APPENDIX 5 – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY
The US 11 / US 78 East Alternatives Analysis included a steering committee, stakeholder meetings, presentations to elected boards and appointed commissions, and three rounds of public meetings.

Steering Committee
The Steering Committee included members from:

- ALDOT
- Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport
- Birmingham Business Alliance
- City of Birmingham Engineering Department
- City of Birmingham Mayor’s Office
- City of Birmingham Planning Department
- Neighborhood President from Crestwood
- Neighborhood President from East Lake
- Neighborhood President from Woodlawn

Steering Committee meetings were conducted on June 20, 2013, March 10, 2014, November 5, 2014, May 18, 2015 and October 20, 2016.

Stakeholder Meetings
Over the course of the study more than 25 stakeholder meetings were held including meetings with:

- Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)
- Alabama Power
- Birmingham Business Alliance (BBA)
- Birmingham-Jefferson County Convention Center (BJCC)
- City of Birmingham
  - Community Development
  - Economic Development
  - Mayor’s Office
  - Planning, Engineering and Permits
  - Traffic Engineering
- City of Irondale
- Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport
- Birmingham-Housing Authority
- Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center
- Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
- Downtown Redevelopment
- REV Birmingham
- University of Birmingham at Alabama
- Woodlawn Foundation
- CMC Steel
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- Housing Authority Birmingham District
- Norfolk Southern
- O’Neal Steel
- Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham staff
- University of Alabama at Birmingham Planning, Design and Construction Department
- Woodlawn Foundation
Boards and Commissions
Over the course of the study 15 briefings and presentations were made to the following Boards and Commissions:

- Birmingham City Council
- Birmingham City Council Transportation Committee
- City of Birmingham Citizens Advisory Board
- Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority
- City of Leeds City Council
- City of Irondale City Council
- City of Trussville City Council

Public Meetings
Three rounds of public meetings were completed including 15 individual public meetings. Round One conducted during the October 2013 focused on the Purpose and Need, Round Two conducted during June 2014 explored the transit, Complete Streets and land use alternatives, and Round three completed during May 2015 reviewed the preferred alternative and 2015 TIGER Grant Application.

Information for public meetings was posted on the RPCGB website and RPCGB newsletter. Flyers were given to neighborhood presidents and local churches and yard signs announced the meeting locations.

Representative samples of the public meeting materials are attached.
PROJECT GOALS – BIRMINGHAM’S STRATEGIC POLICY MAP

Citizens Advisory Board
October 21, 2013

PROJECT GOALS – STRENGTHEN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Citizens Advisory Board
October 21, 2013

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- Integrate transportation and land use
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- Improve transit service
  - SuperStops to facilitate transfers
  - Express routes
- Be strategic, focused and systematic to create visible success
  - Target coordinated transportation and economic development investments
PROJECT SCHEDULE

US 11 East
Project Schedule

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ALDOT – Sandra Bonner
Birmingham Airport Authority – Brad Weston
BBA – Nan Baldwin
Birmingham, City
Mayor’s Office
Planning
Engineering
Economic Development
Birmingham City Council – Kim Rafferty
Birmingham Housing Authority – LaKenya Bend
BJCC – Tad Snider
BJCTA – Ann August/Henry Ikwut-Ukwa
REV Birmingham – Chris Hatcher
UAB – Sheila Chaffin
Woodlawn Foundation – Sally Mackin
Now is a good time for Birmingham
- Comprehensive Plan
- Woodlawn Initiatives
- BJCC
- Airport Improvements
- Downtown and UAB
- Land Bank Legislation
- BJCTA

Retention and recruitment requires walkable and sustainable neighborhoods

Good bones and emerging activities

Transit is critical to the community

Negative perception of transit
- Ability to get to work
- Hub and spoke inconvenient
- Airport accessibility is needed
- Need reliable, frequent service
- Need improved connections to BJCC

Extensive areas of disinvestment in corridor

Opportunities for improved coordination

I-20/59 is an evolving project
STEERING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK – JUNE 20, 2013

- Noise from trains, airport and Interstate is concerning
- Involve:
  - Railroad(s)
  - City Department of Community Development
  - Birmingham Housing Authority
  - Birmingham Parks and Recreation
  - Birmingham Schools
  - Jefferson County Workforce Investment Board
  - Main Streets Alabama
- Possible brownfields funding
- Young professionals want transit
- Ensure all ethnic/demographic groups are represented
- Consider through traffic in corridor and how it affects street design
- Enhance parks and look at potential for new parks and recreation

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- General Public – October 28th
  - Drop in meeting – 5 to 7 PM, Social Venture – 5529 1st Avenue South
- General Public - October 29th
  - Drop in meeting – 5 to 7 PM, Huffman High School – 950 Springville Rd
- Business Community – October 29th
  - Presentation and discussion - 10 AM, O’Neal Steel
- Community Workshops – December 2013
- Purpose and Need – Public Meetings – Early 2014
US 11 / US 78 East Alternatives Analysis - Public Meetings Round 2

June 2014

Railroad Park – Urban Land Institute – Urban Open Space Award

PROJECT STUDY AREA

Public Meetings
June 23 and 24, 2014
PROJECT GOALS – BIRMINGHAM’S STRATEGIC POLICY MAP

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**PROJECT STEPS**

- Existing Conditions Report
- Purpose and Need Statement
- **Define Alternatives**
  - Land Use and Development
  - Quiet Zone
  - Complete Streets
  - Transit
- Evaluate Alternatives
- Recommendations and Implementation Plan

**EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT**

**The Problem**
- Population Loss
- Disinvestment
- Poor Transit Service

**The Opportunities**
- Downtown
- Master Plan
- UAB
- BJCC
- Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport
- Woodlawn United
- Regions Field & Railroad Park
- Innovation Depot
- Transit Reinvestment
Public Meetings
June 23 and 24, 2014

POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT

US 11 / US 78 East Alternatives Analysis

Public Meetings
June 23 and 24, 2014

POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT

US 11 / US 78 East Alternatives Analysis
WHAT SHOULD THE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE?

- **Land Use and Development**
  - What type of re-development do you want in your neighborhood?
  - Where are opportunities for re-development in your neighborhood?
  - What public investments such as parks, schools, housing and workforce development are needed in your neighborhood?
POTENTIAL COMPLETE STREETS

Public Meetings
June 23 and 24, 2014

WHAT SHOULD THE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE?

- Complete Streets
  - Where should streets be improved?
  - How can streets be re-designed to better accommodate all users?
  - Where are sidewalks and bike paths needed?
POTENTIAL TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
- Substantial transit stations,
- Traffic signal priority/pre-emption,
- Low-floor vehicles
- Service Branding
- 10 minute peak/15 minute off peak headways
WHAT SHOULD THE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE?

➢ Transit

☐ What areas should have improved transit service?
☐ What transit service changes are needed for your neighborhood?
The Birmingham Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a Ladders of Opportunity project comprised of a fifteen-mile corridor connecting twenty-five West and East Birmingham low income and minority neighborhoods with key employment and educational opportunities along the route as well as in Downtown Birmingham and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

The BRT will utilize Birmingham’s new Intermodal Station and two new Community Transit Centers that are planned at Five Points West and Woodlawn. Princeton Baptist Medical Center, Loveman Village, UAB, North Avondale, East Lake and Parkway East will host Super Stops where multiple local bus routes will interface with the BRT.

Neighborhood stations along the corridor will provide convenient access. The BRT project includes Complete Streets, real time transit information, pedestrian safety improvements and transit maintenance facility renovations. Birmingham’s BRT is crucial to the future success of its public transportation system and for events such as the Birmingham World Games 2021.

**Birmingham BRT Project Elements**

- **Arterial BRT**
  - East / West BRT
  - Southside BRT
  - Frequent service
  - Enhanced passenger facilities
  - 18 BRT buses

- **Community Transit Centers**
  - Five Points West
  - Woodlawn

- **5th Avenue South Complete Street**
- **18th Street North bus contra-flow lane**
- **Corridor-wide pedestrian improvements**
- **East Birmingham Quiet Zone**
- **BJCTA Maintenance Facility renovations**
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