmingham, AL 35203. This will be an open house format with a presentation at 12:30 p.m.

To review all documents to be presented, please visit [http://www.rpcgb.org](http://www.rpcgb.org).

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Cissy Edwards Crowe  
205.251.8139  
cedwards@rpcgb.org

Regional Planning Commission, Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization to host public meeting for Air Quality Conformity Determination

Birmingham, Alabama, July 8, 2015 - A Public Involvement Meeting for the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

The meeting will be from noon to 2 p.m. at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), Juster Conference Room, Suite 310, 2 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala., 35203. The presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain public comments concerning the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing. Additional information can be found at www.rpcgb.org

An online version of the presentation will be available at www.rpcgb.org after the presentation on July 15. The meeting is sponsored by RPCGB on behalf of the Birmingham MPO. If you require special accommodations, please contact Cissy Edwards Crowe at 205-251-8139 at least one week in advance.

This public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA’s Program of Projects requirements.

About the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) is an advisory planning agency, providing services in the areas of community, economic and transportation / transit planning and GIS data development and mapping. RPCGB’s service area includes Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby and Walker counties. For additional information about the RPCGB, please visit www.rpcgb.org.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Contact: Cissy Edwards Crowe
205.251.8139
cedwards@rpcgb.org

Regional Planning Commission, Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization
holding public meeting for Air Quality Conformity Determination

EVENT: Public Involvement Meeting

DATE: July 15, 2015

TIME: Noon – 2 p.m.
Presentation to begin at 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Juster Conference Room, Suite 310
2 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203

COMMENTS: The public is invited to provide comments on the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Capacity Project Listing. Visit www.rpcgb.org for additional information.

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STAY CONNECTED:
Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF ALABAMA )        SS
COUNTY OF SHELBY )

Tim Prince, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Publisher of the Shelby County Reporter, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Columbiana, Shelby County, Alabama; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:
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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

The sum charged by the Newspaper for said publication does not exceed the lowest rate paid by commercial customers for an advertisement of similar size and frequency in the same newspaper in which the public notice appeared.

There are no agreements between the Shelby County Reporter and the officer or attorney charged with the duty of placing the attached legal advertising notices whereby any advantage, gain or profit accrued to said officer or attorney.

SIGNED:

[Signature]

Publisher

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 8th day of July 2015.

Mary Jo Eskridge, Notary Public, Shelby County, Alabama

My commission expires: April 09, 2018

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REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
2 North 20th Street
Suite 1200
Birmingham, AL 35203

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of July
2015

[Signature]
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PLEASE CALL STEPHANIE HARDIN AT (251) 219-5405.
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Bham News: July 1, 5, 8, 12, 2015

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Jesse J. Lewis, Sr., President/Publisher

The Birmingham Times

Agents for the State of Alabama, County of Jefferson

On this day: July 9, 2015

Jesse J. Lewis, Sr. appeared before me, Dorothy Y. Burson, Notary Public, in and for the County and State, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the President/Publisher of The Birmingham Times Publication, in the City of Birmingham, County of Jefferson, State of Alabama, that the advertisement, a true copy of which, is herewith attached, appeared in The Birmingham Times on the following dates:

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Signed:

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to me, Dorothy Y. Burson,
this day: July 9, 2015

My commission expires:

[Signature]

Notary Public

DOROTHY Y. BURSON
My Commission Expires February 6, 2019

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APPENDIX B

(Information Distributed)
FY2016 to 2019 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination Summary

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four year plan that allocates specific funding to specific projects and programs
- The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) controls 3 pots of federal funding equating to about $28 million/year
- ALDOT controls about $750 mil./year of federal funds statewide and has allocated about $170 mil./year to projects in MPO area
- There are 14 funding categories listed in the TIP

Birmingham MPO - FY2016-2019 TIP
Total Dollars by Funding Category
(in millions)

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FY2016 to 2019 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination Summary (continued)

- The Clean Air Act and supporting US Code require integrated transportation and air quality planning for nonattainment areas and maintenance areas.
- These requirements are known as transportation conformity.
- Transportation plans and programs must demonstrate compliance with conformity requirements.
- Jefferson and Shelby Counties and a small portion of Walker County are classified as maintenance areas with respect to Particulate Matter (PM2.5).
- Jefferson and Shelby Counties are classified as maintenance areas with respect to ground-level ozone.
- Future forecasts indicate a steady reduction of pollutants over time.
The Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), is conducting a public involvement meeting to obtain public comments concerning the MPO Air Quality Conformity Documentation for the FY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and Amended 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Capacity Project Listing. The above referenced documents are located at http://www.rpcgb.org/pi

Please provide comments on this sheet or send written comments to:
Birmingham MPO
C/O Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
ATTN: Cissy Edwards Crowe
2 North 20th Street, Suite 1200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Comments may also be faxed to 205.328.3304, or emailed to mpo@rpcgb.org. Comments can also be submitted on line at http://www.rpcgb.org/pi

All comments must be received no later than August 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m. CDST

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address:  ____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________
E-mail:   ____________________________________________________________

Would you like to be added to our Public Involvement notification list?
Yes_____ or No____

Would you like to be added to the Transportation Citizens Committee mailing list?
Yes_____ or No____

Thank you for your participation.

Your Comments:
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Please continue your comments on the back of this page
Public Involvement
July 15, 2015
Meeting Evaluation

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Total Dollars

4.5 total dollars, $4,508 millions
2.4.1 Surface Transportation Attributable Projects

Note: The following projects are not mapped.

- 820 Downtown Birmingham Interstate and Expressway Operational and Access Management Study
- 262 Flexible Funds Transfer to FTA for Paratransit Consortium FY-2014
- 334 ITS Fiber Optic Cable Plan, City Wide Plan for ITS Arterial Incident Management
- 749 Sidewalk and Ramp Improvements Throughout The City of Birmingham
- 734 Woodlawn Neighborhood Streetscape Phase 1
- 1235 Homewood Pavement Management Study
- 710 Resurfacing Various Eligible Roads / Streets in Jefferson County
- 733 Building Communities Programs
- 534 Building Communities Programs - Planning
- 625 Transportation Systems Monitoring for Congestion Management
- 232 BJCTA Bus and Bus Related Capital FY-2015

Source: MPO Staff

Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Area Based on US 2010 Census Data
APPENDIX D

(PowerPoint Presentation)
Fiscal Year 2016-2019
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination
What is the TIP?

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four year plan that allocates specific funding to specific projects and programs.

- A new TIP is formally adopted by the MPO every four years, however, amendments to the TIP are reviewed and adopted by the MPO as necessary throughout the four year TIP period.

- The next TIP goes from Fiscal Year 2016 to FY2019

- The Fiscal Year coincides with the Federal Fiscal Year which starts on October 1st and ends on September 30th
### Funding Categories

- **Table 1** - Surface Transportation Birmingham Attributable (STPBH)
- **Table 2** - Other Surface Transportation (STPAA)
- **Table 3** - National Highway Systems/Interstate Maintenance/NHS Bridge
- **Table 4** - Appalachian Highway System
- **Table 5** - Transportation Alternatives (TAP)
- **Table 6** - Other Bridge Projects
- **Table 7** - State Funds
Funding Categories (continued)

- Table 8 – Transportation Enhancement
- Table 9 – Transit System
- Table 10 – System Maintenance
- Table 11 – Safety Projects
- Table 12 – Other Federal and State Funds
- Table 13 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ)
- Table 14 – High Priority and Congressional Earmark
The MPO controls 3 pots of money:

- **STPBH** – Surface Transportation Program Birmingham Attributable (Table 1)
- **CMAQ** – Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (Table 13)
- **TAP** – Transportation Alternative Program (Table 5)

About $28 million/year (about 15% of all federal transportation funding in MPO area)

- $15m STPBH
- $12m CMAQ
- $1m TAP

ALDOT controls about = $170 mil./year (federal funds allocated to projects in MPO area)
Total Dollars by Funding Category

Birmingham MPO - FY2016-2019 TIP
Total Dollars by Funding Category
(in millions)

1. STP-Birmingham Attributable, $79
2. Other STP (Any Area), $118
3. NHS/Interstate/NHS Bridge, $567
4. Appalachian Highway System, $107
5. Transportation Alternative, $6
6. Bridges (State & Fed), $1
7. State, $5
8. Enhancement, $2
9. Transit, $31
10. Maintenance, $1
11. Safety, $1
12. Other Federal & State, $0
13. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality, $55
14. High Priority & Earmark, $3
The Clean Air Act and supporting US Code require integrated transportation and air quality planning for nonattainment areas and maintenance areas.

These requirements are known as transportation conformity.

Transportation plans and programs must demonstrate compliance with conformity requirements.

Jefferson and Shelby Counties and a small portion of Walker County are classified as maintenance areas with respect to Particulate Matter ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$).

Jefferson and Shelby Counties are classified as maintenance areas with respect to ground-level ozone.
The Air Quality Conformity Determination forecasts future traffic volumes and resulting pollutants specified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- All roadway projects that add through lanes are considered capacity projects and must be included in the analysis.
Air Quality – Non-Attainment Areas
Annual Particulate Matter Projections

Annual Particulate Matter (PM 2.5)

Emissions (Short Tons/Year)

2010 | 2015 | 2024 | 2030 | 2040

Base/Budget
Next Steps

• August 4 – End of 21 day comment period

• August 19, 26 & 27 – Transportation Committees review public comments and determine if the TIP and AQ Report should be sent to the MPO for adoption

• September 9 - MPO meeting to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination and TIP
Thank You!

We look forward to receiving your comments. They must be received in writing to be recorded. There are three ways to submit comments:

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2. Email: mpo@rpcgb.org
3. Comment form can be downloaded from website.

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