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2019: A YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMUNITY PLANNING

• Completed and initiated 8 major planning projects throughout the region, saving municipalities an average of $80,000 per plan

• Facilitated 46 public planning meetings, engaging nearly 2,000 community residents

• Continued development of the *Shape Bham Health Assessment*, a health impact assessment study of the 99 neighborhoods of Birmingham

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

• Completed 6 APPLE Feasibility Studies, saving municipalities an average of $48,000 per study

• Completed the *2045 Regional Transportation Plan*, a blueprint that guides the region’s federal transportation investments

• Completed the area’s first *Regional Freight Plan*, to establish the funding priorities for freight throughout the region.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• Provided technical assistance to member governments for over 20 grants and projects

• Issued 50 loans totaling over $1.6 million through the Revolving Loan (RLF) Program, which created or retained over 600 jobs throughout the region

• Supplied 90 local entrepreneurs with small business training and support

MEDICAID WAIVER

• Secured $20,000 in grant funds through the Lucille Beeson Foundation to provide emergency assistance to clients

• Served 848 disabled or elderly individuals throughout the metropolitan area, saving the state $52 million in funding

AGENCY INITIATIVES

*Alabama Partners for Clean Air (APCA)*

• Reduced traffic emissions by over 100 pounds per day through partnership initiatives

• Increased alternative fuel usage in the metropolitan area by 2,582,267 gallons

• Tested 2,408 cars for emissions standards, and 38 of those cars were repaired to decrease emissions

• Gained pledges from 7,291 residents agreeing to promote air quality and reduce emissions

*CommuteSmart*

• Added 2,043 new participants in the program and maintained an average of 33 vanpools per month

• Reduced nearly 13 million commuter miles and saved participants $4.5 million in commuter costs

• Gained 2 new corporate partners and attended 140 outreach events to promote the program

To serve as a catalyst for regional leadership, cooperation, and sustainability in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, and Walker counties.