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WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94) requires the development of a coordinated human services transportation plan in order to be eligible for Section 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization and the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation developed the *West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019*, and

WHEREAS, the Transit Committee, the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Technical Coordinating Committee of the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization have reviewed the plan and have passed recommendations in support of adopting the plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this **26th day of August 2019**, that the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization does hereby adopt the *West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019*.



MPO Chair

Attest:



Process Coordinator

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this **9th day of August 2019**, that the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization does hereby adopt the *West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019*.



RPO Chairman

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Process Coordinator

West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2017

Executive Summary

Introduction

The purpose of this plan is (1) to determine transit gaps and coordination opportunities among publicly funded, human services transportation programs in west Alabama and (2) to develop strategies to address the identified gaps and coordination issues. This plan did not evaluate the internal operations of individual transit systems to determine improvement opportunities. Instead, it examined overall transit deficiencies and coordination issues for each county and the entire region. Since it is often impossible to distinguish between the specialized transit services (Section 5310, Section 5316, and Section 5317) and the more general transit services (Section 5307 - Urban Area and Section 5311 - Non-urbanized Area), this plan considers all forms of transit service regardless of funding categories. The plan will provide the Alabama Department of Transportation and the local entities with information to make decisions regarding the allocation of limited federal and local transit funds.

The *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU) required the development of a coordinated human service transportation plan in order to be eligible for three Federal Transit Administration programs (Section 5310 - Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute, and Section 5317 - New Freedom). The *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21) and the subsequent *Fixing America's Surface Transportation* (FAST) Act extended the coordinated human service transportation plan requirement for the Section 5310 program. Under Map-21, the Section 5316 and 5317 programs were consolidated with the Section 5307, 5310, and 5311 programs. However, remaining pre-MAP-21 Section 5316 and 5317 funding must be allocated based on a coordinated human service transportation plan.

The current regulations specify that the plan must be based on input from public, private, and non-profit transportation providers; human services providers; and the general public. Required elements include (1) an assessment of available services, (2) an assessment of transportation needs, (3) strategies, activities, and/or projects to address gaps, needs, and efficiency improvements, and (4) priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility of implementation. Minimizing duplication of services in order to maximize collective transit coverage is a prime imperative.

The plan was developed by the West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC). WARC used the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) to conduct the plan development process. WARC is the staff for the Tuscaloosa Area MPO and the West Alabama RPO.

The following sections list the transit needs, the barriers to improving transit service, and recommended strategies that were identified during the development of this plan. The sections are divided between the seven counties in the west Alabama region. The final section covers the region as a whole.

Bibb County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional public and private providers
- Service to other counties
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)
- Reliable scheduling method
- Communication between clients and drivers
- Coordination of client trips that originate at a common community and end at common destinations
- Qualified drivers

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of county
 - Inter-county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)
- Improve current transit service (Additional funding may be required) (**High**)
 - Scheduling
 - Communication between clients and drivers/providers
 - Trip coordination
 - Driver training

Fayette County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Weekend service
- Service to rural areas of the county including Bluff, Kirkland, and Wayside
- Additional public and private providers, including a Section 5311 provider
- Service to other counties including Tuscaloosa and Walker
- Shopping service
- Newer vehicles
- More frequent service
- Recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips

- Local trips
- Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
 - Operating funds
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service **(High)**
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts **(High)**
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) **(High)**
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of county including Bluff, Kirkland, and Wayside
 - Inter-county
 - Shopping
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers, including a 5311 provider (Additional funding required) **(High)**
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) **(High)**
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source **(High)**
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources **(High)**
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) **(Medium)**

Greene County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service **(High)**
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts **(High)**
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) **(High)**
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) **(Medium)**
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) **(Medium)**
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source **(High)**
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources **(High)**
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) **(Medium)**

Hale County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers
- More frequent service
- Service for senior citizens who are less than 60 years old

- Service to Shelton State Community College (Tuscaloosa) and Wallace Community College (Selma)
- Service to large employers in Tuscaloosa
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of county
 - Inter-county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)

- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) **(Medium)**

Lamar County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers, including a Section 5311 provider
- Service to rural areas of the county including Kingville, Cody, Detroit, and Beaverton
- Additional service in Millport and Sulligent
- Out-of-county service including Tuscaloosa and Columbus, MS
- Shopping service
- Recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
 - Operating funds
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service **(High)**
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts **(High)**
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) **(High)**
 - Nights

- Weekends
- Millport and Sulligent
- Rural areas of county including Kingville, Cody, Detroit, and Beaverton
- Inter-county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers, including a 5311 provider (Additional funding required) **(High)**
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) **(High)**
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source **(High)**
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources **(High)**
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) **(Medium)**

Pickens County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service, including early morning and early evening times
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers
- Decreased call-in times
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients

- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service **(High)**
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts **(High)**
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) **(High)**
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of county
 - Additional service to reduce call-in times
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) **(Low)**
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) **(Medium)**
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source **(High)**
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources **(Medium)**
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) **(Medium)**

Tuscaloosa County

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Holiday service
- Decreased fixed route headways
- Additional public and private providers
- City of Northport service
- Service to rural areas of the county including Brookwood, Holt, Peterson, Vance, Lake Tuscaloosa area, Duncanville, Taylorville, and McCalla
- Out-of-county service including Jefferson County and Bibb County
- Additional service for shopping, medical appointments, recreational activities, and church
- Decreased call-in times
- Decreased wait times
- Maintaining schedules (pick-up and drop-off times) demand response service and fixed routes
- Vehicles that will accommodate larger people
- Service for senior citizens who are less than 60 years old
- Additional service from the UA campus to other areas of the community
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects, including telephone notification
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Alternative fuel options

- Additional fixed route bus stop shelters
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Lack of financial support by the City of Northport
- Lack of financial support by Tuscaloosa County
- Dispersed population
- Large land area
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Holidays
 - Reduce fixed route headways
 - City of Northport
 - Rural areas of county including Brookwood, Holt, Peterson, Vance, Lake Tuscaloosa area, Duncanville, Taylorville, and McCalla,
 - Inter-county
 - Shopping, recreation, and church
 - Additional service to reduce call-times, wait times, and schedule delays
 - Additional service for senior citizens
 - Purchase or modify vehicles to accommodate larger people
 - Additional service from the UA campus to other areas of the community
 - Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)

- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) **(Medium)**
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source **(High)**
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources **(High)**
- Support/Establish alternative fuel options for existing and future transit providers **(Medium)**
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) **(Medium)**

West Alabama Region

Needs Not Currently Addressed or Only Partially Addressed

- Additional inter-county service to connect rural residents with national bus service, Amtrak service, commercial air service, jobs, medical facilities, shopping opportunities, recreation facilities, education and training opportunities; including west Alabama and out-of-region travel

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Alabama Public Service Commission service area restrictions

Strategies

- Maintain current inter-county transit service in Bibb, Greene, Hale County **(High)**
- Add inter-county transit service (Additional funding required) **(High)**
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers, where needed (Additional funding required) **(Medium)**
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/van pools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) **(Medium)**
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source **(High)**
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources **(Medium)**
- Support efforts to modify the Alabama Public Service Commission service area restrictions **(High)**

Continuing Efforts

After the adoption of this plan the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will monitor transit issues in the region in order to determine if this plan needs to be modified. Changes to existing transit conditions could require the addition, deletion, or re-prioritization of strategies or projects. Any necessary adjustments to the plan can be accomplished through amendments adopted

by the Policy Committees of the MPO and RPO. The joint MPO and RPO transit committee, which helped develop this plan, will meet as needed to assist in these efforts and to facilitate the implementation of the identified strategies.

The committees of the MPO and RPO will continue to meet on a regular basis. The MPO committees meet every other month and the RPO committees meet once per quarter. The Section 5307 and 5311 providers in the region are voting members on the MPO and RPO technical coordination committees. At the meetings the committees discuss various transportation issues, usually focusing on federally funded projects, including transit programs.

Based on the current ALDOT contract, this plan will be updated in fiscal year 2019. The MPO and RPO Policy Committees should adopt the update in August 2019. If the federal planning requirements continue past 2019 and funds are available, the plan will likely be revised in 2021.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of this plan is (1) to determine transit gaps and coordination opportunities among publicly funded, human services transportation programs in west Alabama and (2) to develop strategies to address the identified gaps and coordination issues. This plan did not evaluate the internal operations of individual transit systems to determine improvement opportunities. Instead, it examined overall transit deficiencies and coordination issues for each county and the entire region. Since it is often impossible to distinguish between the specialized transit services (Section 5310, Section 5316, and Section 5317) and the more general transit services (Section 5307 - Urban Area and Section 5311 - Non-urbanized Area), this plan considers all forms of transit service regardless of funding categories. The plan will provide the Alabama Department of Transportation and the local entities with information to make decisions regarding the allocation of limited federal and local transit funds.

1.2 Laws and Regulations

The *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users* (SAFETEA-LU) required the development of a coordinated human service transportation plan in order to be eligible for three Federal Transit Administration programs (Section 5310 - Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute, and Section 5317 - New Freedom). The *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21) and the subsequent *Fixing America's Surface Transportation* (FAST) Act extended the coordinated human service transportation plan requirement for the Section 5310 program. Under Map-21, the Section 5316 and 5317 programs were consolidated with the Section 5307, 5310, and 5311 programs. However, remaining pre-MAP-21 Section 5316 and 5317 funding must be allocated based on a coordinated human service transportation plan.

The current regulations specify that the plan must be based on input from public, private, and non-profit transportation providers; human services providers; and the general public. Required elements include (1) an assessment of available services, (2) an assessment of transportation needs, (3) strategies, activities, and/or projects to address gaps, needs, and efficiency improvements, and (4) priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility of implementation. Minimizing duplication of services to maximize collective transit coverage is a prime imperative.

1.3 Agency Participation

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the Alabama Association of Regional Commissions (AARC) agreed to develop 12 regional transit coordination plans in 2019. The AARC represents the 12 regional commissions that cover every county in the state. The 12 plans coincide with the commission districts. ALDOT agreed to fund 100 percent of the cost of the plans with pass-through Federal Transit Administration (FTA) money.

In west Alabama, the plan was developed by the West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC), one of the 12 regional commissions. WARC used the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) to conduct the plan development process. WARC is the staff for the Tuscaloosa Area MPO and the West Alabama RPO.

The MPO is a cooperative effort of the West Alabama Regional Commission, the Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority (TCPTA), the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the City of Tuscaloosa, the City of Northport, and Tuscaloosa County. Each of these entities has membership on the various MPO committees.

The RPO process brings together the Alabama Department of Transportation with locally elected and appointed officials from the six RPO counties. The RPO policy committee consists of mayors, county commissioners, and officials from ALDOT and FHWA. The technical committee is composed of local engineers, local modal representatives, and ALDOT engineers. More detailed descriptions of the MPO and RPO can be found in Appendix I and J.

The MPO and RPO utilized a regional transit committee to guide the development of this plan. This committee was composed of all of the publicly funded transit providers in west Alabama, agencies that purchase transit service for their clients, and private transportation providers. In addition, the membership requirements for this committee were left open, so any interested group or individual could become a member. The transit committee membership is listed in Appendix A.

1.4 Time Frame

As previously mentioned, this plan identifies current needs and strategies to address these needs. It does not attempt to forecast future needs and develop a related set of strategies. Based on these facts this plan is a short-range document. Unfortunately, many of the strategies will not be implemented in the near future due to the lack of financial support.

The original version of this plan was adopted in 2006 and revisions were prepared in 2008, 2011, 2015, and 2017. The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the agency providing the funding, established the development cycle. The ALDOT contract required the plan to be revised in 2019/2020 and summary reports prepared in 2021 and 2022. Future federal regulations and ALDOT needs will determine the plan development schedule beyond 2022.

1.5 Development Process

The development process began in October 2018 with a review of the 2017 plan. The WARC staff determined an initial set of changes that had taken place since 2017 and the status of any of the proposed strategies. Also, in October 2018, the WARC staff submitted three surveys to the transit committee. The surveys were written specifically for transit providers, agencies that purchase transit service for their clients, or transit

users. Some agencies are both providers and purchasers. In these cases, the agency completed both surveys. The transit providers and the purchasing agencies distributed the user surveys to their clients. Survey examples can be found in Appendix C. The survey results form the basis of the current transit conditions and needs sections of this plan.

The WARC staff compiled the survey results in December 2018. The transit committee and the WARC staff used the survey results to update the transit needs, barriers, and strategies reports for each county. The reports were provided to the MPO and RPO committees in December 2018, January 2019, and February 2019.

The WARC staff presented a draft version of this plan to the transit committee in February 2019. The committee recommended that the draft plan be submitted to the MPO and RPO for initial approval. The MPO and RPO approved the plan for public review in April and May 2019, respectively. After the public review period, the plan was adopted in its final version by the MPO on August 26, 2019, and the RPO on August 9, 2019.

1.6 Public Involvement

The public was given several opportunities to participate in the development of the plan, review the plan inputs, and comment on the draft plan before its adoption. The draft plan or the inputs were discussed at the fiscal year 2019 MPO and RPO committee meetings. Copies of the plan inputs or the draft plan were available at these meetings and on the West Alabama Regional Commission website.

The MPO and RPO committee meetings are open to the public, and the public is encouraged to participate. News releases for the meetings are sent to local media contacts, special interest groups, and to anyone who requests to be on the mailing list. The special interest groups include agencies or organizations that have contact with persons with disabilities, low-income individuals, minorities, and senior citizens.

The MPO also held a public review and seven public meetings regarding the draft plan. The review extended from May 2019 until August 2019. Anyone interested in the plan had the opportunity to visit the West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC) office during this period and review the document. The public meetings were held on July 10, 16, 18, 22, 23, and 25, 2019. News releases were distributed detailing the public review and public meetings. Twenty-three people, not including MPO staff, attended the public meetings. No public comments were received. The public involvement materials are located in Appendix D.

The draft plan was placed on the WARC website on January 14, 2019 and paper copies were available at the WARC and by request. The public involvement activities associated with the plan are documented in Appendix D.

1.7 Format

This plan is divided into 11 chapters and includes 10 appendices. Chapter 1.0 is the introduction and provides background information and the development framework. The chapter provides a basic understanding of why and how the plan was produced.

Chapters 2.0 through 8.0 are devoted to one of the seven counties in the west Alabama region. The chapters describe the demographic characteristics, employment attributes, transit resources, transit needs, transit service barriers, and strategies to improve transit service in each county. Chapter 9.0 summarizes the information from the county chapters to the regional level and adds cross-county needs, service barriers, and improvement strategies.

The county chapters (2.0 - 8.0) contains a description of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service. The transit provider descriptions are divided between public/non-profit agencies and private companies. When relevant, the appropriate Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding information is included in the descriptions.

Also, in Chapters 2.0 - 9.0, as part of the identification of geographic service gaps and possible coordination opportunities, potential high-transit use areas were mapped along with transit routes (when available) and potential transit destinations. Census 2010 block groups were used as the base for these maps. The maps display a summary of disabled, elderly, and poverty populations taken from the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*. These groups are the traditional populations that depend on transit service.

Chapter 10.0 describes possible funding sources for the identified strategies. The chapter reviews federal, state, and local options. Chapter 11.0, the final chapter, includes the plan amendment process, MPO and RPO continuing efforts, and the probable plan update schedule.

The appendices provide additional background information related to the plan development. Appendix A includes a list of transit committee members who helped prepare the plan. Appendix B lists the individuals and agencies that received news releases regarding the transit planning effort. Appendix C includes examples of the surveys that were part of the assessment process. Appendix D provides items related to the public involvement activities, such as legal ads, news releases, comments, and responses. Appendix E is a list of proposed transit projects provided by the transit agencies in west Alabama. Appendix F is a standard transportation planning acronym list. Appendix G contains a trip summary table for agencies in west Alabama. Appendix H is a list of agencies that provide transit service in west Alabama. Appendix I includes a description of the Tuscaloosa Area MPO. Appendix J is a description of the West Alabama RPO.

2.0 Bibb County

2.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 22,668 people live in Bibb County. This is a slight decrease (251) from the number reported in the 2010 Census. The population density of the county is 36 people per square mile. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS)*, there are 2,857 disabled people, 3,227 elderly individuals, and 2,154 people below the poverty line in the county.

Bibb County has a land area of 622 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 28 miles north-to-south and 32 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 888 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south route is SR-5, and the main east-west route is US-82.

There are three areas of concentrated population in Bibb County. The largest of the three is the Brent-Centreville community in the south-central part of the county. The second concentration is the West Blocton community located in the north-central part of the county. The northern area of the county around Woodstock and along the Tuscaloosa County line is the third area of concentration. Figure 1 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 1 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 1 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

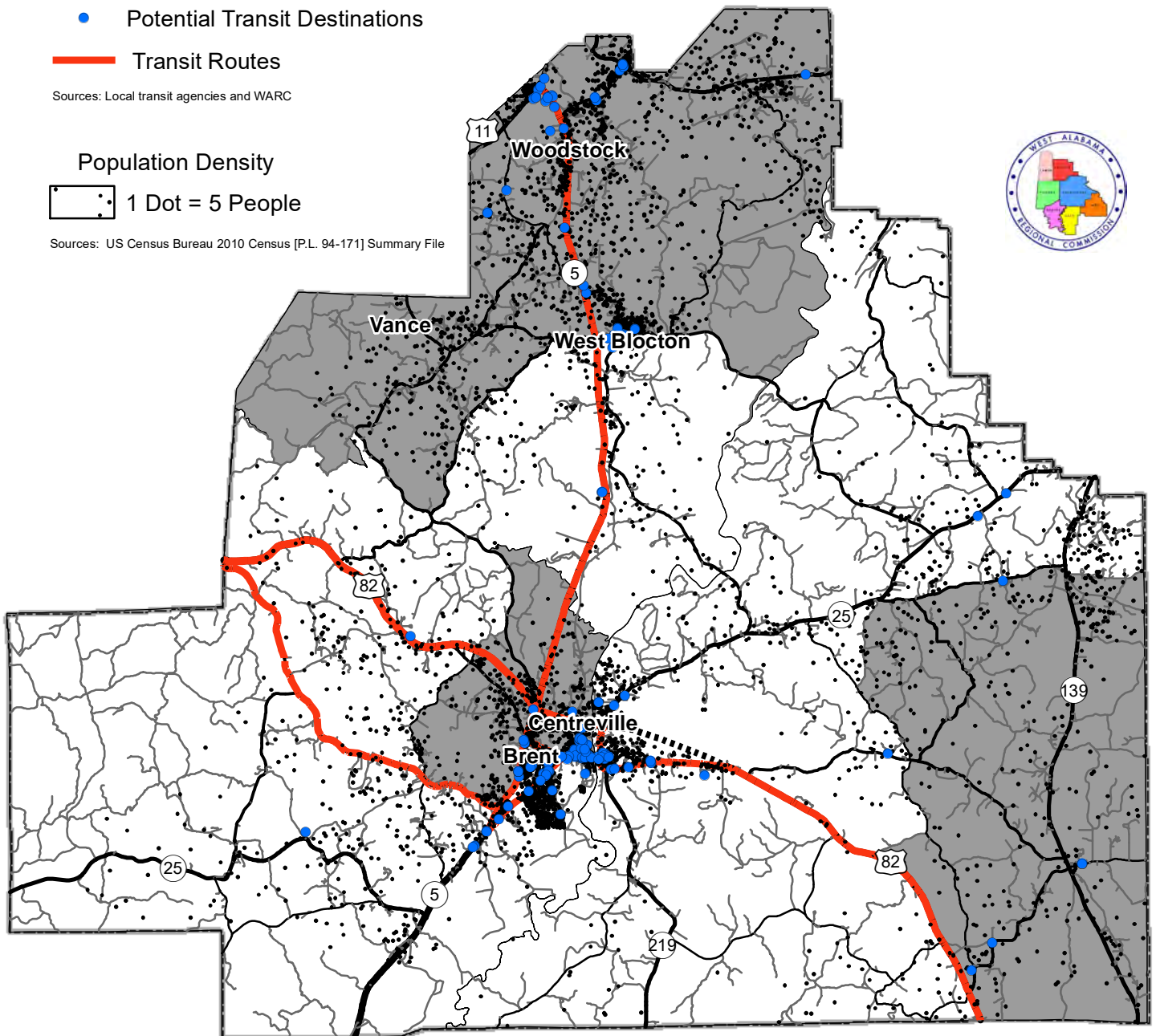
2.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Bibb County had 8,506 people in the labor force. Of this number 8,133 were employed and 373 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 4.4 percent, matched the national and state average. Major employers in the county include the Alabama Department of Corrections, Bibb County Medical Center, Bibb County Board of Education, and Burkes Mechanical. In Bibb County, there are approximately 700 businesses with 85 categorized as entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

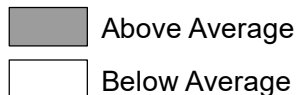
Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 48 percent of the employed workforce in Bibb County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 94 percent are employed in Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, and Shelby County. Only 39 percent of the total workforce live and work in Bibb County. An additional 13 percent of the workforce commutes into Bibb County from another county.

Bibb County

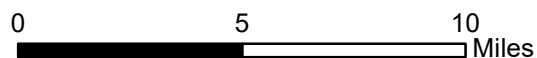
Figure 1



Concentrations of People in Bibb County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty



In Bibb County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 427 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).



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Brent/Centreville



2.3 Transit Resource Assessment

This section contains a description of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service in Bibb County. The agency descriptions are divided into public/non-profit and private. The public and non-profit agencies were grouped together because the non-profits are generally funded by public agencies or governments. Descriptions of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories used by the public and non-profit agencies are included in Chapter 10.

Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) maintains an office in every county in Alabama. The DHR Family Assistance Division has an interagency agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Through that agreement, ALDOT identifies and secures transportation vendors across the state, which transport eligible persons to work and work-related activities and DHR provides matching funds to reimburse ALDOT for a portion of the expense. In west Alabama, DHR contracts with the South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) and HELP, Inc., to provide transportation services for its clients.

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**

The service area for the Alabama Department of Mental Health - Region II Community Services program includes Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. In west Alabama the agency contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, and West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation service for their clients.

- **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) provides transportation services to people who have vision and/or hearing loss. The AIDB has a regional center in Tuscaloosa. Their main office is in Talladega. The AIDB Center in Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County.

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation**

The Alabama Kidney Foundation purchases transit service for clients in all 67 Alabama counties. Their clients are limited to kidney patients who make \$1,000 or less per month. The transit service is funded by state appropriations and private contributions. The Foundation utilizes numerous transit providers throughout the state. The Foundation also reimburses client family and friends who provide transportation. The transit program operates from 5:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Foundation is located in Birmingham, Jefferson County. The Foundation indicated that it would like to provide service to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **AM-Serv EMS**

AM-Serv EMS is a private, non-profit transportation provider operating in Bibb County. The agency operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day and provides emergency and non-emergency transportation. The agency is located in Centreville and is associated with the Bibb County Medical Center.

- **Bibb County Department of Human Resources**

The Bibb County Department of Human Resources (DHR) purchases transportation service for some of its clients. The DHR provides social services to adults and children in the county.

- **Indian Rivers Behavioral Health**

Indian Rivers Behavioral Health (IRBH) serves mental health, substance abuse, and intellectually disabled clients by providing mental health treatment, life skills training and residential support. The agency is located in Tuscaloosa. Its service area includes Bibb, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. The agency provides transportation to its clients on a case-by-case basis and/or assistance with accessing public transit services. Generally, client-specific transportation is provided Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, Indian Rivers manages numerous residential facilities where transportation service is available to those individuals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The agency serves over 6,000 people annually.

- **West Alabama Public Transportation**

The West Alabama Public Transportation (WAPT) agency is the largest transit provider in the State. WAPT utilizes FTA Section 5311, 5311(f), 5316, and 5317 grants to fund their service. The agency also maintains numerous contracts to provide specialized transportation to different agencies. The WAPT serves nine counties in West Alabama including Bibb, Greene, and Hale. The WAPT

Administrative office is located in Demopolis in Marengo County. There are satellite offices in Bibb, Greene, and Hale County.

WAPT has no age or income limitations, and customer charges vary. WAPT transports clients for medical/dental services, recreational activities, personal business, employment, and other services. The WAPT 5311 service operates from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., depending on scheduling Monday through Friday and provides limited weekend service.

The service has several fixed routes but also offers demand-response routes. The WAPT averages over 360,000 passenger trips per year in their nine-county service area. The WAPT fleet consists of approximately 65 vehicles with capacities ranging from seven to 30 passengers. The fleet includes 12 wheelchair lift vehicles.

In Bibb County, WAPT contracts with the Alabama Kidney Foundation and the Alabama Department of Mental Health. WAPT is also on the Alabama Medicaid Agency transportation provider registry in Bibb County.

Private Systems

- **Cahaba Medical Care Foundation**

Cahaba Medical Care Foundation is a private company located in Centreville. The company provides gas cards and transportation vouchers to clients. The vouchers are accepted by West Alabama Public Transportation and CV Transerv.

- **CV Transerv - Bibb Medical Center**

The CV Transerv is a non-emergency transportation service provided by the Bibb Medical Center. The company serves nursing homes, clinics, and hospital patients in the Centreville area. In addition to local service, the company also provides transportation to Tuscaloosa and Clanton for dialysis treatments. The company operates seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The company has two wheelchair accessible vans. On average, the company transports between 14 and 20 people per week.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

- **South Mobile Area Regional Transit**

South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) is a private provider operating in Bibb County. The company provides on-demand transportation services within a 200-mile radius of the county with trips routinely made to Tuscaloosa, Shelby,

Perry, and Jefferson County. SMART operates 24 hours a day, year-round and has two wheelchair accessible buses, one regular van, and two cars. The company charges by the mile. The company is an as-needed service provider for the DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Bibb County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers and contracts. These efforts address a previously identified transit gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations. The Bibb County providers did not identify any cases of sharing transit resources.

Bibb County Contracts

- Alabama Department of Human Resources contracts with South Mobile Area Regional Transit company
- Alabama Department of Mental Health contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation
- Alabama Kidney Foundation contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation

2.4 Transit Needs

Figure 1 displays the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups roughly cover the northern third of the county, the area northwest of Centreville, and the southeast part of the county. This figure also locates possible transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the incorporated areas of Brent, Centreville, West Blocton, and Woodstock. The transit routes of West Alabama Public Transit (WAPT) are included on this figure. The WAPT routes pass through Brent, Centreville, West Blocton, and Woodstock. Transit routes do not cover many of the highlighted block groups.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders in the Fall 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional public and private providers
- Service to other counties

- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)
- Reliable scheduling method
- Communication between clients and drivers
- Coordination of client trips that originate at a common community and end at common destinations
- Qualified drivers

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Based on the survey responses and committee discussions there does not appear to be any duplication of service in the county.

2.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and using the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never

appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

2.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of the county
 - Inter-county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)
- Improve current transit service (Additional funding may be required) (**High**)
 - Scheduling
 - Communication between clients and drivers/providers
 - Trip coordination
 - Driver training

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

3.0 Fayette County

3.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 16,468 people live in Fayette County. This is a decrease of 768 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. The population density of the county is 26 people per square mile. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 4,271 disabled people, 3,194 elderly individuals, and 2,043 people below the poverty line in the county.

Fayette County has a land area of 628 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 27 miles north-to-south and 30 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 1,150 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south routes are US-43/SR-13 and US-43/SR-171. The main east-west route is SR-18.

There are three areas of concentrated population in Fayette County. The largest of the three is the City of Fayette in the west-central part of the county. The second concentration is the Town of Berry located in the southeastern part of the county. The City of Winfield in the north-central part of the county is the third area of concentration. Figure 2 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 2 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 2 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

3.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Fayette County had 6,529 people in the labor force. Of this number 6,220 were employed and 309 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 4.7 percent, was higher than the national and state average of 4.4 percent. Major employers in the county include the Fayette County Medical Center, Fayette County Board of Education, Showa, Ox Bodies, Inc., Georgia-Pacific Corporation, and King Kutter, Inc. In Fayette County, there are approximately 700 businesses with 78 categorized as entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 38 percent of the employed workforce in Fayette County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 65 percent are employed in Marion and Tuscaloosa County. Only 46 percent of the total workforce live and work in Fayette County. An additional 16 percent of the workforce commutes into Fayette County from another county.



Fayette County

Figure 2

● Potential Transit Destinations

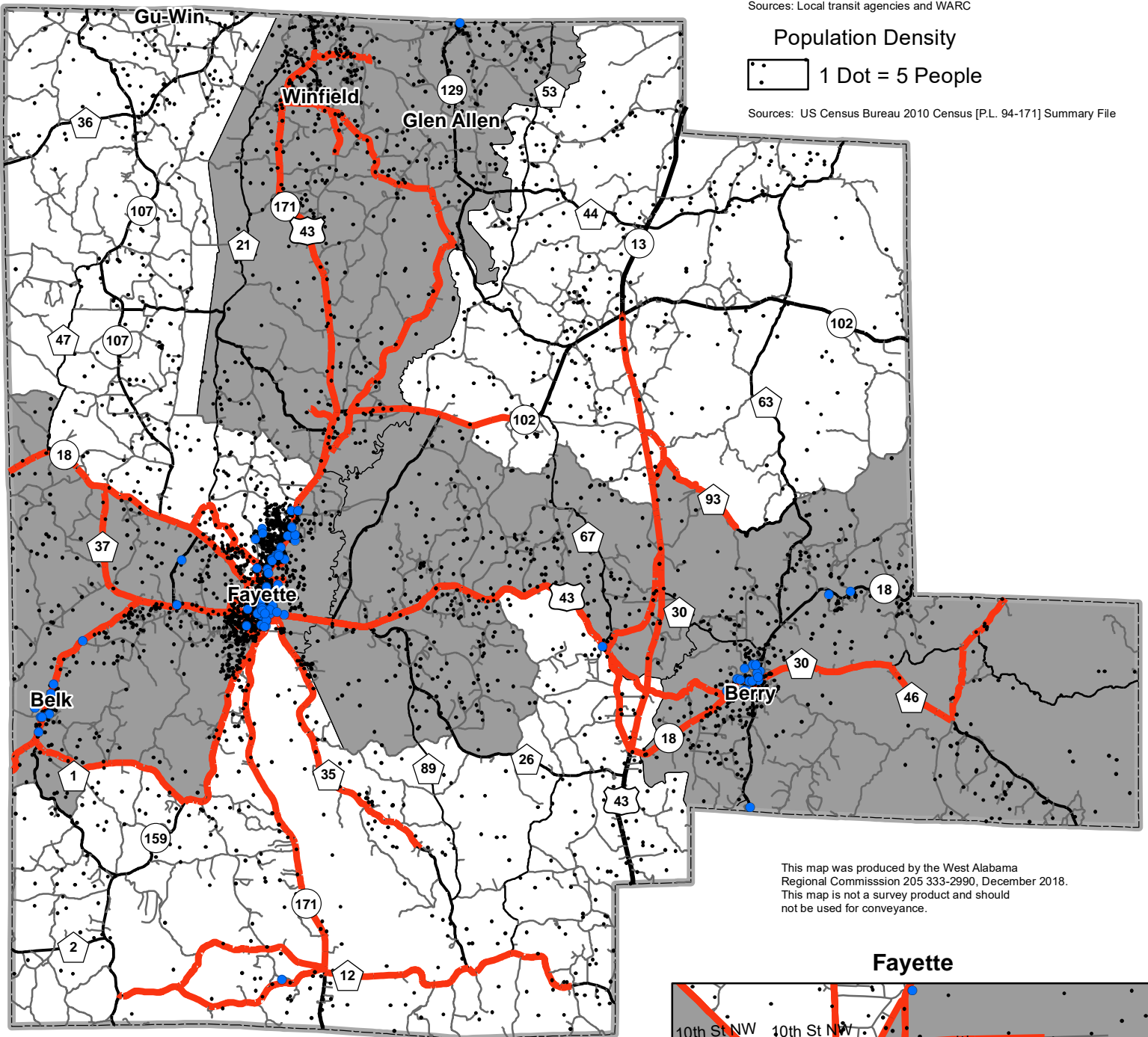
— Transit Routes

Sources: Local transit agencies and WARC

Population Density

□ 1 Dot = 5 People

Sources: US Census Bureau 2010 Census [P.L. 94-171] Summary File



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Concentrations of People in Fayette County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty

■ Above Average

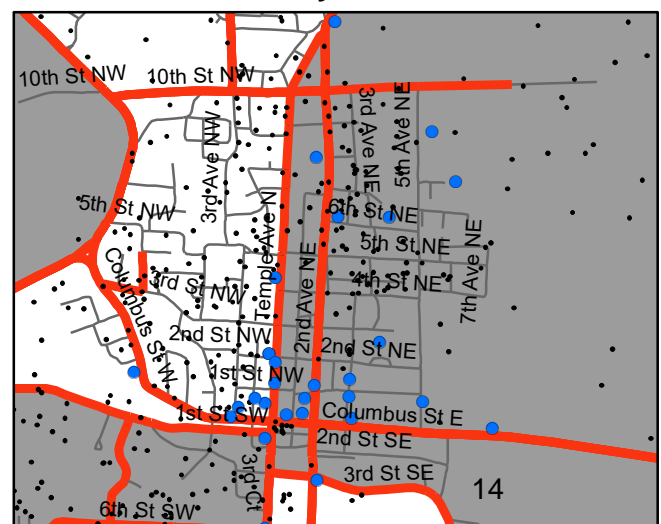
□ Below Average

In Fayette County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 373 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).

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3.3 Transit Resource Assessment

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Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

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to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo Counties**

The ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo Counties (ARCFLM) provides transit service exclusively to their clients, individuals with developmental disabilities. The program makes frequent medical trips and weekly recreational trips. The ARCFLM provides transit service Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. but also offers 24-hour availability. The ARCFLM makes regular trips to Jasper, Northport, Tuscaloosa, Winfield, Guin, Hamilton, and Birmingham. The ARCFLM drivers serve as day habilitation and residential training assistants when they are not driving. The agency indicated that insurance problems would prevent any sharing of resources. The ARCFLM office is located in the City of Fayette, and its transportation service area includes Fayette, Lamar, and Marengo County. The agency uses FTA Section 5310 grants to purchase vehicles.

- **Fayette County Aging Program**

The Fayette County Aging Program (FCAP) has a contract with the West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to provide transportation to the AAA clients and to transport the clients to the three AAA senior centers. The FCAP provides transit service Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Due to contractual agreements and insurance, the FCAP service is limited to its AAA clients. The agency has used FTA Section 5309 and 5310 grants to purchase vehicles. The FCAP is located in the City of Fayette, and its service area covers Fayette County.

- **Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center**

The Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center (NWAMHC) is a comprehensive mental health program that offers adults and children outpatient services in Fayette, Lamar, Marion, Walker, and Winston Counties. NWAMHC operates day rehabilitation/day habilitation programs in Fayette and Winfield and adult mental illness residential services in Fayette and Berry. The center provides transit service exclusively to its consumers. Trips are provided for medical services, shopping, and recreation. In Fayette County, NWAMHC provides approximately 31,000 transit trips per year. NWAMHC is a non-profit agency and is located in the City of Jasper in Walker County. The center uses FTA Section 5310 grants to purchase vehicles.

- **West Alabama Area Agency on Aging**

The West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) serves senior citizens in west Alabama. The AAA provides transportation to their centers. The AAA contracts with the Fayette County Aging Program to provide this service in Fayette County.

Private Systems

- **Fayette County Nursing Home**

The Fayette County Nursing Home is a private company that purchases transportation service for its clients. The company currently works with Northstar EMS (Fayette EMS) for medically related transportation.

- **Generations of Vernon**

Generations of Vernon is a private company that provides transit service to its clients. Its service area includes Fayette and Lamar County. The company has one wheelchair-accessible van and provides demand response service for medical and recreational purposes.

- **Northstar EMS**

The Northstar EMS (Fayette EMS) provides non-emergency service to hospital patients, nursing home residents, and dialysis patients. Northstar EMS operates year-round, 24 hours a day and serves Fayette, Greene, Hale, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa Counties. The EMS has an office in the City of Fayette. The company is owned by Northstar EMS located in Northport.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Fayette County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers and contracts. These efforts address a previously identified transit

gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations. The Fayette County providers did not identify any cases of sharing transit resources.

Fayette County Contracts

- Alabama Department of Mental Health contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo
- West Alabama AAA contracts with the Fayette County Aging Program

3.4 Transit Needs

Figure 2 displays the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups are generally east, north, and west of the City of Fayette, and surrounding the Towns of Berry, Glen Allen, and Winfield. This figure also locates possible transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the City of Fayette and to a lesser extent the Towns of Berry and Belk. The transit routes of the ARC of Fayette, Lamar, and Marengo, the Fayette County Aging Program, and the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center (NAMHC) are included on this figure. The routes generally cover the highlighted block groups. However, every highlighted block group is not served by every provider.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders during Fall of 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Weekend service
- Service to rural areas of the county including Bluff, Kirkland, and Wayside
- Additional public and private providers, including a Section 5311 provider
- Service to other counties including Tuscaloosa and Walker
- Shopping service
- Newer vehicles
- More frequent service
- Recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips

- Work trips
- Vocational training trips
- Shopping trips
- Recreation trips
- Local trips
- Out-of-county trips

Based on the survey responses and committee discussions, there does not appear to be any duplication of service in the county.

3.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
 - Operating funds
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

3.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)

- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of the county including Bluff, Kirkland, and Wayside
 - Inter-county
 - Shopping
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers, including a 5311 provider (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

4.0 Greene County

4.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 8,330 people live in Greene County. This is a decrease of 715 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 1,974 disabled people, 1,508 elderly individuals, and 2,016 people below the poverty line in the county. The population density of the county is 13 people per square mile.

Greene County has a land area of 646 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 43 miles north-to-south and 27 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 637 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south route is SR-14/US-43. The main east-west route is I-20/59.

There are two areas of concentrated population in Greene County. The larger of the two is the City of Eutaw in the east-central part of the county. The second concentration is the Town of Forkland located in the southern part of the county. Figure 3 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 3 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 3 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

4.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Greene County had 2,833 people in the labor force. Of this number 2,616 were employed and 217 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 7.7 percent, was higher than the national and state average of 4.4 percent. Major employers in the county include the Greene County Board of Education, Southfresh Aquaculture, WestRock Company, Greene County Hospital, and Alabama Power Company. In Greene County, there are approximately 300 businesses with 44 categorized as entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 37 percent of the employed workforce in Greene County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 85 percent are employed in Tuscaloosa and Marengo County. Only 41 percent of the total workforce live and work in Greene County. An additional 22 percent of the workforce commutes into Greene County from another county.

Greene County

Figure 3

Concentrations of People in Greene County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty

- Above Average
- Below Average

In Greene County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 403 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).

• Potential Transit Destinations

— Transit Routes

Sources: Local transit agencies and WARC



Population Density

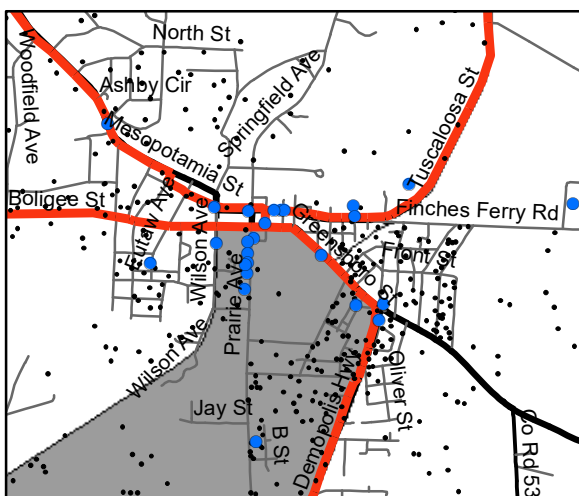
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Sources: US Census Bureau 2010 Census [P.L. 94-171] Summary File

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4.3 Transit Resource Assessment

This section provides a description of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service in Greene County. The agency descriptions are divided into public/non-profit and private. The public and non-profit agencies were grouped because the non-profits are generally funded by public agencies or governments. Descriptions of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories used by the public and non-profit agencies are included in Chapter 10.

Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) maintains an office in every county in Alabama. The DHR Family Assistance Division has an interagency agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Through that agreement, ALDOT identifies and secures transportation vendors across the state, which transport eligible persons to work and work-related activities and DHR provides matching funds to reimburse ALDOT for a portion of the expense. In west Alabama, DHR contracts with the South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) and HELP, Inc., to provide transportation services for its clients.

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**

The service area for the Alabama Department of Mental Health - Region II Community Services program includes Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. In west Alabama the agency contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, and West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation service for their clients.

- **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) provides transportation services to people who have vision and/or hearing loss. The AIDB has a regional center in Tuscaloosa. Their main office is in Talladega. The AIDB Center in Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County.

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation**

The Alabama Kidney Foundation purchases transit service for clients in all 67 Alabama counties. Their clients are limited to kidney patients who make \$1,000 or less per month. The transit service is funded by state appropriations and private contributions. The Foundation utilizes numerous transit providers throughout the state. The Foundation also reimburses client family and friends who provide transportation. The transit program operates from 5:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Foundation is located in Birmingham, Jefferson County. The Foundation indicated that it would like to provide service to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **Community Service Programs of West Alabama**

The Community Service Programs of West Alabama (CSPWA) contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation for 90 Head Start students in Greene and Hale County. CSPWA operates Head Start programs in six of the seven west Alabama counties.

- **Greene County Commission**

The Greene County Commission provides transit service for senior citizens to the West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) nutrition centers in Eutaw and Forkland. The service is provided through a contract with the AAA. The County has two vans that were purchased with federal funds dedicated to seniors.

- **Kid One Transport System, Inc.**

Kid One Transport System, Inc. is a non-profit transit provider that operates in numerous Alabama counties, including Greene. Kid One provides medical trips for children, 19 and under and expectant mothers. The agency generally operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. The Kid One office is located in Birmingham in Jefferson County. Kid One has utilized Section 5310 and 5317 funds in the past.

- **West Alabama Area Agency on Aging**

The West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) serves senior citizens in west Alabama. The AAA contracts with the Greene County Commission to provide transit service to its nutrition sites in Greene County.

- **West Alabama Mental Health Center**

The West Alabama Mental Health Center provides mental health and substance abuse treatment. It has offices in five counties including Greene and Hale

County. It contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation to transport between 30 and 42 patients a day in these two counties.

- **West Alabama Public Transportation**

The West Alabama Public Transportation (WAPT) agency is the largest transit provider in the State. WAPT utilizes FTA Section 5311, 5311(f), 5316, and 5317 grants to fund their service. The agency also maintains numerous contracts to provide specialized transportation to different agencies. The WAPT serves nine counties in West Alabama including Bibb, Greene, and Hale. The WAPT Administrative office is located in Demopolis in Marengo County. There are satellite offices in Bibb, Greene, and Hale County.

WAPT has no age or income limitations, and customer charges vary. WAPT transports clients for medical/dental services, recreational activities, personal business, employment, and other services. The WAPT 5311 service operates from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., depending on scheduling Monday through Friday and provides limited weekend service.

The service has several fixed routes but also offers demand-response routes. The WAPT averages over 360,000 passenger trips per year in their nine-county service area. The WAPT fleet consists of approximately 65 vehicles with capacities ranging from seven to 30 passengers. The fleet includes 12 wheelchair lift vehicles.

In Greene and Hale County, the WAPT has contracts with the West Alabama Mental Health Center. These contracts do not prevent WAPT from serving other segments of the population. WAPT is also on the Alabama Medicaid Agency transportation provider registry. The intercity bus transportation is also available (connector to Greyhound Bus Stations).

Private Systems

- **E&C Taxi Service**

E&C Taxi Service provides demand response service in Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson County. The company currently serves Medicaid clients. E&C operates Monday through Saturday from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. The company does not own a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

- **Greene County Ambulance Service**

The Greene County Ambulance Service is located in Eutaw. In addition to emergency trips, the company provides non-emergency trips to hospitals and other medical facilities. The company requires 24-hour notice for non-emergency trips. The company does not serve wheelchair clients.

- **Greene County Nursing Home**

The Greene County Nursing Home is a 72-bed facility located in Eutaw. The facility owns a wheelchair-accessible van and two cars that are used to transport clients to medical appointments. In addition, WAPT serves between two and five of the nursing home residents a month.

- **Greyhound Bus Line**

The Greyhound Bus line has four stops in the West Alabama region. These stops are not stand-alone bus stations but are generally housed with small businesses. The stops and associated businesses are listed below:

- Eutaw, gas station
- Greensboro, gas station
- Moundville, community center
- Tuscaloosa, gas station

The stops offer limited service and tickets can only be purchased at the Tuscaloosa location.

- **Northstar EMS**

Northstar EMS serves Fayette, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson County. The company provides emergency and non-emergency trips. The company operates Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. The company has contracts with several nursing homes and medical facilities in the area. This company does not provide wheelchair service. This company is on the Alabama Medicaid transportation provider registry.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Greene County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers and contracts. These efforts address a previously identified transit gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations. The Greene County providers did not identify any cases of sharing transit resources.

Greene County Contracts

- Greene County Nursing Home contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation
- West Alabama AAA contracts with the Greene County Commission
- West Alabama Mental Health Center contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation

4.4 Transit Needs

Figure 3 displays the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups generally cover the southwest part of the county, south of I-20/59 and west of US-43. This figure also locates possible transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the City of Eutaw and to a lesser extent the Towns of Boligee and Forkland. The transit routes of the West Alabama Public Transportation (WAPT) agency are included on this figure. The WAPT routes cover the bulk of the county including a large portion of the highlighted block groups.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders during Fall of 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Based on the survey responses and committee discussions there does not appear to be any duplication of service in the county.

4.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

4.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of the county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)

- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

5.0 Hale County

5.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 14,812 people live in Hale County. This is a decrease of 950 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 3,014 disabled people, 2,525 elderly individuals, and 2,636 people below the poverty line in the county. The population density of the county is 23 people per square mile.

Hale County has a land area of 644 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 36 miles north-to-south and 24 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 804 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south route is SR-69. The main east-west route is SR-14.

There are three areas of concentrated population in Hale County. The largest of the three is the City of Greensboro in the south-central part of the county. The second concentration is the City of Moundville located in the northern part of the county. The Town of Akron in the west-central part of the county is the third area of concentration. Figure 4 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 4 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 4 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

5.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Hale County had 6,007 people in the labor force. Of this number 5,653 were employed and 354 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 5.9 percent, was higher than the national and state average of 4.4 percent. Major employers in the county include the Hale County Board of Education, Westervelt Lumber, Heartland Catfish, HERO-BX Alabama LLC, C & S Fabrication, Inc., and Plastics, Inc. In Hale County, there are approximately 1,000 businesses with 97 categorized as entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 46 percent of the employed workforce in Hale County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 79 percent are employed in Tuscaloosa and Marengo County. Only 43 percent of the total workforce live and work in the county. An additional 11 percent of the workforce commutes into Hale County from another county.

Hale County

Figure 4

Concentrations of People in Hale County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty

- Above Average
- Below Average

In Hale County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 456 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).



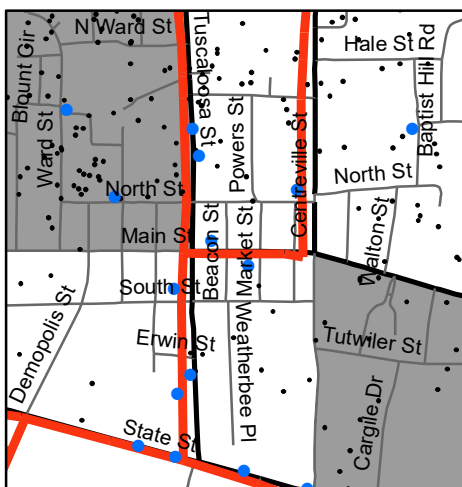
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Sources: US Census Bureau 2010 Census [P.L. 94-171] Summary File

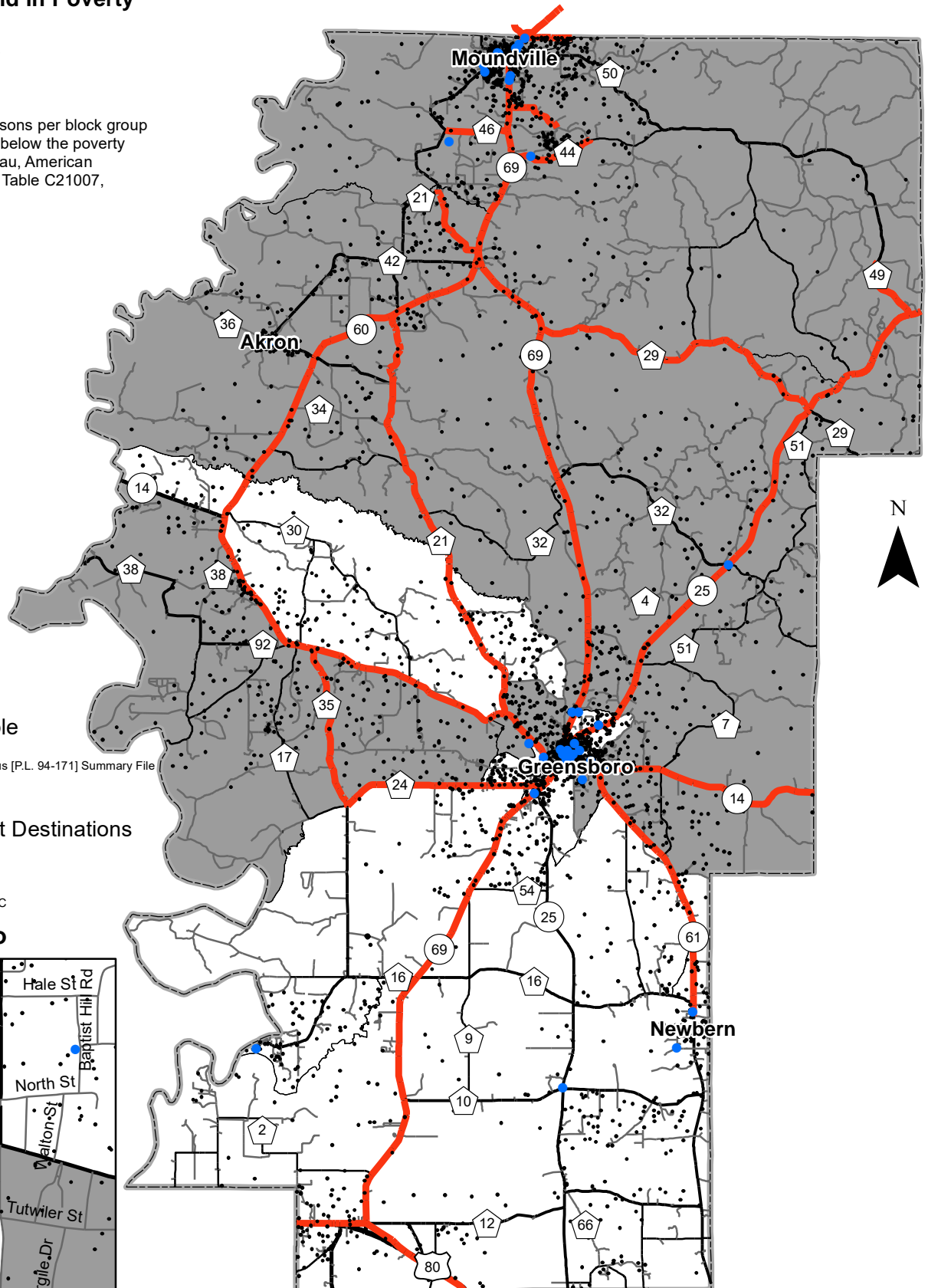
- Potential Transit Destinations
- Transit Routes

Sources: Local transit agencies and WARC

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5.3 Transit Resource Assessment

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Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) maintains an office in every county in Alabama. The DHR Family Assistance Division has an interagency agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Through that agreement, ALDOT identifies and secures transportation vendors across the state, which transport eligible persons to work and work-related activities and DHR provides matching funds to reimburse ALDOT for a portion of the expense. In west Alabama, DHR contracts with the South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) and HELP, Inc., to provide transportation services for its clients.

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**

The service area for the Alabama Department of Mental Health - Region II Community Services program includes Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. In west Alabama the agency contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, and West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation service for their clients.

- **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) provides transportation services to people who have vision and/or hearing loss. The AIDB has a regional center in Tuscaloosa. Their main office is in Talladega. The AIDB Center in Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County.

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation**

The Alabama Kidney Foundation purchases transit service for clients in all 67 Alabama counties. Their clients are limited to kidney patients who make \$1,000 or less per month. The transit service is funded by state appropriations and private contributions. The Foundation utilizes numerous transit providers throughout the state. The Foundation also reimburses client family and friends who provide transportation. The transit program operates from 5:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Foundation is located in Birmingham, Jefferson County. The Foundation indicated that it would like to provide service to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **Community Service Programs of West Alabama**

The Community Service Programs of West Alabama (CSPWA) contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation for 90 Head Start students in Greene and Hale County. CSPWA operates Head Start programs in six of the seven west Alabama counties.

- **RSVP of Tuscaloosa and Hale County**

The RSVP of Tuscaloosa and Hale County is a senior citizen volunteer program managed by FOCUS on Senior Citizens. FOCUS provides transportation to clients to and from Moundville daily and Akron and Greensboro once a month. Those clients not living in Moundville are reimbursed for the use of their personal vehicle for up to 100 miles a day. The program transports between three and five clients twice a week in Hale County.

- **West Alabama Area Agency on Aging**

The West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) serves senior citizens in west Alabama. The AAA contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transit service to its elderly clients in Hale County.

- **West Alabama Mental Health Center**

The West Alabama Mental Health Center provides mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse treatment. It has offices in five counties including Greene and Hale County. It contracts with West Alabama Public Transportation to transport between 30 and 42 patients a day in these two counties.

- **West Alabama Public Transportation**

The West Alabama Public Transportation (WAPT) agency is the largest transit provider in the State. WAPT utilizes FTA Section 5311, 5311(f), 5316, and 5317

grants to fund their service. The agency also maintains numerous contracts to provide specialized transportation to different agencies. The WAPT serves nine counties in West Alabama including Bibb, Greene, and Hale. The WAPT Administrative office is located in Demopolis in Marengo County. There are satellite offices in Bibb, Greene, and Hale County.

WAPT has no age or income limitations, and customer charges vary. WAPT transports clients for medical/dental services, recreational activities, personal business, employment, and other services. The WAPT 5311 service operates from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., depending on scheduling Monday through Friday and provides limited weekend service.

The service has several fixed routes but also offers demand-response routes. The WAPT averages over 360,000 passenger trips per year in their nine-county service area. The WAPT fleet consists of approximately 65 vehicles with capacities ranging from seven to 30 passengers. The fleet includes 12 wheelchair lift vehicles.

In Greene and Hale County, the WAPT has contracts with the West Alabama Area Agency on Aging and the West Alabama Mental Health Center. These contracts do not prevent WAPT from serving other segments of the population. WAPT is also on the Alabama Medicaid Agency transportation provider registry. The intercity bus transportation is also available (connector to Greyhound Bus Stations).

Private Systems

- **Colonial Haven Care and Rehab Center**

The Colonial Haven Care and Rehab Center is a long-term care and rehabilitation facility located in Greensboro. Its service area includes Hale County. The company purchases transit service from the Hale County EMS and Northstar EMS. The company uses Medicaid to fund its transit purchases.

- **E&C Taxi Service**

E&C Taxi Service provides demand response service in Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson County. The company currently serves Medicaid clients. E&C operates Monday through Saturday from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. The company does not own a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

- **Greyhound Bus Line**

The Greyhound Bus line has four stops in the West Alabama region. These stops are not stand-alone bus stations but are generally housed with small businesses. The stops and associated businesses are listed below:

- Eutaw, gas station
- Greensboro, gas station

- Moundville, community center
- Tuscaloosa, gas station

The stops offer limited service and tickets can only be purchased at the Tuscaloosa location.

- **Hale County EMS**

The Hale County EMS is an ambulance service serving Hale County. Its office is located in Greensboro. The company provides emergency and non-emergency trips for local nursing homes, hospital, and other medical facilities. The company does not serve wheelchair clients.

- **Moundville Health and Rehab**

The Moundville Health and Rehab (MHR) office is located in Moundville. Its service area includes Hale and Tuscaloosa County. The MHR purchases transit service from private providers. The MHR uses Medicaid to fund its transit purchases.

- **Northstar EMS**

Northstar EMS serves Fayette, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson County. The company provides emergency and non-emergency trips. The company operates Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. The company has contracts with several nursing homes and medical facilities in the area. This company does not provide wheelchair service. This company is on the Alabama Medicaid transportation provider registry.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Hale County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers and contracts. These efforts address a previously identified transit gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations. The Hale County providers did not identify any cases of sharing transit resources.

Hale County Contracts

- Colonial Haven Care and Rehabilitation Center contracts with Hale County EMS and Northstar EMS
- Moundville Health and Rehab contracts with Northstar EMS
- West Alabama AAA contracts with WAPT
- West Alabama Mental Health Center contracts with WAPT

5.4 Transit Needs

Figure 4 displays the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups generally cover the northern two-thirds of the county, excluding the area northwest of Greensboro. This figure also locates possible transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the City of Greensboro and the City of Moundville and to a lesser extent the Towns of Akron and Newbern. The transit routes of the West Alabama Public Transportation (WAPT) agency are included on this figure. The WAPT routes cover a large portion of the county including some the highlighted block groups.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders during Fall of 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers
- More frequent service
- Service for senior citizens who are less than 60 years old
- Service to Shelton State Community College (Tuscaloosa) and Wallace Community College (Selma)
- Service to large employers in Tuscaloosa
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Service to rural areas of the county
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips

- Out-of-county trips

Based on the survey responses and committee discussions there does not appear to be any duplication of service in the county.

5.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

5.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of the county
 - Inter-county

- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

6.0 Lamar County

6.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 13,946 people live in Lamar County. This is a decrease of 618 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 2,956 disabled people, 2,768 elderly individuals, and 2,180 people below the poverty line in the county. The population density of the county is 23 people per square mile.

Lamar County has a land area of 605 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 37 miles north-to-south and 20 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 1,196 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south route is SR-17. The main east-west routes are US-278 and SR-18.

There are four areas of concentrated population in Lamar County. The largest of the three is the City of Vernon in the south-central part of the county. The second concentration is the City of Sulligent located in the north-central part of the county. The Town of Millport in the southern part of the county is the third area of concentration. The fourth area is the Town of Kennedy in the southeastern corner of the county. Figure 5 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 5 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 5 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

6.2 Employment

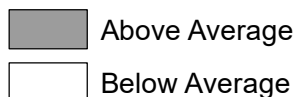
Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Lamar County had 5,703 people in the labor force. Of this number 5,462 were employed and 241 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 4.2 percent, was lower than the national and state average of 4.4 percent. Major employers in the county include Hyster-Yale, Marathon Equipment Corporation, Lamar County Board of Education, Generations of Vernon, Max Home, Steele Dust Recycling, and Weyerhaeuser Corporation. In Lamar County, there are approximately 500 businesses with 63 categorized as entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 33 percent of the employed workforce in Lamar County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 38 percent are employed in Mississippi and 45 percent work in Fayette and Marion County. Only 51 percent of the total workforce live and work in the county. An additional 15 percent of the workforce commutes into Lamar County from another county.

Lamar County

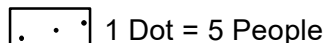
Figure 5

Concentrations of People in Lamar County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty



In Lamar County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 351 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).

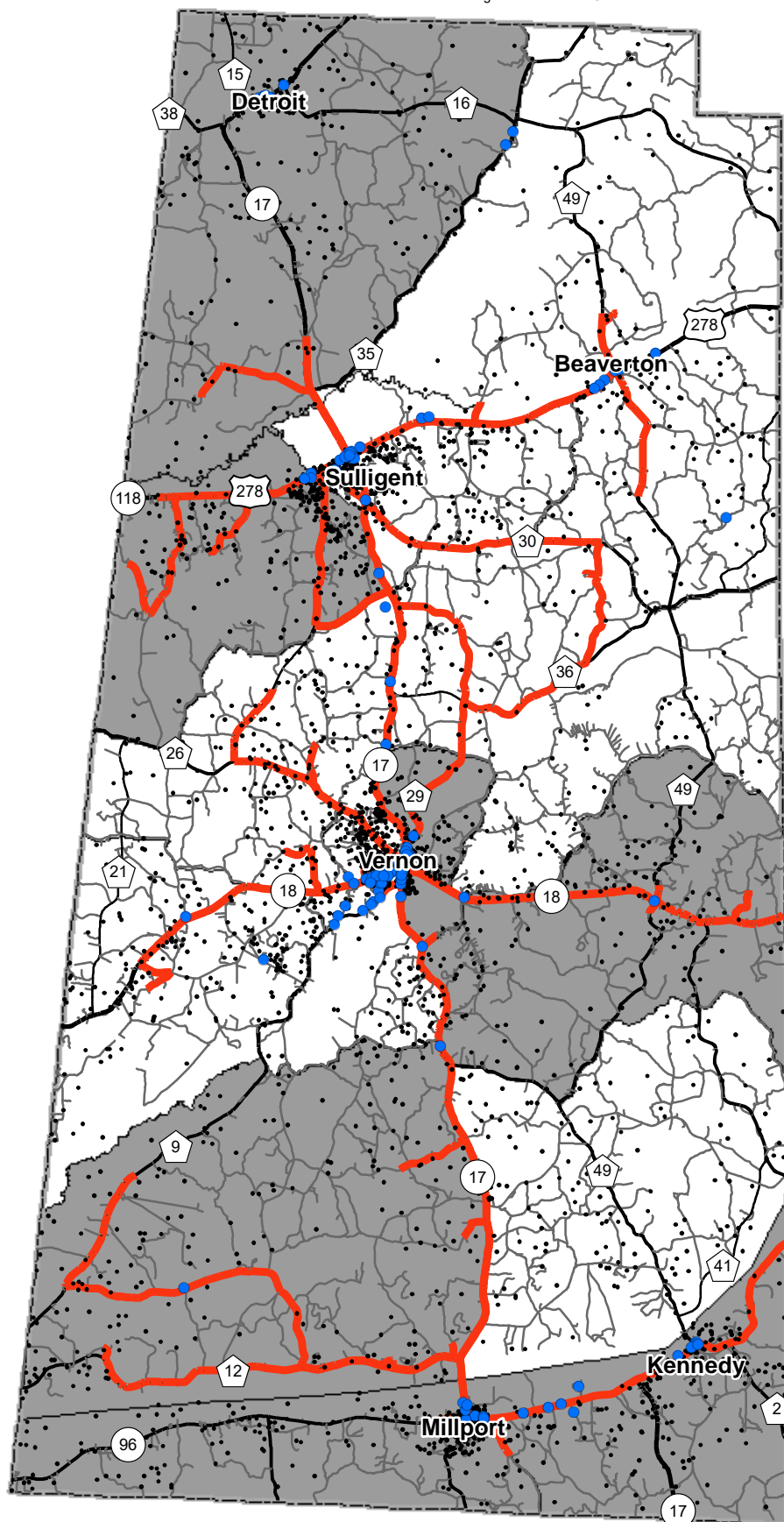
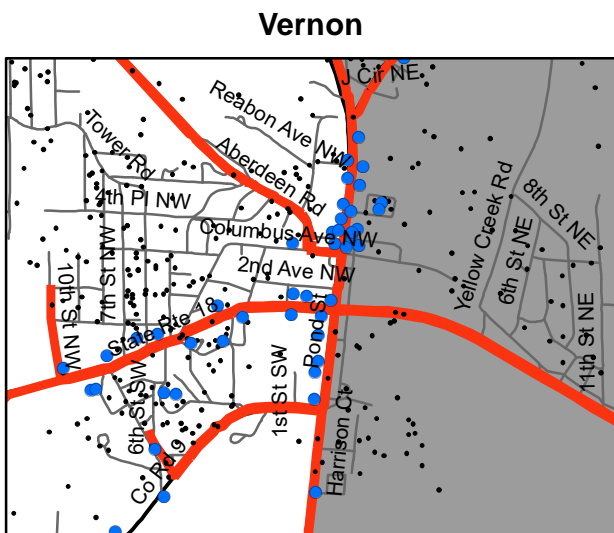
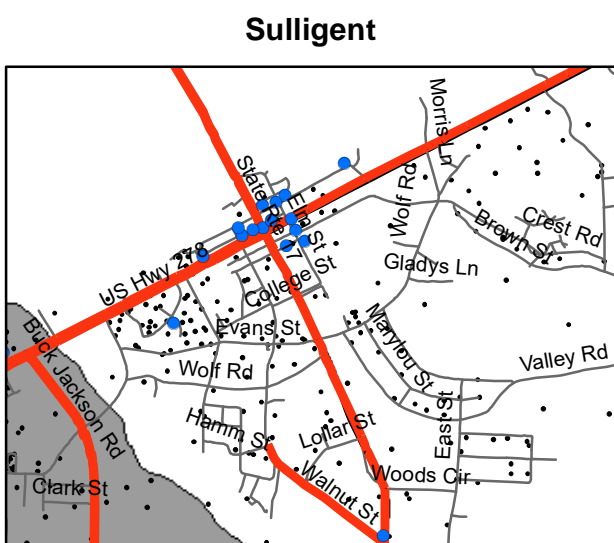
Population Density



Sources: US Census Bureau 2010 Census [P.L. 94-171] Summary File

- Potential Transit Destinations
- Transit Routes

Sources: Local transit agencies and WARC



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6.3 Transit Resource Assessment

This section provides a description of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service in Lamar County. The agency descriptions are divided into public/non-profit and private. The public and non-profit agencies were grouped because the non-profits are generally funded by public agencies or governments. Descriptions of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories used by the public and non-profit agencies are included in Chapter 10. The public and non-profit transit providers in Lamar County limit service to a small section of the population usually associated with a particular government or agency service program. The general population does not have a public transit option.

Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) maintains an office in every county in Alabama. The DHR Family Assistance Division has an interagency agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Through that agreement, ALDOT identifies and secures transportation vendors across the state, which transport eligible persons to work and work-related activities and DHR provides matching funds to reimburse ALDOT for a portion of the expense. In west Alabama, DHR contracts with the South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) and HELP, Inc., to provide transportation services for its clients.

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**

The service area for the Alabama Department of Mental Health - Region II Community Services program includes Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. In west Alabama the agency contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, and West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation service for their clients.

- **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) provides transportation services to people who have vision and/or hearing loss. The AIDB has a regional center in Tuscaloosa. Their main office is in Talladega. The AIDB Center in Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County.

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation**

The Alabama Kidney Foundation purchases transit service for clients in all 67 Alabama counties. Their clients are limited to kidney patients who make \$1,000 or less per month. The transit service is funded by state appropriations and private contributions. The Foundation utilizes numerous transit providers throughout the state. The Foundation also reimburses client family and friends who provide transportation. The transit program operates from 5:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Foundation is located in Birmingham, Jefferson County. The Foundation indicated that it would like to provide service

to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo Counties**

The ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo Counties (ARCFLM) provides transit service exclusively to their clients, individuals with developmental disabilities. The program makes frequent medical trips and weekly recreational trips. The ARCFLM provides transit service Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. but also offers 24-hour availability. The ARCFLM makes regular trips to Jasper, Northport, Tuscaloosa, Winfield, Guin, Hamilton, and Birmingham. The ARCFLM drivers serve as day habilitation and residential training assistants when they are not driving. The agency indicated that insurance problems would prevent any sharing of resources. The ARCFLM office is located in the City of Fayette, and its transportation service area includes Fayette, Lamar, and Marengo County. The agency uses FTA Section 5310 grants to purchase vehicles.

- **Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center**

The Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center (NWAMHC) is a comprehensive mental health program that offers adults and children outpatient services in Fayette, Lamar, Marion, Walker, and Winston Counties. NWAMHC operates a specialized child program in Vernon, out-patient, and day rehabilitation programs in Vernon, and two adult mental illness residential programs in Sulligent. The center provides transit service exclusively to its consumers. Trips are provided for medical services, shopping, and recreation. In Lamar County, NWAMHC provides approximately 20,000 transit trips per year. NWAMHC is a non-profit agency and is located in the City of Jasper in Walker County. The center uses FTA Section 5310 grants to purchase vehicles.

Private Systems

- **Generations of Vernon**

Generations of Vernon is a private company that provides transit service to its clients. Its service area includes Fayette and Lamar County. The company has one wheelchair-accessible van and provides demand response service for medical and recreational purposes.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Lamar County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers and contracts. These efforts address a previously identified transit gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations. The Lamar County providers did not identify any cases of sharing transit resources.

Lamar County Contracts

- Alabama Department of Mental Health contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo

6.4 Transit Needs

Figure 5 displays the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups generally cover the northwest corner of the county, the area west of Sulligent, the area southeast of Vernon, the area northwest of Millport, and the area south of the Luxapallila Creek. This figure also locates possible transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the Cities of Vernon, Sulligent, and Millport and to a lesser extent the Towns of Detroit, Beaverton, and Kennedy. The transit routes of the ARC of Fayette, Lamar, and Marengo, the Lamar County Aging Program, and the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center (NAMHC) are included on this figure. The routes cover a large part of the county. However, the routes do not serve many of the highlighted block groups.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders during Fall of 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers, including a Section 5311 provider
- Service to rural areas of the county including Kingville, Cody, Detroit, and Beaverton
- Additional service in Millport and Sulligent
- Out-of-county service including Tuscaloosa and Columbus, MS
- Shopping service
- Recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips

Based on the survey responses and committee discussions there does not appear to be any duplication of service in the county.

6.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
 - Operating funds
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

6.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Millport and Sulligent
 - Rural areas of the county including Kingville, Cody, Detroit, and Beaverton
 - Inter-county
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers, including a 5311 provider (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

7.0 Pickens County

7.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 20,176 people live in Pickens County. This is an increase of 430 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. The increase is due to a new federal prison that opened outside of Aliceville in 2013. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 4,511 disabled people, 3,484 elderly individuals, and 2,982 people below the poverty line in the county. The population density of the county is 23 people per square mile.

Pickens County has a land area of 882 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 38 miles north-to-south and 28 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 1,136 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south route is SR-17. The main east-west route is US-82.

There are five areas of concentrated population in Pickens County. The largest of the five is the City of Aliceville in the south-central part of the county. The Town of Gordo in the west-central part of the county is the second area of concentration. The third concentration is the Town of Reform located in the north-central part of the county. The Town of Carrollton, the county seat, is the fourth largest area of concentrated population. Carrollton is located in the center of the county. The final area is located in the Town of Pickensville, west of Carrollton on the state line. Figure 6 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 6 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 6 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

7.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Pickens County had 7,783 people in the labor force. Of this number 7,371 were employed and 412 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 5.3 percent, was higher than the national and state average of 4.4 percent. Major employers in the county include the Pickens County Board of Education, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Pickens County Medical Center, Lavender, Inc., and Lewis Brothers Lumber Company. In Pickens County, there are approximately 600 businesses with 75 categorized as entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 46 percent of the employed workforce in Pickens County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 65 percent are employed in Tuscaloosa County and 28 percent work in Mississippi. Only 45 percent of the total workforce live and work in the county. An additional 9 percent of the workforce commutes into Pickens County from another county.



Pickens County

Figure 6

Concentrations of People in Pickens County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty

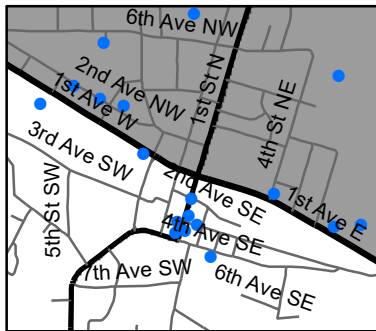
● Potential Transit Destinations

Sources: Local transit agencies and WARC

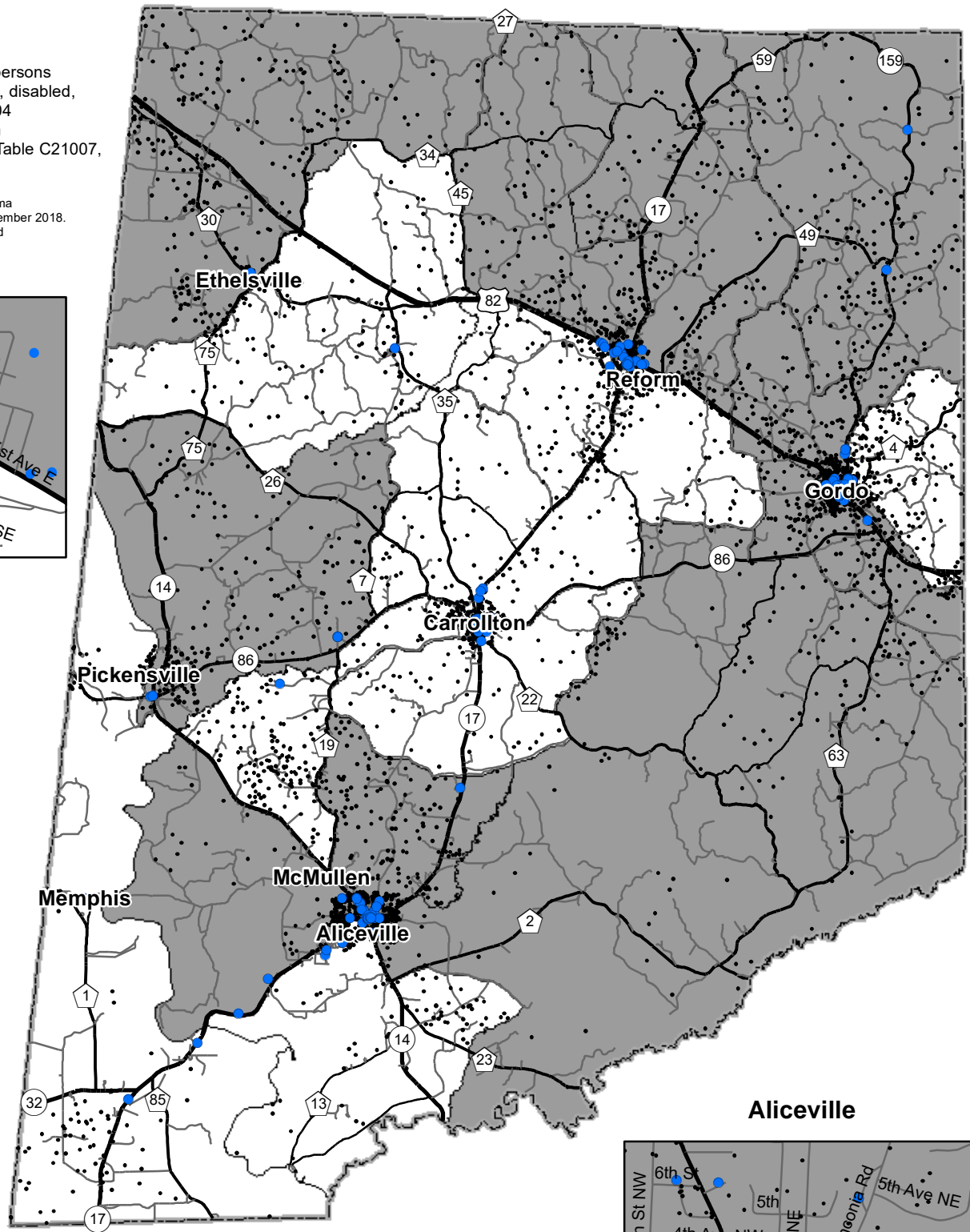
 Above Average
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In Pickens County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 404 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).

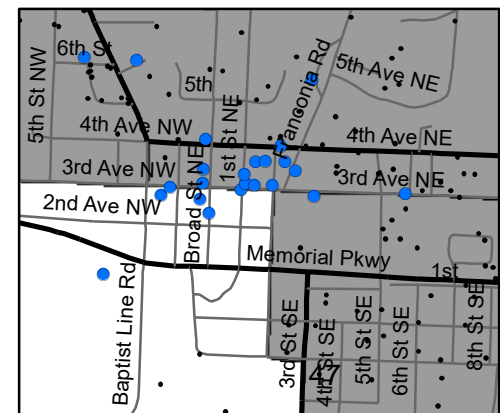
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
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Aliceville



Population Density

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Sources: US Census Bureau 2010 Census [P.L. 94-171] Summary File

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7.3 Transit Resource Assessment

This section provides a description of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service in Pickens County. The agency descriptions are divided into public/non-profit and private. The public and non-profit agencies were grouped because the non-profits are generally funded by public agencies or governments. Descriptions of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories used by the public and non-profit agencies are included in Chapter 10.

Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) maintains an office in every county in Alabama. The DHR Family Assistance Division has an interagency agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Through that agreement, ALDOT identifies and secures transportation vendors across the state, which transport eligible persons to work and work-related activities and DHR provides matching funds to reimburse ALDOT for a portion of the expense. In west Alabama, DHR contracts with the South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) and HELP, Inc., to provide transportation services for its clients.

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**

The service area for the Alabama Department of Mental Health - Region II Community Services program includes Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. In west Alabama the agency contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, and West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation service for their clients.

- **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) provides transportation services to people who have vision and/or hearing loss. The AIDB has a regional center in Tuscaloosa. Their main office is in Talladega. The AIDB Center in Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County.

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation**

The Alabama Kidney Foundation purchases transit service for clients in all 67 Alabama counties. Their clients are limited to kidney patients who make \$1,000 or less per month. The transit service is funded by state appropriations and private contributions. The Foundation utilizes numerous transit providers throughout the state. The Foundation also reimburses client family and friends who provide transportation. The transit program operates from 5:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Foundation is located in Birmingham, Jefferson County. The Foundation indicated that it would like to provide service to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **HELP Inc.**

HELP Inc. is the designated Section 5311 provider in Pickens County. The agency is located in Carrollton, the county seat. The agency provides transit service Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. The agency has a fleet of five vehicles, with two being wheelchair accessible.

HELP Inc. has a contract with the West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to transport AAA clients to the Aliceville and Reform AAA senior centers. The contract does not prevent the agency from serving other segments of the population.

The agency provides approximately 15,000 passenger trips per year to the general public, without age or income limitations. Transportation is provided for medical appointments, shopping, pharmacy visits, and other personal business and activities. A modest fare is charged for the service.

- **Indian Rivers Behavioral Health**

Indian Rivers Behavioral Health (IRBH) serves mental health, substance abuse, and intellectually disabled clients by providing mental health treatment, life skills training and residential support. The agency is located in Tuscaloosa. Its service area includes Bibb, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. The agency provides transportation to its clients on a case-by-case basis and/or assistance with accessing public transit services. Generally, client-specific transportation is provided Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, Indian Rivers manages numerous residential facilities where transportation service is available to those individuals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The agency serves over 6,000 people annually.

- **West Alabama Area Agency on Aging**

The West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) serves senior citizens in west Alabama. The AAA provides transportation to its senior clients and provides transportation to the AAA senior centers. The AAA contracts with HELP, Inc. to provide transit service to its elderly clients in Pickens County to two of the AAA senior centers.

Private Systems

- **Arbor Woods Health and Rehab**

The Arbor Woods Health and Rehab (AWHR) is a private nursing facility that provides and purchases transit service for its clients. The facility is located in Reform and serves 81 clients. The AWHR has one van to transport clients for medical and recreation services and also purchases service from Northstar EMS (Pickens County Ambulance Service). The AWHR uses Medicaid to fund its transit purchases.

- **Northstar EMS**

Northstar EMS (Pickens County Ambulance Service) serves Fayette, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson County. The company provides emergency and non-emergency trips. The company operates Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. The company has contracts with various nursing homes and medical facilities in the area. This company does not provide wheelchair service. The EMS has an office in the Town of Carrollton.

- **REACH**

The REACH program, located in Carrollton, offers transportation to its clients. REACH is a youth alternative treatment program that is part of the Pickens County Juvenile Court.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Pickens County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers and contracts. These efforts address a previously identified transit gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing

providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations. The Pickens County providers did not identify any cases of sharing transit resources.

Pickens County Contracts

- Alabama Department of Human Resources contracts with HELP, Inc.
- Arbor Woods Health and Rehab contracts with Northstar EMS
- West Alabama AAA contracts with HELP, Inc.

7.4 Transit Needs

Figure 6 displays the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups generally cover the northern quarter of the county, the area northwest of Pickensville, the area north and west of Aliceville, and the southeastern part of the county. This figure also locates possible transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the Cities of Aliceville, Reform, Gordo, Carrollton, and to a lesser extent the Towns of Pickensville, Ethelsville, and Memphis. HELP Inc. provides demand response service to all of Pickens County.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders during Fall of 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service, including early morning and early evening times
- Weekend service
- Additional public and private providers
- Decreased call-in times
- Additional shopping service
- Additional recreation service
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)
- Out-of-county trips

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips

Based on the survey responses and committee discussions there does not appear to be any duplication of service in the county.

7.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

7.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Rural areas of the county
 - Additional service to reduce call-in times
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**Low**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)

- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**Medium**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

8.0 Tuscaloosa County

8.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 207,811 people live in Tuscaloosa County. This is an increase of 13,149 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 21,886 disabled people, 23,118 elderly individuals, and 25,013 people below the poverty line in the county. The population density of the county is 157 people per square mile.

Tuscaloosa County has a land area of 1,325 square miles. At its widest section, the county is 42 miles north-to-south and 45 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 2,493 miles of roads in the county. The main north-south routes are US-43 and SR-69. The main east-west routes are I-20/59 and US-82.

In Tuscaloosa County, most of the population is concentrated in and around the Cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport. These cities are located in the central part of the county. The towns of Lake View, Brookwood, Vance, and Coaling in the eastern part of the county have smaller concentrations of population. The Town of Coker, west of Northport, also has a small concentration of population. Figures 7 and 8 depict these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figures 7 and 8 display potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figures 7 and 8 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

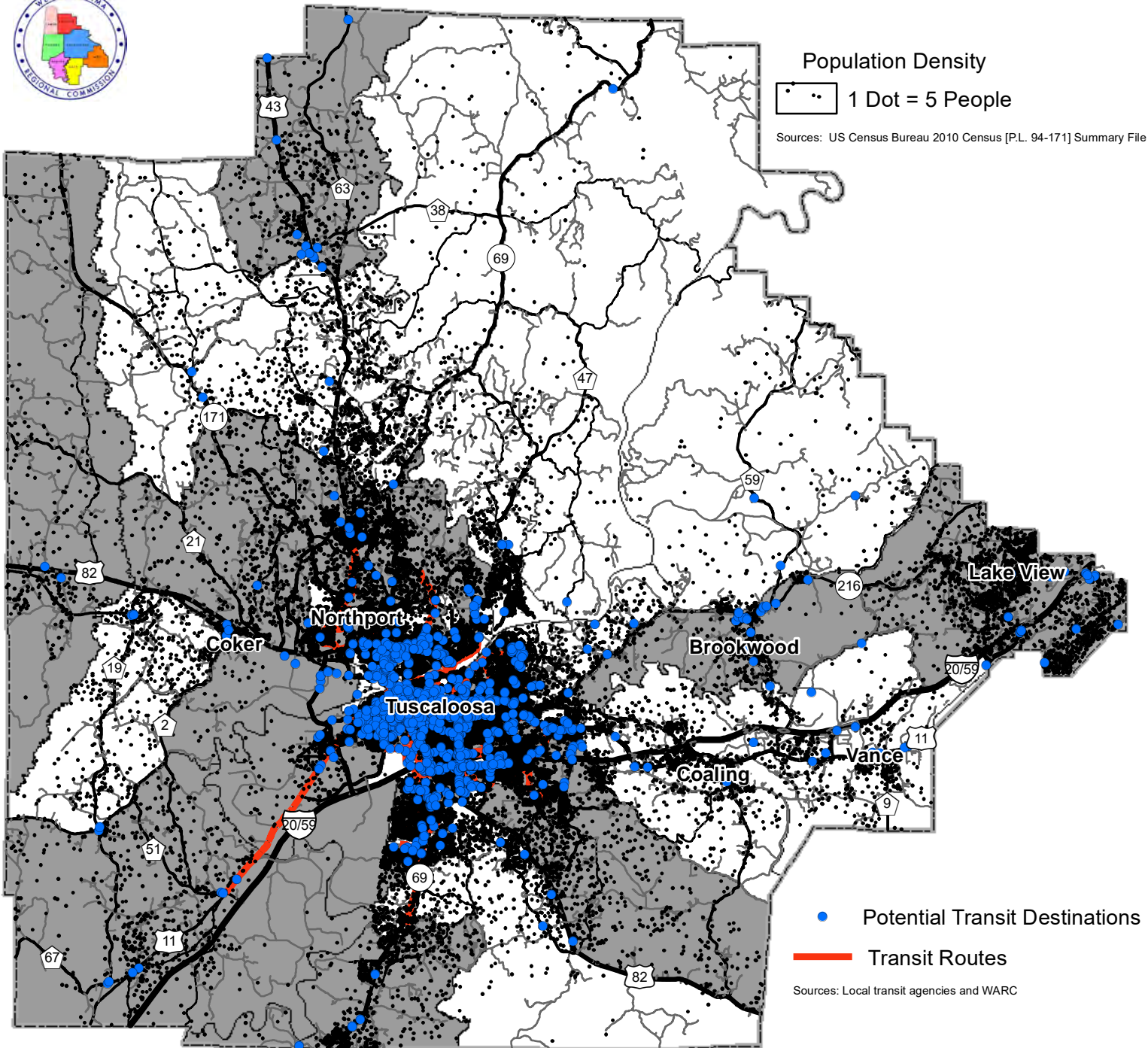
8.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 Tuscaloosa County had 99,237 people in the labor force. Of this number 95,127 were employed and 4,110 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate, 4.1 percent, was lower than the national and state average of 4.4 percent. Major employers in the county include the University of Alabama, DCH Regional Medical Center, Mercedes-Benz US International, Inc., Tuscaloosa County Board of Education, BF Goodrich Tire Manufacturing, Walter Energy, Tuscaloosa City Board of Education, Phifer Wire Products, and Veterans Administration Hospital. In Tuscaloosa County, there are hundreds of businesses that are considered entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 8 percent of the employed workforce in Tuscaloosa County commutes out of the county to their job. Of this group, 59 percent are employed in Jefferson County. The majority of the total workforce, 77 percent, lives and works in Tuscaloosa County. An additional 15 percent of the workforce commutes into Tuscaloosa County from another county.

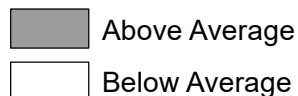
Tuscaloosa County

Figure 7



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Concentrations of People in Tuscaloosa County who are Disabled, Over 65, and in Poverty



In Tuscaloosa County the average persons per block group who are over 65, disabled, and below the poverty level is 493 (U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016, Table C21007, and WARC Calculation).

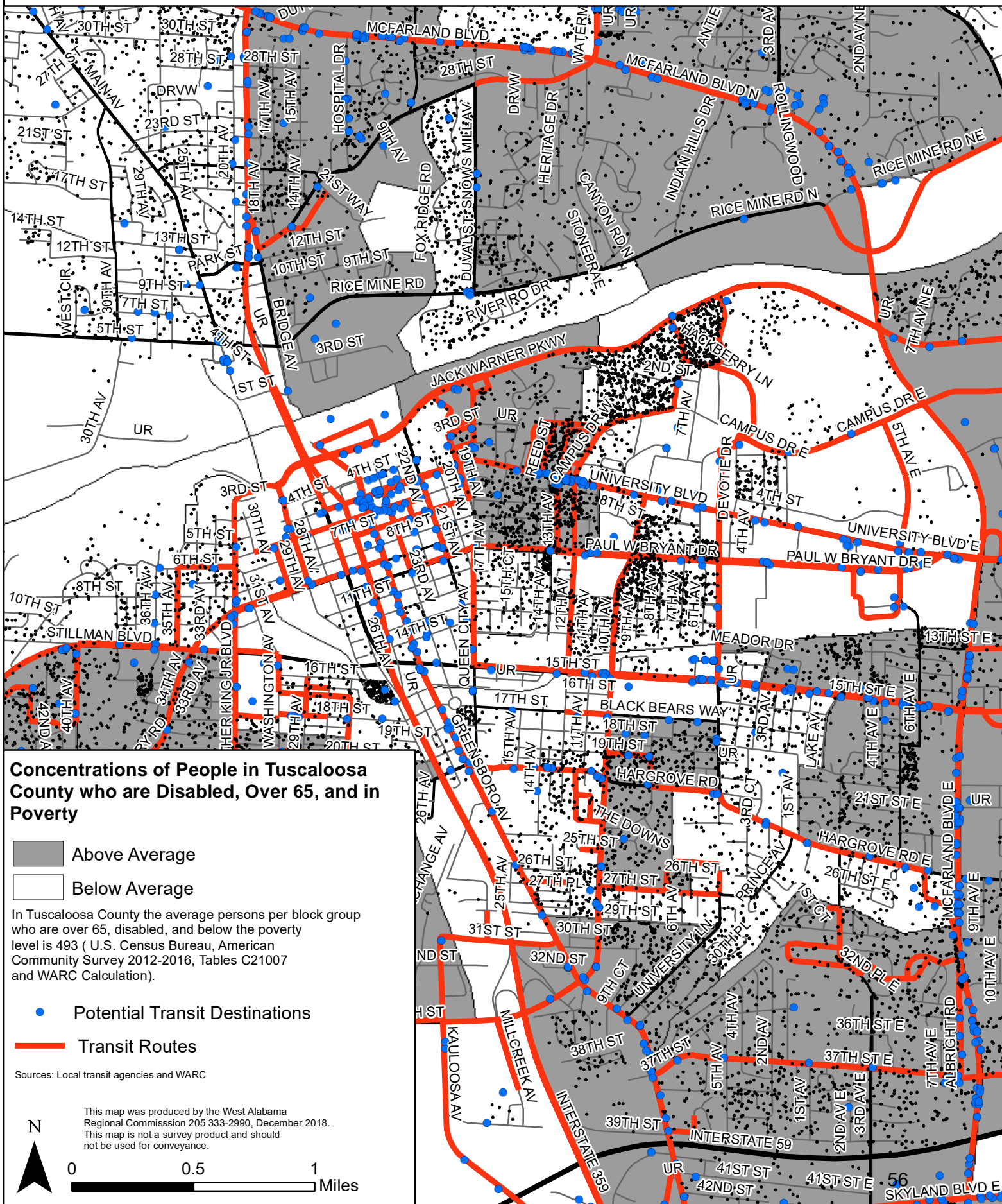


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Sources: US Census Bureau 2010 Census [P.L. 94-171] Summary File



8.3 Transit Resource Assessment

This section provides a description of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service in Tuscaloosa County. The agency descriptions are divided into public/non-profit and private. The public and non-profit agencies were grouped because the non-profits are generally funded by public agencies or governments. Descriptions of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories used by the public and non-profit agencies are included in Chapter 10.

Public and Non-Profit Systems

- **Alabama Department of Human Resources**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) maintains an office in every county in Alabama. The DHR Family Assistance Division has an interagency agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Through that agreement, ALDOT identifies and secures transportation vendors across the state, which transport eligible persons to work and work-related activities and DHR provides matching funds to reimburse ALDOT for a portion of the expense. In west Alabama, DHR contracts with the South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) and HELP, Inc., to provide transportation services for its clients.

- **Alabama Department of Mental Health**

The service area for the Alabama Department of Mental Health - Region II Community Services program includes Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. In west Alabama the agency contracts with the ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, and West Alabama Public Transportation to provide transportation service for their clients.

- **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind**

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) provides transportation services to people who have vision and/or hearing loss. The AIDB has a regional center in Tuscaloosa. Their main office is in Talladega. The AIDB Center in Tuscaloosa serves Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County.

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation**

The Alabama Kidney Foundation purchases transit service for clients in all 67 Alabama counties. Their clients are limited to kidney patients who make \$1,000 or less per month. The transit service is funded by state appropriations and private contributions. The Foundation utilizes numerous transit providers throughout the state. The Foundation also reimburses client family and friends who provide transportation. The transit program operates from 5:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Foundation is located in Birmingham, Jefferson County. The Foundation indicated that it would like to provide service to individuals who are above the \$1,000 threshold but are not able to due to funding limitations. The Foundation also indicated that the lack of transit service in rural areas is a problem.

- **Alabama Medicaid Agency**

The Alabama Medicaid Agency offers non-emergency transit service to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries for Medicaid covered medical appointments. The agency provides Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to its clients to purchase transit service. The agency requires that public transit services be used instead of for-profit companies if the service meets the needs of its clients. However, the EBT cards can be used for reimbursement of private vehicle use. This is the most common use of the Medicaid non-emergency transportation program in Alabama. Most of the service is associated with recurring medical needs such as dialysis and chemotherapy.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency does not contract with transit providers. The Agency does maintain a registry of licensed transit providers for its clients. Registered providers in west Alabama include HELP, Inc., Kid One, Northstar EMS, and West Alabama Public Transportation.

- **Arc of Tuscaloosa County**

The Arc of Tuscaloosa County provides transit services for adults with intellectual disabilities and other disabilities including physical and mental disabilities. The Arc office is located in the City of Tuscaloosa, and its service area is Tuscaloosa County. The agency serves individuals 21 and older. The Arc currently operates a fleet of 13 vehicles, most of which were purchased with FTA Section 5310 funds.

The Arc offers day programs and an employment program. The Arc transportation services are provided daily, Monday through Friday, 249 days a year, for the clients attending day programs. This includes transportation to and from their homes to programs for community and independent skills training.

The Arc operates the 26 demand response routes from Monday through Friday. Between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. transportation is provided for mobile crews, enclaves, and for travel to community sites for training. Once a week the Arc transports a work crew at 4:00 a.m. The Arc provides daily, random trips for employment, shopping, grooming, and volunteer activities. The Arc averages about 45,000 annual trips per year. The Arc drivers also serve as direct care providers for the agency clients.

- **Arts 'n Autism**

Arts 'n Autism is an after- school, early intervention, day, and summer camp program that provides services for individuals with autism in Tuscaloosa and surrounding counties. The program is housed in the City of Tuscaloosa and its transportation area is primarily Tuscaloosa County. In the summer, vans are sometimes used for trips within a 100 miles radius of Tuscaloosa. In 2018, the program served 135 students in the ILEAP (early intervention), After School (Pre-K-12), Scouting (3rd-9th grades), LIFEE (Learning Independence for Education

and Employment), and Summer Camps (ages 3-young adult). Arts 'n Autism operates two ALDOT buses and one ALDOT van purchased with 5317 funds and a privately donated SUV for the programs transportation services. Transportation is provided for after school pick-up from 16 area schools, weekly field trips/activities, job training, and college classes for LIFE students. The vehicles operate 220 days per year, Monday through Friday 8:30-5:30 p.m. The program further contracts with the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education and Tuscaloosa Charter Services to provide additional transportation.

- **Crossing Points (University of Alabama)**

The Crossing Points Program provides post-secondary transition education to adults with intellectual disabilities. The program has a van that is used to transport participants to educational, employment, and recreational functions. The program is a collaborate effort between the University of Alabama and the Tuscaloosa City and County School Systems.

- **DCH Regional Medical Center**

The DCH Regional Medical Center is a publicly owned hospital in Tuscaloosa. The Center purchases transportation for clients on a limited basis. The Center maintains a contract with Alabama Sterling Limo-Cab. In addition, South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) is an as-needed service provider for the Center.

- **Eagles' Wings, Inc.**

Eagles' Wings, Inc. (EWI) is a non-profit organization that provides day habilitation services to people, 21 years of age and older, with intellectual and developmental disabilities. EWI operates four buses and two vans purchased with FTA Section 5310 funds, as well as two donated vehicles. Transportation is provided for pre-vocational opportunities, community experience, and integrated work experiences to the 35 individuals served by EWI. Transportation is also provided when working with local non-profits to assist in their programs, e.g., delivery of secret meals for the West Alabama Food Bank. Individuals are transported to paid jobs, educational experiences at Shelton State Community College, OLLI, and the University of Alabama. In 2018, EWI submitted a 5310-grant application requesting replacements for two buses, and expansion of their van fleet. The expansion vehicles will be used to transport people who live in the EWI residential homes.

- **Easter Seals West Alabama**

Easter Seals West Alabama is located in Tuscaloosa and utilizes Section 5316 grants and funds from the funds from the United Way of West Alabama, Alabama Department of Human Resources, and Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide transit service in Tuscaloosa County. The program provides work- or work-related trips, exclusively. To be eligible, clients must have income below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. The program uses three mini-vans, which are wheelchair accessible, to provide transit service. The program

operates from Monday through Friday, 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Annually, approximately 13,000 trips are provided by Easter Seals.

- **FOCUS on Senior Citizens**

FOCUS on Senior Citizens provides door-to-door transit service to elderly and disabled individuals age 60 and older in Tuscaloosa County. FOCUS has a contract with the West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to transport clients to the AAA senior nutrition/activity centers, and also provides transit service for medical and social services appointments. In addition, FOCUS operates the RSVP of Tuscaloosa and Hale Counties and provides transportation to seniors who volunteer at community agencies. FOCUS operates seven vehicles that were purchased with FTA Section 5310 grants, and the agency provides an average of 17,000 trips per year. The transportation office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **Indian Rivers Behavioral Health**

Indian Rivers Behavioral Health (IRBH) serves mental health, substance abuse, and intellectually disabled clients by providing mental health treatment, life skills training and residential support. The agency is located in Tuscaloosa. Its service area includes Bibb, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa County. The agency provides transportation to its clients on a case-by-case basis and/or assistance with accessing public transit services. Generally, client-specific transportation is provided Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, Indian Rivers manages numerous residential facilities where transportation service is available to those individuals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The agency serves over 6,000 people annually.

- **Kid One Transport System, Inc.**

Kid One Transport System, Inc. is a non-profit transit provider that operates in numerous Alabama counties, including Tuscaloosa. Kid One provides medical trips for children, 19 and under and expectant mothers. The agency generally operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. The Kid One office is located in Birmingham in Jefferson County. Kid One has utilized Section 5310 and 5317 funds in the past.

- **Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority**

The Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority is the designated Section 5307 agency in Tuscaloosa County. The Authority is located in the City of Tuscaloosa. Since the City of Tuscaloosa and the University of Alabama are the only local governments providing matching funds, the Authority only provides service within the city limits of Tuscaloosa.

The Authority operates seven fixed routes in the City of Tuscaloosa. The fixed route service operates from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The routes begin in the Tuscaloosa Central Business District (CBD) at the Intermodal

Facility, extend outward, and return to the CBD to form a series of loops. The Intermodal Facility is the only terminal for the fixed route system.

The Authority also maintains a demand response system for elderly and disabled individuals. The Authority takes requests for this service and schedules trips on a first-come-first-served basis. The service covers the City of Tuscaloosa portion of the Tuscaloosa Urban Area. The service is provided between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Authority uses a fleet of handicapped accessible vans for this system.

The Authority has a contract to provide specialized transit service to clients of the Easter Seals West Alabama. The Authority also has a contract with the City of Tuscaloosa to provide transit service to a group of elderly and disabled individuals from a public housing development to an exercise and education program.

The Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority is the designated Section 5311 provider for Tuscaloosa County, but the Authority does not provide rural transit service because of the lack of financial support.

- **Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority**

The Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation Authority (PARA) provides transit service to its recreation program participants. The service is limited to the days and times of the various program schedules. Some of the PARA vehicles are wheelchair accessible. The PARA drivers perform other tasks at the agency when they are not driving.

- **United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama**

The United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama (UCP) provides transit service to its clients with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. The clients include elderly and low-income individuals. UCP is located in Northport, and its service area includes all of the west Alabama counties. However, UCP only offers transit service in Tuscaloosa County. Its day-program transit service operates from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The agency uses four vans that each has ten seats and two wheelchair spaces. The vans were purchased with FTA Section 5310 funds. UCP also utilizes FTA Section 5317 New Freedom grants matched with United Way of West Alabama funds. The UCP drivers serve as direct support professionals and are not available to drive for other agencies.

- **University of Alabama**

In 2007, the University of Alabama created the Crimson Ride transit system. The University uses student fees to fund the operation of the system, in the past the University received FTA Section 5309 grants for capital purchases. The University currently maintains twelve on-campus routes and eleven off-campus routes. The eleven off-campus routes service twelve apartment complexes.

These routes operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the fall and spring semester. During the summer semester the system operates from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A shopping shuttle is also offered from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. In addition to these routes, the University contracts with the Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority to provide service from the Intermodal Center in Downtown Tuscaloosa to the University campus. There is no charge to ride the buses for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The University contracts with First Transit to operate the system.

- **Veterans Administration Medical Center**

The Veterans Administration Medical Center (VA) provides transit service for its clients with mental health issues in Tuscaloosa County. The VA service operates from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program is limited to disabled veterans who need transportation to VA activities, job interviews, and job assignments. The VA purchases its vehicles from the GSA Fleet Service program using VA funds. The VA staff indicated that many of their clients use the fixed route system operated by the Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority. However, the lack of night and weekend service by the Transit Authority creates problems.

- **West Alabama Area Agency on Aging**

The West Alabama Area Agency on Aging (AAA) serves senior citizens in west Alabama. In Tuscaloosa County, the AAA provides transportation to its senior centers through a contract with FOCUS on Senior Citizens.

- **Whatley Health Services, Inc.**

Whatley Health Services, Inc. is a non-profit community health center that provides primary health care services to medically underserved residents in west Alabama. The center has a van that is used to transport clients to appointments at the center. The transportation service is limited to twice per week per client.

Private Providers

- **A1 Taxi Service**

A1 Taxi Service serves Tuscaloosa County.

- **Ambassador Limousine Service, Inc.**

Ambassador Limousine Service, Inc. generally serves Tuscaloosa and Jefferson County. The company provides limousine service and has a limited ability to serve wheelchair clients.

- **Crown Limousine Service**

Crown Limousine Service generally serves Tuscaloosa and Jefferson County but will transport anywhere. The company has nine vehicles but cannot serve wheelchair clients. The company charges by the hour, with rates dependent on

the vehicle used. The company has no contracts with other agencies at this time.

- **Dunn's Taxi**

Dunn's Taxi provides service in Tuscaloosa County.

- **E&C Taxi Service**

E&C Taxi Service provides demand response service in Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa, and Jefferson County. The company currently serves Medicaid clients. E&C operates Monday through Saturday from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. The company does not own a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

- **Greyhound Bus Line**

The Greyhound Bus line has four stops in the West Alabama region. These stops are not stand-alone bus stations but are generally housed with small businesses. The stops and associated businesses are listed below:

- Eutaw, gas station
- Greensboro, gas station
- Moundville, community center
- Tuscaloosa, gas station

The stops offer limited service and tickets can only be purchased at the Tuscaloosa location.

- **Lee's Taxi**

Lee's Taxi serves Tuscaloosa County.

- **Life Care Ambulance**

Life Care Ambulance serves Tuscaloosa County. The company has a contract with the VA Medical Center.

- **Lyft**

Lyft is a smartphone-based taxi company that provides service in Tuscaloosa County. With the Lyft App, anyone can summon a driver to their location. Riders have the option to choose the type of vehicle. The cost is based on the type of vehicle, miles driven, and time. The minimum fare is \$4.20, and the maximum is \$200. Payment is through the Lyft App with charges to a debit or credit card.

- **Moundville Health and Rehab**

The Moundville Health and Rehab (MHR) office is located in Moundville. Its service area includes Hale and Tuscaloosa County. The MHR purchases transit service from private providers. The MHR uses Medicaid to fund its transit purchases.

- **Northstar EMS**

Northstar EMS serves Fayette, Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa, Pickens, and Jefferson County. The company provides emergency and non-emergency trips. The company operates Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. The company has contracts with several nursing homes and medical facilities in the area. This company does not provide wheelchair service. This company is on the Alabama Medicaid transportation provider registry.

- **Radio Cab**

Radio Cab generally serves Tuscaloosa and Jefferson County. The company operates year-round, 24 hours a day. The company has five to six vehicles and eight to 10 drivers. The company provides limited wheelchair service. Radio Cab has a contract through the Veterans Administration.

- **RushHour Transit**

RushHour Transit operates out of Tuscaloosa and provides service to all six counties in the west Alabama region and parts of Jefferson County. The company serves individuals, private schools, community service organizations, and employment staffing companies. The company has two transit vehicles, but currently does not offer wheelchair transportation.

- **Scuttle Shuttle**

The Scuttle Shuttle company provides service between Tuscaloosa and the Birmingham International Airport. The company offers nine departure trips and seven return trips daily. The departure times range from 2:27 a.m. till 9:40 p.m. The company has eight pick-up points in Tuscaloosa; five hotels, two University of Alabama locations, and the Tuscaloosa Intermodal Facility. The company provides parking at one of the hotels. One-way tickets are \$65, and round-trip tickets are \$125.

- **South Mobile Area Regional Transit**

South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART) is a private provider operating in Bibb County. The company provides on-demand transportation services within a 200-mile radius of the county with trips routinely made to Tuscaloosa, Shelby, Perry, and Jefferson County. SMART operates 24 hours a day, year-round and has two wheelchair accessible buses, one regular van, and two cars. The company charges by the mile. In addition, the company is an as-needed service provider for the DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa.

- **Sterling Limo**

Sterling Limo provides taxi service to the Tuscaloosa area. The company maintains a contract with DCH Regional Medical Center. The company owns three taxis and three limousines. The company does not serve wheelchair clients.

- **Tuscaloosa Charter Service**

Tuscaloosa Charter Service provides service throughout Alabama. The company can serve wheelchair clients. The company has a contract with the Arts 'n Autism program. Tuscaloosa Charter owns 11 vehicles.

- **Uber**

Uber, a smartphone-based taxi company, provides service in Tuscaloosa County. With the Uber App, anyone can summon a driver to their location. Riders have the option to choose the type of vehicle. Payment is through the Uber App with charges to a debit or credit card. Prices vary based on the current demand and driver availability.

Current Coordination Efforts

- In Tuscaloosa County, current coordination efforts include utilization of existing providers, contracts, and sharing of transit resources. These efforts address a previously identified transit gap. In many cases, an agency that needs transportation for its clients will use an existing provider rather than start a transit system. The transit purchasing agency can simply direct its clients to the providers or can enter into a contract with the provider. These mutually beneficial arrangements allow agencies that need transportation for their clients to take advantage of existing transit services. The transit purchasing agencies save money and time by using the existing providers. The providers gain revenue to support their operations.

Tuscaloosa County Contracts

- Alabama Department of Human Resources contracts with South Mobile Area Regional Transit company
 - Alabama Department of Mental Health contracts with the Arc of Tuscaloosa
 - Alabama Kidney Foundation contracts with Northstar EMS
 - Arts 'n Autism contracts with Tuscaloosa Charter Service and the Tuscaloosa City School Board
 - City of Tuscaloosa contracts with the Transit Authority
 - DCH Regional Medical Center contracts with Alabama Sterling Limo-Cab
 - Moundville Health and Rehab contracts with Northstar EMS
 - Veterans Administration Medical Center contracts with Life Care Ambulance
 - West Alabama AAA contracts with FOCUS
- The Arc of Tuscaloosa, FOCUS on Senior Citizens, and the United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama have an agreement to share vehicles for special events and when an agency has a vehicle out of service. The agreement also includes the YMCA, the Boy Scouts, the Tuscaloosa County PARA, a local mental health association, the Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association.

- As part of a cooperative agreement, the United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama transports clients daily for Arts 'n Autism.
- The 2008 update of this plan recommended that a centralized routing project be undertaken. The project was to feature a calling center that would allow potential transit clients in Tuscaloosa County to make one telephone call to schedule a trip regardless of who will provide the trip. The call center would then determine the best agency to provide the trip and make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the trip. The Easter Seals agency volunteered to lead the project with ARC, UCP, FOCUS, and the Transit Authority agreeing to participate.

During the fall of 2009, Easter Seals performed a two-week simulation of the proposed project. Easter Seals used their licensed routing software and trip logs from all of the participating transit agencies to run the simulation. The simulation revealed that the project had the potential to reduce the use of two transit vehicles on most days but that the cost to implement and operate the program, including additional software licenses and personnel, would outweigh any cost savings. The use of counselors as drivers at several of the transit agencies limited the possible coordination opportunities.

8.4 Transit Needs

Figures 7 and 8 display the census block groups that have a higher than average population of disabled, elderly, and poor. These block groups generally cover the areas north and west of Northport, the eastern tip of the county, the area along SR-216, and most the southern part of the county. The figures also locate potential transit destinations. As expected, most of the destinations are in the Cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport and to a lesser extent the Towns of Brookwood, Vance, and Lake View.

The transit routes of the Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority, the Arc of Tuscaloosa County, the University of Alabama, Eagles Wings, and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) are also included on Figures 7 and 8. The Transit Authority and UCP routes generally cover the City of Tuscaloosa south of the Black Warrior River. The University routes are confined to the campus. The Arc and Eagles Wings routes cover the Cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport and in some cases extend into the rural part of the county. These routes serve the highlighted block groups in the urbanized area of the county. However, the highlighted block groups in the rural parts of the county are not covered by the existing routes.

Surveys were provided to transit providers, social service organizations, and transit riders during Fall of 2018. The staff and transit committee used the survey responses to develop a list of needs in the county. In December 2018, the transit committee verified these needs.

Needs Not Currently Addressed

- Night service
- Weekend service

- Holiday service
- Decreased fixed route headways
- Additional public and private providers
- City of Northport service
- Service to rural areas of the county including Brookwood, Holt, Peterson, Vance, Lake Tuscaloosa area, Duncanville, Taylorville, and McCalla
- Out-of-county service including Jefferson County and Bibb County
- Additional service for shopping, medical appointments, recreational activities, and church
- Decreased call-in times
- Decreased wait times
- Maintaining schedules (pick-up and drop-off times) demand response service and fixed routes
- Vehicles that will accommodate larger people
- Additional service from the UA campus to other areas of the community
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects, including telephone notification
- Additional accessible vehicles
- Alternative fuel options
- Additional fixed route bus stop shelters
- Education of general public (services available, how to use, application process, operations times, costs, contact information)

Needs Met or Partially Met with Current Service

- Daytime, Monday through Friday Service
 - Medical trips
 - Work trips
 - Vocational training trips
 - Shopping trips
 - Recreation trips
 - Local trips
 - Out-of-county trips
 - Service for senior citizens who are less than 60 years old

The Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority, the Arc of Tuscaloosa, Easter Seals West Alabama, FOCUS on Senior Citizens, and United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama indicated that there is some duplication of transit service in the county. All of the agencies have agreed to work together to reduce the duplication of services when economically feasible.

8.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Lack of financial support by the City of Northport
- Lack of financial support by Tuscaloosa County
- Dispersed population
- Large land area
- Training required to manage some clients
- Aides required for some clients
- Drivers sometimes serve as social workers and are not available to drive for other agencies

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

8.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current transit service (**High**)
- Maintain current transit contracts and coordination efforts (**High**)
- Expand current transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
 - Nights
 - Weekends
 - Holidays
 - Reduce fixed route headways
 - City of Northport
 - Rural areas of the county including Brookwood, Holt, Peterson, Vance, Lake Tuscaloosa area, Duncanville, Taylorville, and McCalla,
 - Inter-county
 - Shopping, recreation, and church
 - Additional service to reduce call-times, wait times, and schedule delays
 - Additional service for senior citizens
 - Purchase or modify vehicles to accommodate larger people
 - Additional service from the UA campus to other areas of the community
 - Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects

- Support/Establish additional transportation providers (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**High**)
- Support/Establish alternative fuel options for existing and future transit providers (**Medium**)
- Develop education/outreach programs (Additional funding may be required) (**Medium**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

9.0 West Alabama Region

9.1 Demographics and Geography

Based on a 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate, 304,211 people live in the west Alabama region. This is an increase of 10,277 from the number reported in the 2010 Census. According to the *2012-2016 American Community Survey*, there are 41,469 disabled people, 39,824 elderly individuals, and 39,024 people below the poverty line in the region. The population density of the region is 57 people per square mile.

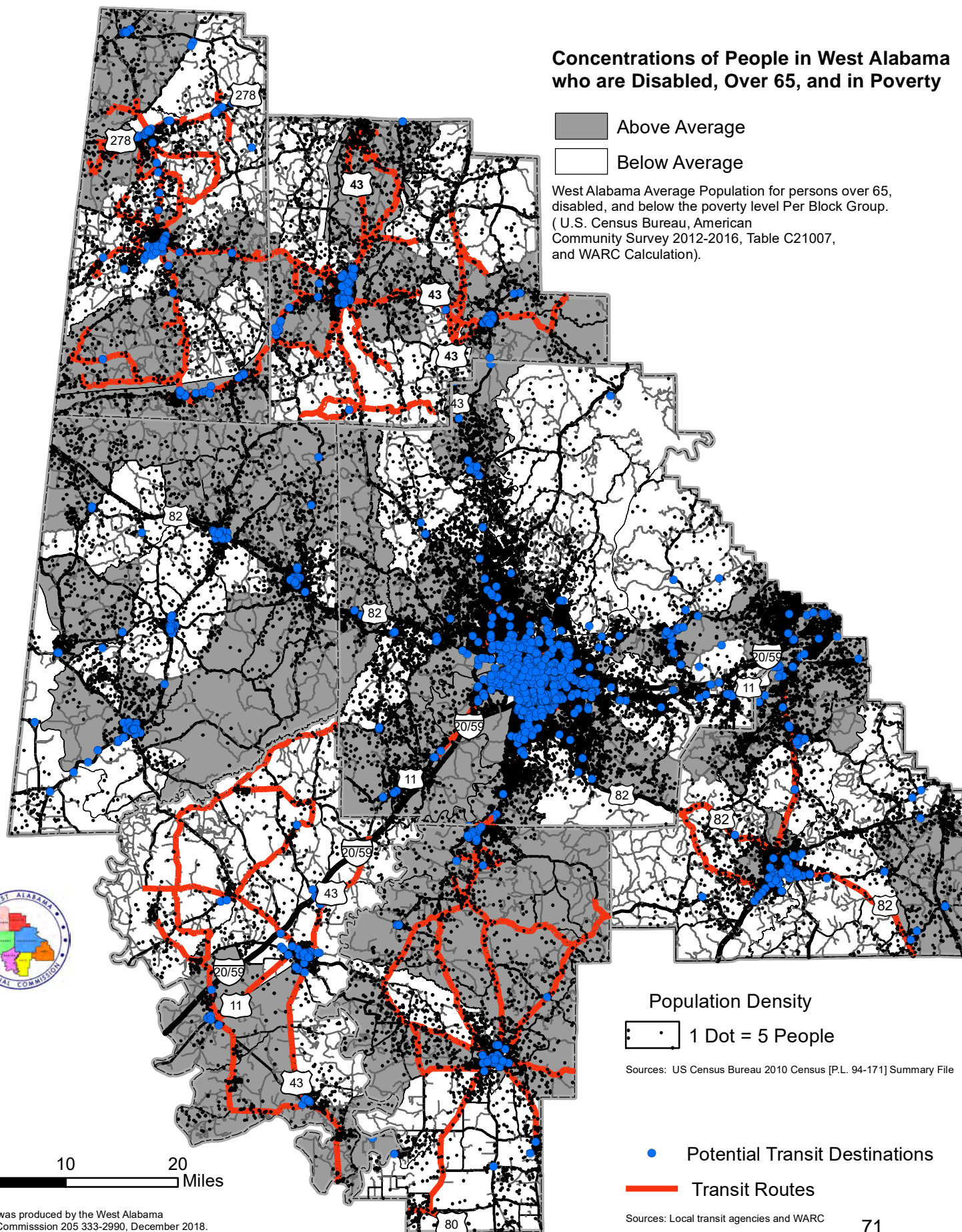
The region has a land area of 5,352 square miles. At its widest section, the region is 100 miles north-to-south and 85 miles east-to-west. Based on numbers provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation, there are 8,304 miles of roads in the region. The main north-south routes are SR-17, US-43, SR-69, and SR-5. The main east-west routes are SR-18, US-82, and I-20/59.

The population of the region is concentrated in the Cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport in Tuscaloosa County. Outside of these communities, there are 22 municipalities where the population is concentrated, but at lower levels. These areas are located along the major roads that cross the region. Figure 9 depicts these concentrations. These areas also contain the bulk of potential transit destinations including government offices, social service organizations, schools, medical facilities, and large employers. Figure 9 displays potential transit destinations and transit system routes. In addition, Figure 9 includes concentrations of people who are disabled, over 65, and in poverty.

9.2 Employment

Based on figures from the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, in 2017 the region had 135,598 people in the labor force. Of this number 130,582 were employed and 6,016 were unemployed. The 2017 average unemployment rate in west Alabama was 4.4 percent, which matched the national and state average. Major employers are concentrated in Tuscaloosa County. However, each county has at least a few businesses that employ more than 50 people. In the region, there are hundreds of businesses that are considered entry-level employers. Most of the employers, including major and entry-level employers, are located within the municipal limits.

Based on information from the *2009-2013 American Community Survey*, 18 percent of the workforce in the region commutes out of their home county to their job. About 67 percent of the total workforce live and work in their home county. An additional 15 percent of the workers commute into one of the counties in the region. Tuscaloosa County attracts thousands of workers from Bibb, Fayette, Hale, Jefferson, and Pickens County. Thousands of workers also commute from Bibb and Tuscaloosa County to Jefferson County every day. During this time frame, Lamar and Pickens County had almost 1,800 people travel to Mississippi for work.



9.3 Transit Resource Assessment

This section includes a list of each agency or company that provides or purchases transit service in West Alabama County. The lists are divided into private-for-profit and public or non-profit. The public and non-profit agencies were grouped because the non-profits are generally funded by public agencies or governments. Descriptions of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories used by the public and non-profit agencies are included in Chapter 10.

Private For-Profit Companies that Provide or Purchase Transit Service in West Alabama

Agency Name	Type of Transit Agency	West Alabama Counties Served
A1 Taxi Service	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Ambassador Limousine Service	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Arbor Woods Health and Rehab	Provider & Purchaser	Pickens
Cahaba Medical Care Foundation	Purchaser	Bibb
Colonial Haven Care and Rehabilitation Center	Purchaser	Hale
Crown Limousine	Provider	Tuscaloosa
CV Transerv	Provider	Bibb
Dunn's Taxi	Provider	Tuscaloosa
E&C Taxi Service - Formerly E&C Transport	Provider	Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Fayette County Nursing Home	Purchaser	Fayette
Generations of Vernon	Provider	Fayette, Lamar
Greene County Ambulance Service	Provider	Greene
Greene County Nursing Home/Medical Center	Provider & Purchaser	Greene
Greyhound Bus Lines	Provider	Greene, Hale, Tuscaloosa
Hale County EMS	Provider	Hale
Lee's Taxi	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Life Care Ambulance	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Lyft	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Moundville Health and Rehab	Purchaser	Hale, Tuscaloosa
Northstar EMS	Provider	Fayette, Greene, Hale, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Radio Cab	Provider	Tuscaloosa
REACH	Purchaser	Pickens
RushHour Transit	Provider	Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Scuttle Shuttle	Provider	Tuscaloosa
South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART)	Provider	Bibb, Tuscaloosa
Sterling Limo, Formerly Alabama Sterling Limo-Cab	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Tuscaloosa Charter Service	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Uber	Provider	Tuscaloosa

**Public Agencies and Non-Profit Companies
that Provide or Purchase Transit Service in West Alabama**

Agency Name	Type of Transit Agency	West Alabama Counties Served
Alabama Department of Human Resources	Purchaser	Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Alabama Department of Mental Health, Region II Community Services	Purchaser	Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (Tuscaloosa Regional Center)	Provider & Purchaser	Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Alabama Kidney Foundation	Provider	Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Alabama Medicaid Agency	Purchaser	Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Am-Serv	Provider	Bibb
ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, Inc.	Provider	Fayette, Lamar
ARC of Tuscaloosa County	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Arts n' Autism	Provider & Purchaser	Tuscaloosa
Bibb County Department of Human Resources	Purchaser	Bibb
Community Service Programs of West Alabama	Purchaser	Greene, Hale
Crossing Points (University of Alabama)	Provider	Tuscaloosa
DCH Medical Center	Purchaser	Tuscaloosa
Eagles Wings	Provider & Purchaser	Tuscaloosa
Easter Seals West Alabama	Provider & Purchaser	Tuscaloosa
Fayette County Aging	Provider	Fayette
FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Greene County Commission (Senior Centers)	Provider	Greene
HELP Inc.	Provider	Pickens
Indian Rivers Mental Health	Provider & Purchaser	Bibb, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
Kid One Transport System, Inc.	Provider	Greene, Tuscaloosa
Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	Provider	Fayette, Lamar
RSVP of Tuscaloosa and Hale County (FOCUS)	Provider	Hale, Tuscaloosa
Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation	Provider	Tuscaloosa
United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama	Provider	Tuscaloosa
University of Alabama	Provider	Tuscaloosa
Veterans Administration Medical Center (Tuscaloosa)	Provider	Tuscaloosa
West Alabama Area Agency on Aging	Purchaser	Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Tuscaloosa
West Alabama Mental Health Center	Purchaser	Greene, Hale
West Alabama Public Transportation (West Alabama Health Services, Inc.)	Provider	Bibb, Greene, Hale
Whatley Health Services, Inc.	Provider	Tuscaloosa

Please see the appropriate county chapter for a description of the agencies.

Current Coordination Efforts

- Currently, there are no regional coordination efforts in west Alabama.

9.4 Transit Needs

In west Alabama, there are limited inter-county transportation options. A reliable method to transport people from the rural west Alabama counties to Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Selma, Meridian, Mississippi, or other economic hubs is needed. This is especially true in Fayette, Lamar, and Pickens County. The hub communities offer national travel options (air, rail, and bus), employment opportunities, medical facilities, educational institutions, shopping, and recreation. Rural residents have to travel to these hubs for at least some of their needs.

West Alabama Public Transportation provides service from Bibb to Tuscaloosa and from Greene and Hale to the Selma. However, the other rural counties do not have access to a similar service. A public or private service could address this need.

The Greyhound Bus Line operates four stops in the West Alabama region (Greene, Hale, and Tuscaloosa County) and has facilities in Birmingham and Selma. Amtrak has stations in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and Meridian, Mississippi. The closest commercial air service is located in Birmingham, Meridian, and Columbus, Mississippi.

Some of the transit gaps reviewed in the previous chapters could be addressed by eliminating or reducing the Alabama Public Service Commission regulation that prevents publicly funded systems from picking up riders in counties they pass through because they are not the designated transit provider for that county. Many of the rural transit providers transport their clients to appointments in larger communities such as Tuscaloosa. This regulation denies transit service to potential clients that live in unserved areas of counties, such as rural Tuscaloosa County. If this rule could be changed some of the identified transit gaps could be addressed.

Needs Not Currently Addressed or Only Partially Addressed

- Additional inter-county service to connect rural residents with national bus service, Amtrak service, commercial air service, jobs, medical facilities, shopping opportunities, recreation facilities, education, and training opportunities; including west Alabama and out-of-region travel

9.5 Transit Service Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee and the survey responses, developed a list of barriers that prevent the needs from being addressed. These barriers are consistent across the rural counties in the region. The local agencies and governments have limited control over the barriers, which are often related to economic issues, personal choice decisions, and the nature of rural communities.

Barriers

- Lack of funding (local, state, federal, private)
- Small client base limits opportunities for profits
- Cost of for-profit service
- Dispersed population
- Alabama Public Service Commission service area restrictions

The challenge of the transit agencies and local governments is to find ways around these barriers. The funding to address every need will never be available. The economics of providing transit service to a small number of dispersed clients will never appeal to a for-profit business. Innovative ideas will be required if the needs are to be met.

9.6 Strategies to Address Needs and Barriers

The staff, working with the transit committee, developed the following strategies. Several of the proposals are related to maintaining the current level of service. These were included because the existing services are addressing gaps that previously existed. The strategies are general so as not to preclude any future projects. Many of the strategies indicate that additional funding will be required for implementation. In some cases, the additional funding could be a reallocation of existing funds or programs. New funding streams may not always be needed.

Strategies

- Maintain current inter-county transit service in Bibb, Greene, Hale County (**High**)
- Add inter-county transit service (Additional funding required) (**High**)
- Support/Establish additional transportation providers, where needed (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support/Establish alternate transit options where transit service is not available or cost prohibitive, such as car/vanpools and transportation stipends (Additional funding required) (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to establish a state transit funding source (**High**)
- Support efforts to combine and/or leverage funding sources (**Medium**)
- Support efforts to modify the Alabama Public Service Commission service area restrictions (**High**)

The list of strategies includes an implementation priority (High, Medium, Low) assigned by the transit committee. The priority is based on available resources, time, and feasibility. The priority assigned does not have a direct correlation to the amount of support or the amount of need. It merely reflects the existing reality based on the ranking criteria. If circumstances change, a low or medium priority strategy could be implemented before one that was ranked as a high priority.

10.0 Funding Opportunities

This chapter provides a basic description of common transit funding programs. These programs provide most of the transit funding in west Alabama and are likely to be the prime sources for future transit service. Each program and sub-program feature a unique set of restrictions that hinder cooperation and coordination. However, without the programs very few, if any, public transit options would be available.

10.1 Federal

Administration on Aging Congregate Nutrition Services

- The Administration on Aging Congregate Nutrition Services is restricted to elderly individuals. Locally, it is administered by the Area Agency on Aging Department at the West Alabama Regional Commission. The program provides transit service to local nutrition centers.

Federal Transit Administration

Relevant Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding categories are listed below with a brief description.

- **Section 5307 (Urban Area)**

This FTA program provides funding to census designated urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more. These funds are intended to be used for general public transit service (no qualifications are placed on riders). However, specialized transit service can be provided with these funds to address the needs of persons with disabilities that would involve rider qualifications.

These funds can be used for planning, capital purchases, and operating expenses. Under the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (Map-21), job access and reverse commute projects are also eligible activities. Planning and capital projects generally require a 20 percent local match. Operating funds require a 50 percent local match.

There is only one urbanized area in west Alabama. It encompasses the Cities of Northport and Tuscaloosa. The Section 5307 funds that are dedicated to the Tuscaloosa Urbanized Area are distributed by the Federal Transit Administration directly to the Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority, the designated recipient.

- **Section 5310 (Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities)**

This FTA program is intended to address the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. In Alabama, the funding is distributed to the Alabama Department of Transportation who then distributes the funds based on a competitive grant program. The funds are generally limited to capital purchases, which require a 20 percent local match. MAP-21 combined the

Section 5317 (New Freedom) program with the 5310 program. Eligible 5317-type projects now can be funded with this program.

- **Section 5311 (Non-urbanized Area)**

This FTA program provides funding for areas with a population fewer than 50,000. These funds are intended to be used for general public transit service (no qualifications are placed on riders). In Alabama, the funding is distributed to the Alabama Department of Transportation who then distributes the funds based on a competitive grant program.

The funds may be used for capital purchases, operating expenses, and administrative costs. Under Map-21, job access and reverse commute projects are also eligible activities. The local matching requirements are generally 20 percent for capital and administrative expenses and 50 percent for operating expenses. Government agencies, transit operators, and non-profit agencies are eligible recipients.

- **Section 5316 (Job Access and Reverse Commute)**

Under MAP-21 this program was combined with the 5307 and 5311 programs. However, Alabama has not used all of the funds made available under the previous transportation bill. The program will remain open until the remaining funds are exhausted.

The purpose of this FTA program is to provide job-related transportation services to welfare recipients, low-income individuals, and reverse commuters. In Alabama, the funding is distributed to the Alabama Department of Department of Transportation (ALDOT) who then distributes the funds based on a competitive grant program. Eligible program charges include planning, capital purchases, operating expenses, and administrative costs. The local matching requirements are generally 20 percent for planning, 20 percent for capital projects, and 50 percent for operating expenses.

- **Section 5317 (New Freedom)**

Under MAP-21 this program was combined with the 5310 program. However, Alabama has not used all of the funds made available under the previous transportation bill. The program will remain open until the remaining funds are exhausted.

The purpose of this FTA program is to provide additional transportation options to persons with disabilities. In Alabama, the funding is distributed to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) who then distributes the funds based on a competitive grant program. The funds may be used for planning, capital purchases, operating expenses, and administrative costs. The local matching requirements are generally 20 percent for planning, 20 percent for capital projects, and 50 percent for operating expenses.

- **Section 5339 (Bus and Bus Facilities)**

The 5339 program provides capital funding for new and replacement buses, related equipment, and facilities. The funds are limited to capital purchases and generally require a 20 percent local match. Designated recipients, sub-recipients, and states are eligible for these funds. This program had previously been labeled Section 5309.

Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program

- The Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation Program is limited to full-covered Medicaid beneficiaries. Transit service is restricted to Medicaid covered medical appointments. The program is managed by the Alabama Medicaid Agency. Clients use Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards to retrieve funds. The program allows the use of public or private transportation options.

Medicaid Waiver Program

- The Medicaid Waiver Program is limited to non-institutionalized individuals three and older who have been diagnosed with intellectual disabilities or with related conditions. The program is focused on providing personal care transportation, day habilitation service, and residential habilitation service. This program is managed by the by the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

10.2 State

Alabama is one of a few states that do not provide any funding for transit service. State law prevents fuel taxes from being used for anything except for road maintenance or construction. In addition, the bulk of the state general funds are earmarked for specific programs.

10.3 Local

The funding supplied by the local sources is generally used to match the federal grants reviewed in this chapter. Of the 44 local governments in the west Alabama region only four support transit service in their community. In many cases, the local transit providers could not survive without the social service contracts.

- **Fayette County Commission**

The Fayette County Commission provides local matching funds to the Fayette County Aging Program.

- **Greene County Commission**

The Greene County Commission provides local matching funds and in-kind services to provide transportation to the Greene County AAA nutrition centers.

- **Pickens County Commission**

The Pickens County commission provides local matching funds to HELP, Inc.

- **City of Tuscaloosa**

The City of Tuscaloosa provides local matching funds to the Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority. The City also provides funds to numerous non-profits that provide transit service.

- **United Way of West Alabama**

The United Way of West Alabama provides funds to the ARC of Tuscaloosa County, Arts 'n Autism, Easter Seals West Alabama, FOCUS on Senior Citizens, and United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama. In some cases, the funds may not be used for transportation services.

- **University of Alabama**

The University of Alabama uses student fees to operate the campus transit system, Crimson Ride. In the past, student fees have also been used to match FTA Section 5309 Capital Grants. The grants were used to build parking decks and bus stops. The University also provides matching funds to the Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority for the University Shuttle route.

- **Contracts with Social Service Agencies**

Many of the transit providers in the region maintain contracts with social service agencies. The contracts ensure that the clients of the social service agency are provided transportation. The contracts also eliminate the need for the social service agency to develop or expand a transit program. In addition, the arrangement provides a local match for federal grants that are utilized by the transit provider.

11.0 Continuing Efforts

After the adoption of this plan, the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will monitor transit issues in the region to determine if this plan needs to be modified. Changes to existing transit conditions could require the addition, deletion, or re-prioritization of strategies or projects. Any necessary adjustments to the plan can be accomplished through amendments adopted by the Policy Committees of the MPO and RPO. The joint MPO and RPO transit committee, which helped develop this plan, will meet as needed to assist in these efforts and to facilitate the implementation of the identified strategies.

The committees of the MPO and RPO will continue to meet on a regular basis. The MPO committees meet every other month, and the RPO committees meet once per quarter. The Section 5307 and 5311 providers in the region are voting members on the MPO and RPO technical coordination committees. At the meetings the committees discuss various transportation issues, usually focusing on federally funded projects, including transit programs.

Based on the current ALDOT contract, a summary report for this plan will be prepared in 2021 and 2022. If the federal planning requirements continue past 2022 and funds are available, the plan will likely be revised in 2023.

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Appendix A

West Alabama Transit Committee Membership List

West Alabama Transit Committee - Condensed List

Name

Ability Alliance of West Alabama
Alabama Community Care
Alabama Cooperative Extension - Bibb County
Alabama Department of Human Resources
Alabama Department of Mental Health - Montgomery
Alabama Department of Mental Health - Reg II
Alabama Department of Public Health
Alabama Department of Public Health
Alabama Department of Public Health
Alabama Department of Public Health - Selma
Alabama Department of Senior Services
Alabama Department of Transportation
Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
Alabama Kidney Foundation
Alabama Medicaid Agency
Alabama Medicaid Agency
Alabama State Children's Rehab Services
Alabama Vocational Rehab
Am-Serv EMS
ARC of Fayette/Lamar /Marengo
Arc of Tuscaloosa County
ARC of Tuscaloosa, The
Arts 'n Autism
Bibb County Department of Human Resources
Brent-Centreville Senior Center
Bryce Hospital
Cahaba Medical Care
Cahaba Valley Health Services
Community Service Programs
Crimson Ride - University of Alabama Transit
Department of Human Resources
Eagles Wings
Easter Seals West Alabama
Fayette County Aging
Fayette Department of Human Resources
Fayette EMS - Northstar
Fayette Medical Center (Ambulance)
Federal Highway Administration - Alabama Division
Federal Transit Administration - Atlanta Region
FOCUS on Senior Citizens
Good Samaritan Clinic
Governor's Policy Office
Greene County Ambulance Service

Greene Department of Human Resources
Greensboro Tours
Hale County Department of Human Resources
Hale County EMS
HELP, Inc.
HERO
Indian Rivers Mental Health Center
Kid One
Lamar County Aging
Lamar County Department of Human Resources
Northstar Paramedic Service
Northwest AI Mental Health Center
Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
PARA - Tuscaloosa County
Pickens County Ambulance - Northstar
Pickens County Department of Human Resources
RushHour Transit
Shelton State Community College
Tuscaloosa City BOE Transportation
Tuscaloosa County Department of Human Resources
Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority
Tuscaloosa Parks and Recreation Authority
Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center
United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama
United Way of West Alabama
University of Alabama Civil Engineering
VA Medical Center - Tuscaloosa

Appendix B

West Alabama Transit Plan News Release List

Transit Plan News Release - Condensed List

Group	Name
Environmental Groups	ADEM
Environmental Groups	Alabama Conservation & Natural Resources
Environmental Groups	Alabama Environmental Council
Environmental Groups	Alabama Wildlife & Fisheries
Environmental Groups	Friends of Hurricane Creek
Environmental Groups	Friends of the Arboretum
Environmental Groups	Laurie Johns
Environmental Groups	Oakmulgee Ranger District
Environmental Groups	Sierra Club - West Alabama
Low Income Groups	Alabama Medicaid Agency
Low Income Groups	Aliceville Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Berry Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Bibb County Department of Human Resources
Low Income Groups	Bibb County Health Department
Low Income Groups	Bibb Medical Center
Low Income Groups	Big Brothers-Big Sisters
Low Income Groups	Boys & Girls Club of West Alabama
Low Income Groups	Brent Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Canterbury Manor
Low Income Groups	Carrollton Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Catholic Social Services of West Alabama
Low Income Groups	Christian Ministries
Low Income Groups	Community Services Program of West Alabama
Low Income Groups	Community Soup Bowl
Low Income Groups	Compassion Coalition
Low Income Groups	CSP Head Start of Fayette
Low Income Groups	CSP Village
Low Income Groups	Elizabeth Baptist Church - Project Care
Low Income Groups	Eutaw Elderly Village
Low Income Groups	Family Counseling Services
Low Income Groups	Fayette County Health Department
Low Income Groups	Fayette County Nursing Home
Low Income Groups	Fayette Department of Human Resources
Low Income Groups	Fayette Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Gordo Gardens
Low Income Groups	Gordo Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Greene County Health Department
Low Income Groups	Greene County Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Greene Department of Human Resources
Low Income Groups	Greensboro Housing Authority
Low Income Groups	Habitat for Humanity Tuscaloosa
Low Income Groups	Hale County Department of Human Resources
Low Income Groups	Hale County Health Department
Low Income Groups	Head Start - CSP
Low Income Groups	HERO
Low Income Groups	Hillcreek Apartments
Low Income Groups	Kennedy Housing
Low Income Groups	Lamar County Department of Human Resources
Low Income Groups	Lamar County Health Council
Low Income Groups	Lamar County Health Department
Low Income Groups	Lamar Head Start
Low Income Groups	Lamar Home Health, Public Health

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Lawrence Properties
Legal Services Corp of Alabama
Magnolia Village
Millport Housing Authority
Northport Housing Authority
Pickens County Department of Human Resources
Pickens County Health Department
Presbyterian Apartments
Reform Housing Authority
Salvation Army
Sulligent Housing Authority
Temporary Emergency Services
Tuscaloosa Children's Center
Tuscaloosa County Department of Human Resources
Tuscaloosa County Health Department
Tuscaloosa Housing Authority
Tuscaloosa One Place
Vernon Housing Authority
Volunteers of America
West Alabama Food Bank
West Hill Apartments
Yester Oaks Apartments
YMCA
42 News
ABC 33/40
APR News
Centreville Press
Clear Channel Radio
Commercial Dispatch
Cumulus Broadcasting, Inc.
Greene County Democrat
Greene County Independent
Greensboro Watchman
Lamar Democrat
Lamar Leader
Moody Radio
Moundville Times
NBC 13
Northport Gazette
Pickens County Herald
The Tuscaloosa News
Times Record
Tuscaloosa News
WBRC-Fox6
WCBI-Channel 4
West Alabama Gazette
WJEC/WVSA
WLDX
WQZZ
WTBC Radio
WTUG, WTSK, WVEI, WANZ
WTWG
WVUA TV
NAACP
Stillman College

Minority Groups	West Alabama Sickle Cell
Miscellaneous	Alabama Department Of Commerce
Miscellaneous	Alabama Department of Transportation - West Central Region
Miscellaneous	Alabama Historical Commission
Miscellaneous	Aliceville Public Library
Miscellaneous	Andrea J. Pickrell
Miscellaneous	Andrew Somers
Miscellaneous	Bob Portera
Miscellaneous	Bobby Kemp - GMC
Miscellaneous	Brent-Centreville Library
Miscellaneous	Brian Hynniman
Miscellaneous	Carrollton Public Library
Miscellaneous	Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
Miscellaneous	Chris Crawford
Miscellaneous	Cornelia Sanders
Miscellaneous	Crimson Ride - U of A
Miscellaneous	Danna Mills
Miscellaneous	Donny Jones
Miscellaneous	Fayette County BOE Transportation
Miscellaneous	Fayette County Memorial Library
Miscellaneous	Garcia A. Long
Miscellaneous	Gary Mosley
Miscellaneous	Hale County Bus Shop
Miscellaneous	Hale County Public Library
Miscellaneous	Heather McNutt
Miscellaneous	James C. Poole, Jr. Memorial Library
Miscellaneous	Jesse Chambless
Miscellaneous	Ken Faught - Crimson Realty
Miscellaneous	Kennedy Public Library
Miscellaneous	Kirk Mills
Miscellaneous	Lacey Ezekiel - Bhate
Miscellaneous	Lamar Co BOE Transportation
Miscellaneous	Mamie McClary
Miscellaneous	Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library
Miscellaneous	Mike and Chenoa Clardy
Miscellaneous	Millport Public Library
Miscellaneous	Moundville Public Library
Miscellaneous	Nicole Bohannon
Miscellaneous	Pickens County Cooperative Library
Miscellaneous	Reform Public Library
Miscellaneous	Ruth Holliman Public Library - Gordo
Miscellaneous	Sam Wilson
Miscellaneous	Scott Tillman
Miscellaneous	Sulligent Public Library
Miscellaneous	Tony Moore
Miscellaneous	Tony W. Harris
Miscellaneous	Tuscaloosa County IDA
Miscellaneous	Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society
Miscellaneous	Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission
Miscellaneous	Upward Bound - UWA
Miscellaneous	Wesley Bumpers
Miscellaneous	West Blocton Library
Miscellaneous	Woodstock Community Library
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Adriana Dunn
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Alyce M. Spruell

MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Anne Wynn
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Ashley Nevin
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Ashton Greer
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Bill Herz
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Blake Deason
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Bobby Johnson
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Brian Gurney
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Celia O'Kelley
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Chris Weaver
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Christine Bassett
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Christopher D'Esposito
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Dorothy Peacock
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Eric Courchesne
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Erin Wiggins
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	FOCUS/Foster Grandparent
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Harold Stowell
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Heike Schad
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Jamey Clements
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Jason Capley
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Jeffrey Hayes
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Justin Ahalt
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Malia Duggan
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Michelle Montgomery
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Paula Marques
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Pixie Hicks
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Randolph Fowler
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Rob Quinney
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Robert P. Hoggle
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Robert Zach Thomas
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Ronnie Kelley
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Ronnie Sanders
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Russell Timkovich
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Sam Rombokas
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Stephen Middleton
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Tim Leopard
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	William Adams
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Xabier Granja
MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Zachary Heard
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	A. D. Christian
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Charlene Wilkinson
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	David Hartin
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	David Kemp
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Glenn Griffin
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Jill Hannah
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Jimmie Cain
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Jimmy Hamner
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Joe Robinson
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	John Myers
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Joyce Clements
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Judy Jarvis
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Lenny Fulmer
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Leon Tucker
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Lew Drumond
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Marvin Cherry
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Max Snyder

MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Robert Green
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Thomas Peters
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Tommy Nix
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Willis Reynolds
MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Wyman Turner
MPO Policy Committee	D. E. Phillips Jr.
MPO Policy Committee	Dennis Stripling
MPO Policy Committee	Donna Aaron
MPO Policy Committee	James D. Brown
MPO Policy Committee	Mark D. Bartlett
MPO Policy Committee	Rob Robertson
MPO Policy Committee	Walt Maddox
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Alton Hyche
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Ashley Crites
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Brad Darden
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Caroline Sandel
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Doug Behm
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Farrington Snipes
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Gary Averett, Mayor of Coaling
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Gerald Burton
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Jeff Powell
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Jeremy Jones
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	John Powell Webb
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Katherine Holloway
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Keith Mahaffey
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Marty Hamner
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Michael Hora
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Nicole T Spivey
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Northport Planning Commission
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Paul Calhoun
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Randy R. Stroup
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Russell Lawrence
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Scott Anders
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Sonya R. Baker
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Stephen Hysaw
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Steven D. Anderson
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Toni M. Arrington
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Tuscaloosa County Sheriff Dept
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Tuscaloosa Planning Commission Chairman
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	University of Alabama
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Vontra Giles
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Wendy Shelby
MPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Yvette G. Taylor
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Ability Alliance of West Alabama
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Alabama Children's Rehab Services
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Alabama Dept of Mental Health - Reg II
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Alabama Head Injury Foundation
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Alabama Vocational Rehab
Persons with Disabilities Groups	American Red Cross
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Arc of Tuscaloosa County
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Arts 'n Autism
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Bryce Hospital
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Easter Seals West Alabama

Persons with Disabilities Groups	Indian Rivers Mental Health Center
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Resources for Independence
Persons with Disabilities Groups	Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center
Persons with Disabilities Groups	United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama
Persons with Disabilities Groups	United Way of Central Alabama
Persons with Disabilities Groups	United Way of West Alabama
Persons with Disabilities Groups	West Alabama Mental Health Center
Private Enterprise Committee	Dunn's Taxi
Private Enterprise Committee	Michael Hamilton
Private Enterprise Committee	Sterling Limo
Private Enterprise Committee	Tuscaloosa Charter Service
Private Enterprise Committee	Tuscaloosa City Schools
Private Enterprise Committee	Tuscaloosa County Schools
Private Enterprise Committee	Tuscaloosa PARA
Private Transportation Providers	Ambassador Limousine Service, Inc.
Private Transportation Providers	Crown Limousine Service
Private Transportation Providers	Grand Taxi
Private Transportation Providers	Greyhound Bus Lines
Private Transportation Providers	Northstar Paramedic Service
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Al Elbert
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Allen Dunavant
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Bobbie Kemp-Driver
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Brenda Burke
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Freddie Shoults
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Iris Sermon
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Jerry Elkins
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Jerry Pow
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Joan Owens
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Joanne Craighead
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	John Downs
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Lane Gilliam
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Marva Gipson
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Rusty Tate
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Sandy Rowland
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Wayne Christian
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	William Thomas
RPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee	Willie Smith
RPO Policy Committee	Arthur Crawford
RPO Policy Committee	Bobbie White
RPO Policy Committee	Craig Patterson
RPO Policy Committee	Jeff Long
RPO Policy Committee	Mark Gray
RPO Policy Committee	Mike Freeman
RPO Policy Committee	Ray Nelson
RPO Policy Committee	Raymond Steele
RPO Policy Committee	Sammy Holdsambeck
RPO Policy Committee	Stanley Allred
RPO Policy Committee	Tennyson Smith
RPO Policy Committee	Tony Lester
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Bobby Armstead
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Brian Latham
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Chris Bedwell
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Chris Howell
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Clint Terry
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee	Debbie Handley

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Regency Retirement Village
Reliance Health Care
Retired Senior Volunteer Program
RSVP GREENE COUNTY
Salem of Reform
Sansing Country Home
Southside Senior Center
The McCafferty Home
Woodstock Senior Center

Appendix C

Example Surveys

Survey 1
For Agencies that Provide Transit Service
West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019

Contact Person: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Service Area (List County or Counties):

2. Other counties regularly visited - Provide specific destinations, if possible

3. Clients Served (Circle all that apply.)

- a. Elderly
- b. Disabled
- c. General public
- d. People going to work, looking for work, or undertaking employment training
- e. Other _____

4. Funds Used (Circle all that apply.)

- a. FTA Section 5310 (elderly and disabled)
- b. FTA Section 5311 (rural transit)
- c. FTA Section 5307 (urban area)
- d. FTA Section 5316 JARC (job access / reverse commute)
- e. FTA Section 5317 New Freedom (disabled)
- f. Other _____

5. Days (of week) and Hours of Service

- Over -

6. Known un-served populations (such as areas of a county, times, days)

7. Major, non-vehicle, purchases or contracts expected over the next 10 years. Examples: buildings, dispatch / routing software, multi-year maintenance contracts.

8. Please provide a vehicle inventory sheet.

9. Please provide a vehicle purchase schedule. Include all buses and vans your agency plans to purchase from fiscal year 2019 (October 1, 2018) through fiscal year 2028 (September 30, 2028).

10. Please provide maps of your service routes.

Please return the survey before December 1, 2018

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Survey 2
For Agencies that Purchase Transit Service for Their Clients

West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019

Contact Person: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Service Area (List County or Counties): _____

2. How many clients do you serve with the transit service you purchase? _____

3. At what times do your clients need service? Please list days of the week and time of the day.

4. What is the source of funding for the transit purchases? Please list all.

5. Who do you purchase transit service from (List name and address)?

6. Do you have any unmet transit needs? Please list all (such as areas of the county, times, days).

Please return the survey before December 1, 2018

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Survey 3
For People Who Use Transit Services

West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019

1. What is your home county? _____

2. What agency or agencies do you use for transit service?

3. Are there places that you need to go that the transit provider does not serve (Please List)?

4. Are there times or days that you need to go places and the transit provider does not operate (Please List)?

5. Are there any ways that the transit provider could improve their service (Please List)?

- Over -

6. Please list any other comments or concerns related to transit service in west Alabama.

Please return the survey before December 1, 2018

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Appendix D

Public Participation Items

Public Participation

Committee Meetings

The transit committee that helped to develop this plan followed the same public involvement procedures as the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) committees. The transit committee held five meetings as part of the plan update process. All of the meetings were preceded by news releases indicating the time, date, place of the meeting, and agenda.

The news releases were sent to local media contacts, organizations that assist elderly and handicapped individuals, community organizations, transit providers, and groups that have contact with minority and low-income people. Over 200 news releases were sent for each committee meeting. The newspapers in the region frequently carried articles or reprints of the news releases. The news releases indicated that if a person needed special assistance to attend the meeting they could contact the West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC) 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Any person who attended the committee meetings was given an opportunity to participate. Non-committee members had the option to participate during any discussion. In addition, the committee recognized non-members during every meeting and provide them the opportunity to speak on items not addressed on the agenda.

Public Meetings

The MPO and RPO provided an additional opportunity for public participation by holding a series of public meetings regarding the plan during July 2019. Information on the public meetings was included in news releases that were provided prior to the meetings. Excluding the WARC staff, 23 people attended the meetings.

Public Meetings

1. Bibb County - July 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - Brent City Hall
2. Fayette County - July 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m. - Fayette County Commission Chamber
3. Greene County - July 25, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - James C. Poole Library, Eutaw
4. Hale County - July 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m. - Moundville Library
5. Lamar County - July 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - Lamar County Commission Chamber
6. Pickens County - July 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - Pickens County Commission Chamber
7. Tuscaloosa County - July 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - Tuscaloosa Intermodal Center

The draft plan was available at the meetings, by mail, at the West Alabama Regional Commission, and on the Commission website. The MPO and RPO received no comments regarding the plan. The news releases, sign-in sheets, slides, and newspaper articles from the meetings are presented on the following pages.



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October 18, 2018

The West Alabama Transit Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Tuscaloosa Intermodal Facility (601 23rd Avenue, Tuscaloosa)**. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the update of the coordinated transit plan for the west Alabama area. Federal regulations require a coordinated transit plan be in place prior to the use of certain federal transit funds.

Agenda

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Review/correct transit resource section of plan
3. Discuss transit surveys
4. Verify next meeting date

Any agency that intends to pursue a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled Program, Section 5311 - Nonurbanized Program, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, or Section 5317 - New Freedom Program grant must participate in the plan development.

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The meeting is open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the day of the meeting. For **special assistance**, call the WARC at 333-2990.



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November 14, 2018

The West Alabama Transit Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Tuscaloosa Intermodal Facility (601 23rd Avenue, Tuscaloosa)**. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the update of the coordinated transit plan for the west Alabama area. Federal regulations require a coordinated transit plan be in place prior to the use of certain federal transit funds.

Agenda

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Discuss transit surveys
3. Review/correct the needs and barriers section of plan
4. Review/correct the funding section of plan
5. Verify next meeting date

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December 19, 2018

The West Alabama Transit Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the **West Alabama Regional Commission (4200 Highway 69 North, Northport)**. The purpose of the meeting is to update the coordinated transit plan for the west Alabama area. Federal regulations require a coordinated transit plan be in place prior to the use of certain federal transit funds.

Agenda

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Review/revise the strategies sections of plan
3. Verify next meeting date

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January 16, 2019

The West Alabama Transit Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the **West Alabama Regional Commission (4200 Highway 69 North, Northport)**. The purpose of the meeting is to update the coordinated transit plan for the west Alabama area. Federal regulations require a coordinated transit plan be in place prior to the use of certain federal transit funds.

Agenda

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Review/revise the draft transit plan
3. Verify next meeting date

Any agency that intends to pursue a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled Program, Section 5311 - Nonurbanized Program, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, or Section 5317 - New Freedom Program grant must participate in the plan development. The draft plan is posted at (<https://www.warc.info/mpo-documents/>).

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July 17, 2019

The West Alabama Transit Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the **West Alabama Regional Commission (4200 Highway 69 North, Northport)**. The purpose of the meeting is to update the coordinated transit plan for the west Alabama area. Federal regulations require a coordinated transit plan be in place prior to the use of certain federal transit funds.

Agenda

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Review public and agency comments
3. Review/revise the draft transit plan
4. Verify next meeting date

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West Alabama Transit Committee
 Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
 Tuscaloosa Intermodal Facility, Tuscaloosa, AL

	Name	Position/Occupation	Representing
1	Becky Johnson	Exec	Eagle' Wings
2	Russell Lawrence		Tuscaloosa Transit
3	Patricia McCafferty		HELP, INC.
4	John Richards		Bibb Co. DHR
5	Janice Trotter		NW AL Mental Health
6	Anissa Bates	Contract Specialist	State of AL DHR
7	TERENCE BUTTS		ARC of Fayette
8	Willie W Hutton		ARC of Fayette
9	Berton Jarzen		ARC of Fayette
10	Lynn Armour	Exec. Director	Cyted Shantonan Clinic
11	Fay Meharg	Director	Fayette Co Aff. org
12	Jonathan Koh	Dir. Grants/Fin. & Rel.	Shelton State FC
13	Robbie Stewart	Director	AIDB
14	James Knickerham	Associate Director	UA
15	Say Meyer	CFO	Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center
16	Matt Holdbrooks	President	Kid One Transport
17	James Ryon		FOCUS
18	Austin Butler	Healthcare Director	Alabama Community Care
19	DEBRA PAUL	DEBRA A. PAUL	ARC of Tuscaloosa
20	Tara Bobitt	Deputy City Atty	City of Tuscaloosa
21	Tara O'Neil		WARC
22	David Norris		WARC
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West Alabama Transit Committee
 Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
 Tuscaloosa Intermodal Facility, Tuscaloosa, AL

	Name	Position/Occupation	Representing
1	JAMES KNICKERBOHN		UA TRANSIT
2	DERON A. RUIZ		ARC
3	TERENCE BUTTS	TRANSPORTATION DIR	ARC of Fayette
4	WILLIE W. HUTTON	TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST	ARC of Fayette
5	JAMES R. PHILLIPS		Indian Rivers Behavioral Health
6	RUSSELL LAWRENCE	Director	TUSCALOOSA TRANSIT
7	John Richards		B.B. Co. DIR.
8	Robbie Stewart	Director	AIOB
9	KEITH GARRETT	FINANCIAL MGR	TUSCALOOSA TRANSIT
10	Sandra Wilson	Bookkeeper	Arts in Autism
11	Butt Phillips	Driver/Coord.	Arts in Autism
12	Anissa Bates	State Dir. Specialist	State DIR
13	Becky Johnson	Eagles Wings	
14	James Ryan	FOCUS TRANS	FOCUS on Sr Citizens
15	Sadie Cox	Shelby State	Shelby State
16	David Noring		WARC
17	Zane Davis		WARC
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West Alabama Transit Committee

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

West Alabama Regional Commission, Northport, AL

Address

Name	Position/Occupation	Representing
1 Willie W. Hutton	Transportation Special	Arc of Fayette + Lamar
2 TERENCE BUTTS	TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR	ARC OF FAYETTE - LAMAR
3 DEONZO A. BUTTI	TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR	ARC OF TUSCALOOSA
4 JAMES KATIKROM	TRANSIT DIRECTOR	THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
5 Anissa Cotts	CONTRACT SPECIALIST	STATE OF ALABAMA
6 Lekeisha Harrison	Transportation Manager	UCPWA
7 LaQuisha Allen		UCPWA
8 Jay Meyer	CFO	Tuscaloosa VAMC
9 Becky Johnson	Executive Asst	Eagles' Wings
10 Janice Potter	Dir of Transp	NWAAHc
11 E. F. Wiser	Dir of Dev	PARA
12 John Richards	Ribb DHR Supervisor	Ribb DHR
13 Jonathan Koh	Dir. Grants Govt	Shelton State
14 Patricia McEafferty	Director	HELP, Inc
15 Matt Holdbrooks	President	Kid One Transport
16 B. J. Phillips		Arts of Autism
17 David Norris	W+	WARC
18 Zane Davis		NARC
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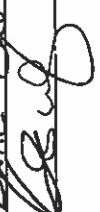
Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

West Alabama Regional Commission, Northport, AL

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	Name	Position/Occupation	Representing
1	Russell Lawrence	Director	Tuscaloosa Transit Auth.
2	Billie J Phillips	Transportation Coord	ARKS & Autism
3	John Richards	Supervisor	Bibb DHR
4	Cindy Collins		AIDB
5	James Kwickrobin		WA
6	DERRA PRUITT	TC	
7	Patricia McCafferty	Director	HELP, Inc
8	Jamie Ryan	Trans. Dir	FOCUS
9	Willie Hutton	TRANSPATIO SPECIAL	ARC, Fayette Lamar
10	TERENCE BUTTS	TRANS DIRECTOR	ARC of Fayette
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West Alabama Transit Committee
 Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
 West Alabama Regional Commission, Northport, AL

	Name	Position/Occupation	Representing	Address
1	Willie Hutton	Transportation Specialist	ARC Fayette & Lamar	
2	Anissa Batts	Program Specialist	State of AL DHR	
3	James Knickerham	WA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	ASSOCIATES DIRECTOR	
4	Prudella Hinton	Service Coordinator	CSP Village Apts	
5	Kayla Moore	DHR Resource	Bibb Co. DHR	
6	Matt Holdbrooks	Kid One Transportation	President	
7	Janice Treffer	Transportation Director	NW AL Mental Health	
8	Charlotte W. Jones	Owner	Rush Hour Transit, Inc.	
9	Dennis Stripling	WARC	WARC	
10	David Harris	WARC	WARC	
11	Blake Deason	Senior Planner	City of Tuscaloosa	
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting
Location: Tuscaloosa Intermodal Center, 601 23rd Avenue, Tuscaloosa, AL
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Name (Please Print)		Address	E-mail	Telephone
1	KEITH GARRETT	601 23RD AVE Tuscaloosa, AL		
2	Russell Lawrence	601 23 rd Ave Tuscaloosa, AL 35401		
3	DERONZA A. BRUNTT	1330 UNIVERSITY BLVD ^{SW} D. 35504		
4	LeKeisha Harrison	1100 WCP PKWY. Dorthport 35476		
5	Zane Davis	WARC		
6	David Norris	WALC		
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting

Location: Moundville Library, 279 Market Street, Moundville, AL

Date: July 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

	Name (Please Print)	Address	E-mail	Telephone
1	William M. Thomas	928 Commack Rd	Scoutville AL	
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting
Location: Lamar County Commission Chamber, 44690 Highway 17, Vernon, AL
Date: July 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Name (Please Print)		Address	E-mail	Telephone
1	AL ELBERT	SULLY		
2	WAYNE BAINES	MILLPORT		
3	Glenn Crawford	Vernon		
4	Renee Reeves	Lamar Democrat/Vernon		
5	Wayne Christian	Vernon		
6	Cade Norris	WARC		
7	Kim Norris			
8	David Norris	WARC		
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting

Location: Brent City Hall, 22 1st Street, Brent

Date: July 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

	Name (Please Print)	Address	E-mail	Telephone
1	Dennis Stigling	323 Tabernacle Rd Brent, AL		
2	John Craighead	P.O. Box 391 Brent, AL		
3	Jerry C. Pow	P.O. Box 307 Brent, AL 35034		
4	John Downs	448 Cruise Ave Cville		
5	Zane Davis	WARC		
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting
 Location: Fayette County Commission Chamber, 103 1st Avenue NW, Fayette, AL
 Date: July 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

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Name (Please Print) Address

1	Nancy Kennedy	1232nd Ave. N.W. Fayette, AL 35555	
2	Bobbie Kemp-Driver	P.O. Box 283 Fayette, AL 35555	
3	Wanda DeAubours	P.O. Box 406 Gen. Henry, AL 35559	
4	WANDA DEAUBOURS	21 HERSHEL HENRY RD. BAKETON, AL 35554	
5	Zane Davis	WARC	
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting
 Location: Pickens County Commission Chamber, 20 Phoenix Avenue, Carrollton, AL
 Date: July 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

	Name (Please Print)	Address	E-mail	Telephone
1	Ruby Tate	803 3 rd Ave NE Aliceville, AL		
2	Marva Gibson	618-7 th St. NE, Aliceville, AL 35442		
3	Zane Davis	WARC		
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 - Public Meeting
 Location: James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Avenue, Eutaw, AL
 Date: July 25, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

Name (Please Print)	Address	E-mail	Telephone
1 Julia Fuller	409 Main St Eutaw AL		
2 Judy Jarvis	501 70 th Main St Eutaw		
3 Mrs Gorman	Box 911 Eutaw, AL		
4 Zane Davis	WARC		
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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan

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What is the purpose of the plan?

(1) to determine transit gaps and coordination opportunities among publicly funded, human services transportation programs in west Alabama

(2) to develop strategies to address the identified gaps and coordination issues

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Why was the plan developed?

- The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)
 - Section 5310 - Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities
 - Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute
 - Section 5317 - New Freedom
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)
 - Section 5310 - Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities

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Who is responsible for developing the plan?

- Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

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What area is covered in the plan?

- The seven counties of west Alabama (Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, and Tuscaloosa).



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When was the plan developed?

- The first plan was developed in 2006
- Four other plans were developed in 2008, 2011, 2015, and 2017
- This revision has been developed this fiscal year (October 2018 – July 2019)
- An update will be prepared in 2021

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How was plan developed?

- The MPO-RPO staff working with the regional transit subcommittee
- Development Process section of the plan provides more details

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Public Involvement

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Past Public Involvement Opportunities

- Past MPO-RPO transit committee meetings
- MPO and RPO committee meetings
- Draft plan on the WARC website

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This Public Meeting

- Formal opportunity for public review of the draft plan
- MPO-RPO staff available for questions
- Comment forms and tape recorder
 - All written comments will be addressed by the MPO and RPO and included in the final plan

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Future Public Involvement Opportunities

- West Alabama Transit Committee meeting
 - August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
- RPO meetings
 - CTAC (July 2019)
 - TCC (August 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.)
 - Policy Committee (August 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.)
- MPO meetings
 - BPC (August 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.)
 - CTAC (August 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.)
 - TCC (August 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.)
 - Policy Committee (August 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.)
- MPO-RPO staff will forward any comments to the MPO and RPO committees

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How can I comment on the plan?

- Comment forms
- Tape recorder
- Letter
- E-mail
- August RPO and MPO committee meetings

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The Coordinated Public Transit Plan

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Format

- Introduction
- County Chapters
 - Demographics and Geography
 - Employment
 - Transit Resource Assessment
 - Transit Needs
 - Transit Service Barriers
 - Strategies
- Funding Opportunities
- Continuing Efforts

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- Transit Plan Committee Membership List
- Transit Plan News Release List
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- Public Participation Items
- Project Lists
- Acronym List
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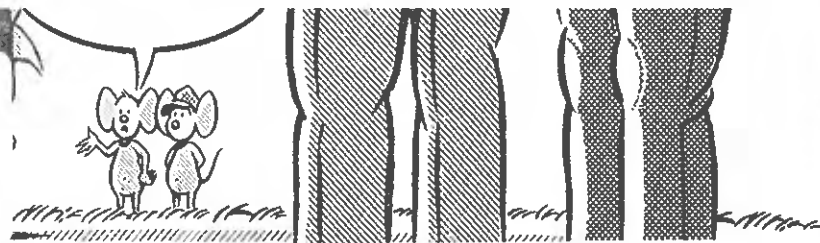
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Agenda:

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Review/correct transit resource section of plan
3. Discuss transit surveys
4. Verify next meeting date

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Cattle owners to vote on continuing Beef Checkoff Program

Cattle owners in Alabama will have the opportunity to vote yes or no to continue a voluntary self-help checkoff program on Wednesday, Oct. 24. This program provides funds necessary to improve the business climate for beef production in the state by advertising beef, educating consumers, supporting youth programs, funding cattle production research and providing cattlemen with educational programs.

Cattle growers checkoff a dollar per head when cattle are sold and the funds are managed by the Ala-

bama Cattlemen's Association. The funds can be used to provide staff and activities for youth and young cattlemen as well as to hold programs and conduct research on cattle production.

Each year, a group of cattlemen, stockyard operators, cattlemen, educators, and other industry leaders meet to pass checkoff programs and develop a plan for spending checkoff dollars during the coming year in Alabama.

"As cattle producers, we're fortunate to have the Alabama State Beef Checkoff program." ACA

President and Athens cattle producer Jack Batts said. "This helps us promote our product, but it also does so much more for us. Today more people want to know where their food comes from, and we are able to provide information for teachers, dietitians, culinary arts students, retailers and foodservice operators about cattle production and the beef industry. We also have funds to support activities for youth, and educational meetings for cattlemen. The program is voluntary, so if a cattleman doesn't support the check-

off he can get his money back through the refund provision."

"The 100+ member ACA Board of Directors encourages cattle owners to check yes in the referendum," Batts continued.

The referendum vote will be held on Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at local County Extension Offices statewide. All cattle owners are eligible to vote one time in-person regardless of county of residence or the county where they own cattle. No proxy or absentee voting is allowed.

Let us hear from you.
Send your

Guidelines for Submitting your Church/Community Announcements

These are free as long as there are no personal messages and the event is not being charged for (love offerings do not count; however, charging for vendor spaces does).

Please keep the announcement to one paragraph with who is presenting the event, what the event is, date, time, where it will be held and contact information.

Deadlines are

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33rd Juried Show for West Alabama

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Greensboro Christmas Parade

Greensboro Christmas Parade will be Sat., Dec. 8 at 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Moundville's 1st Annual Merry Market

Moundville's 1st Annual Merry Market will be Sun., Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. We are looking for all vendors including food vendors. All "spot" money will go to our Angel Tree Donation Fund to help buy Christmas for our children in need this holiday seasons. Forms are available. Please inbox or text Shanda Johnson at 205-614-0154. The parade will follow that evening at 6 p.m.

Theatre Tuscaloosa Open Auditions

Theatre Tuscaloosa will hold open auditions for its spring musical, *Crowns*, on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 at 2 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre on the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College (9500 Old Highway 201). *Crowns* will be presented Feb. 15-24, 2019, in the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College. Performances will be on Friday, February 16. Matinee performances will be on Saturday, February 23. A pay-what-you-can performance will be on Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m., a portion of proceeds of the performance will go to the Theatre Tuscaloosa Scholarship Fund. More details are available at

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Severe Blood Shortage: Red Cross Issues Immediate Call For Blood Donations

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage and urgently needs blood donors to give now to avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Volunteer blood drive hosts are also critically needed to prevent the shortage from worsening this winter.

During September and October, the Red Cross collected over 21,000 fewer blood and platelet donations than what hospitals needed. Blood donors of all blood types, especially type O, are urged to make an appointment to donate at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Fewer blood drives in September and October coupled with hurricanes Michael and Florence, which caused thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected, were key contributing factors to the current blood shortage. An additional 4,300 blood drives nationally - and more than 30 blood drives in this area - are needed in December, January and February to help stop the shortage from continuing throughout winter. Donations often decline during the winter holidays when many groups postpone blood drives while regular donors are busy with holiday activities and travel. Severe winter weather may also cause blood drive cancellations contributing to fewer donations than needed. To encourage donations around the Thanksgiving holiday, those who come to donate blood with the Red Cross Nov. 21-24 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt.

Hale County Animal Shelter

Please remember our shelter and daily needs: Clorox bleach, Odoban, 13 Gallon trash bags, Purina Puppy Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, Purina Cat Chow, Purina Dog Chow, Laundry detergent, Canned cat food, Collars of all sizes, Paper towels, Toys for dogs and cats! If you are not in Hale County, please send to Hale County Animal Shelter, 20 Correction Drive, Greensboro, AL 36744. Remember to spay and neuter your pets!

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Community Events

Alabama Fish Farming Center would like to invite all those involved in the catfish industry to the 2018 Annual Catfish Industry Update meeting at the Demopolis Civic Center on Wed., Dec. 4. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until about 2 p.m. Lunch will be served.

VFW Post 5377 Christmas Party

Attention all members of VFW Post 5377 and all veterans who are eligible for membership in our organization, this announcement is to inform you that our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Dec. 11, starting at 6 p.m. We will, however, be dispensing with our usual business and will instead have our annual Christmas Party. The event will be held at the Red Barn in Demopolis. We will start at 6 p.m. and will last as long as you can hold out. This is a Dutch treat event, and we encourage you to bring your spouse or significant other for this evening of celebration. Not a member of the VFW? Well, this would be an ideal time for you to join, then wouldn't it? All Veterans who served this great nation during times of war in a combat zone are eligible for membership in the oldest American Veterans organization, so bring a copy of your DD Form 214 with you when you attend, and your membership fee, and we can sign you up on the spot. Remember, "no one does more for Veterans than we do." We need you, your energy and ideas as we continue to serve this great nation, our community and our fellow Americans.

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Red Cross: Urgent Need For Blood And Platelet Donations Now

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors to give now to ensure blood is available for medical treatments and emergencies during the holiday season. Make an appointment to donate blood or platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED

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Hale County Animal Shelter Pet of the Week

Meet Cole. He and his brother are waiting for their home for Christmas. Very sweet boys who are five months old. Shelter hours are Monday 10-12 and Saturday 10-2. Please spay/neuter your pets!

Submitted by Laurie Nevin, Hale County Animal Shelter, 334-352-2000

Community Calendar

BEANS AND RICE AND HOT BREAKFAST

St. Michael's Episcopal Church will have beans and rice and hot breakfast available on the fourth Saturday of each month. It will be served at 9 a.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

HUBBERTVILLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Hubbertville School is making plans to continue its annual Christmas Drive to help students who are less fortunate in the community. Students will be given an application and a prioritized list will be compiled. We encourage those who are able to donate to this worthwhile project. Checks should be made to the Hubbertville School Community Christmas Fund. For more information, contact Tim Dunavant, Rhett Tucker, Chandra Norris or Shari Everette at the school. (205) 487-2845. Thank you in advance for your help.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Michael's Episcopal Church's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Members crochet or knit shawls, scarves and lap robes to give to patients in hospitals, students graduating from high school, or hospice patients. Anyone can join in this ministry.

DECEMBER 1

ALABAMA SUNSHINE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Alabama Sunshine will have a Christmas open house on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Complimentary snacks will be served. They are located at 221 Columbus Street E. Call (205) 904-9043 for more information.

DECEMBER 1

GIRLFRIENDS OF 65 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Girlfriends of 65 will meet for their annual covered-dish Christmas Luncheon at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Lunch will begin at noon. Come early and stay late. Bring a wrapped one dollar gag gift. All female classmates, wives of classmates and former teachers are invited to attend. Just bring a covered dish. For more information, call (205) 932-3490 or (205) 932-6176.

DECEMBER 1

PANCAKES WITH SANTA!

Hubbertville High School Band will be hosting a "Pancakes with Santa!" event on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 - 11 a.m. This event will be held at the Hubbertville High School Pavilion, 7360 Co. Rd. 49, Fayette. Tickets may be purchased at Hubbertville High School Band Room and also Bolling Pharmacy in downtown Fayette. Tickets are \$5. A photo opportunity with Santa is \$8.

of the Civic Center/Museum decorated by local artists, collectors, schools, churches and or businesses. So bring your family & friends this Christmas season to see all the fabulous displays & to take family pictures.

DECEMBER 4

TRAY FAVORS PARTY

It's tray favor time again and we will be having our Christmas
 "Tray Favor Time" on Tuesday, December 18, 11 a.m. in the Reed
 Times-Record building. We will have food for you and your family
 November 28, 2018. We will also have a special gift for our nurs-
 Page 3. We will take time to read the Christmas story on Tuesday.

DECEMBER 5

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DECEMBER 6 AND 7

**FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER VOLUNTEER
AUXILIARY \$5 JEWELRY SALE**

The Fayette Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary will host a \$5 Jewelry and Accessories Sale on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the front lobby of the hospital. All proceeds benefit the Fayette Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary.

DECEMBER 7

The Fayette Music Study Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 3:30 pm in the FCHS Choir Room. Mary Phelps will present the song of the month, "Silent Night". The FCHS Choir, directed by Kelsey Nolen Hayes, will present a seasonal concert. Hostesses for the tea are Susan Loomis, Cheri Deed

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The Arts Council's 2 artists will be displayed Dinah Washington Co. Dec. 7 - 21. A public c ners will be held on Friday. Gallery hours p.m. For more inform participating gallerie .com. The Dinah W located at 620 Gr Tuscaloosa. For more Arts Council or Bama Facebook page "The Cultural Arts Center" (205) 758-5195 or a tion.

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Tuscaloosa Community will be performing the historic Bama Theatre at

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There will be an Open House on Friday, December 21 Christmas concert that is open to the public Monday, December 22.

Community Events

Veterans who served this great nation during times of war in a combat zone are eligible for membership in the oldest American Veterans organization, so bring a copy of your DD Form 214 with you when you attend and your membership fee, and we can sign you up on the spot. Remember, "no one does more for Veterans than we do." We need you, your energy and ideas as we continue to serve this great nation, our community and our fellow Americans.

33rd Juried Show for West Alabama

The Arts Council's 33rd Juried Show for West Alabama artists will be displayed in The Arts Council Gallery at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center Dec. 7-21. A public opening reception honoring the winners will be held on Dec. 7 from 5-8 p.m. during First Friday. West Alabama artists were allowed to submit up to three works for judging including two and three dimensional pieces. Twenty-eight submissions were chosen representing artists in Jefferson, Pickens, Shelby and Tuscaloosa counties. Jason Guynes, Chair of the Department of Art and Art History and Professor of Art and Painting at the University of Alabama, served as the adjudicator.

Greensboro Christmas Parade

Greensboro Christmas Parade will be Sat., Dec. 8 at 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Theatre Tuscaloosa Open Auditions

Theatre Tuscaloosa will hold open auditions for its spring musical, Crowns, on Sat. Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Bean-

Brown Theatre on the Martin Campus of

Shelton State Community College (9500 Old Greensboro Rd.). Crowns will be presented Feb. 15-24, 2019, in the Bean-Brown Theatre on the Martin Campus of Shelton State Community College. More details are available at www.theatretusc.com or at 205.391.2277.

Red Cross: Urgent Need For Blood and Platelet Donations Now

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors to give now to ensure blood is available for medical treatments and emergencies during the holiday season. Make an appointment to donate blood or platelets by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-732-2737).

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Hale County Animal Shelter Pet of the Week

This girl is one of 9! Her name is Bama. These guys are 4-5 months old and longing for a home for Christmas. She is sweet and playful. Come by and meet all 9.

We are in need of some heavy duty toys for the dogs for Christmas.

Shelter hours are Monday 10-12 and Saturday 10-2. Please spay or neuter your pets!

Submitted by Laurie Nevin, Hale County Animal Shelter, 334-352-2000

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You can message me at hairhut@mound.net or you can message me on my MESSENGER on Facebook, listed as Rita Lewis Holifield. Please do not send or call in your information to the papers.

By Rita Lewis

A wonderful crowd and lots of fun during Moundville's Christmas Downtown, this past Sunday evening! A huge shout out to those who managed it all!

Congratulations to Chandler Dare Brooks on being selected to join Sanford University's softball team coaching staff as an Assistant Coach.

Donna Duncan Sealy spent Thanksgiving in Guntersville with friends, Grover and

Mrs. Clara Boozer celebrated her "92nd" Birthday at Moundville Health and Rehab last week on the 28th with a birthday cake for the residents during bingo!

HOW ABOUT THAT BALLGAME? ROLL TIDE! MOUNDVILLE

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Sr. Lunch M-F 11:30 a.m.

12/5: orange and pineapple juice, mojo chicken drums (2), yellow rice/ tomato and pepper, mixed vegetables, cornbread/ butter, white cake, 1% milk/ buttermilk; 12/6: turkey salad sandwich, three bean salad, broccoli salad, citrus fruit salad, whole grain bread (2 slices), apple spice cookie, 1% milk; 12/7: beef hot dog/bun,

green salad/ Italian dressing, mixed fruit, whole grain bread/butter, fruited raspberry gelatin, 1% milk; 12/12: pork chop patty, sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, sesame green beans, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll/ butter, vanilla pudding, 1% milk.

HALE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lunch and breakfast menus are located on The Voice of The Ville Facebook page!

MEMORIALS

In loving memory on their birthday: 12/6: Paul Griffin, Deborah Johnston Wilson; 12/8: Lee Montz, Manly Hall; 12/9: Wendy Johnson Harbin; 12/13: Janice Sams Ballard.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tracy Jenkins, Linda McCray, Betty Pearson, Kylie Brown Townsend, Mary Cook, Michael Martin, Peggy Harbin, Colsyn Armstrong, Thomas Barnes, Stacy Shaw; 12/8: Ellie Yaeger, Rhonda McMillan, Shane Johnson, Seth McCray, Cissy Hewitt; 12/9: Stephanie Knight; 12/10: Glenda Lake Robinson, Susan Hoggle Rice, Melissa Averette; 12/11: Sara Jo Martin Owens, Coy Elliott, Marc Mills; 12/12: Jimmy Payne, Johnny King, Charles Yawn; 12/13: Kim Montz Martin, Rick McClelland, Brandi Jackson Ezell, Sissie Johnston, Connie Skelton Johnson, Alesia Tubbs.

That's all for this week, Rita.

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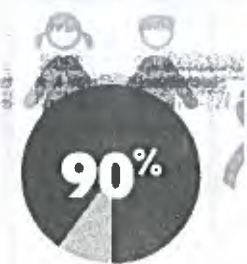
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The Tuscaloosa Police Department is now accepting applications for the Tuscaloosa Police Department's 2019 Citizens Police Academy. Applications may be picked up at the front desk of the Tuscaloosa Police Department, the front desk of any of the precincts or available online at the Tuscaloosa Police Department's website www.tuscaloosapolice.com. The Tuscaloosa Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is a multi-faceted edu-

cational program designed to provide members of our community with the opportunity to gain specific knowledge about the philosophy and processes of the Tuscaloosa Police Department as well as a perspective into the field of law enforcement. The Citizens Police Academy is open to all residents of the City of Tuscaloosa as well as Business Owners that hold a City of Tuscaloosa Business License. The Citizens Police Academy is free of charge, class size is limited and applicants must be at

least 21 years of age to apply. The times of the Citizens Police Academy will be every Monday night starting on February 4th through March 25, 2019 with classes being held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, one Saturday class at the Police Firing Range is required as well as a minimum of a four hour ride-along with a Tuscaloosa Police Patrol Officer. Any participant missing more than one class will be automatically dismissed from the session. The Application deadline is Dec. 31, at 4 p.m. Please return the completed application to the attention of Lieutenant Teena Richardson, at 3801 Trevor S. Phillips Ave. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401, Fax: 205-752-2288 or email address: drichardson@tuscaloosa.com.

UA Preview: This Week at The University of Alabama EVEN WHEN PERFORMING WELL, WOMEN CEOs MORE LIKELY TO BE FIRED – Women CEOs are much more likely than male CEOs to be dismissed, even when the women are performing well, according to research from UA. The findings are detailed in the paper "You're Fired! Gender Disparities in CEO Dismissal," which is accepted for publication in the Journal of Management. Female CEOs are about 45 percent more likely than male CEOs to be dismissed from their firms. The UA researchers, Drs. Sandra Mortal and Vishal Gupta, are available at scmortal@cba.ua.edu and

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Tuscaloosa Police Department's Citizens Police

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Service Programs of West Alabama hosts mobile food pantries

Community Service Programs of West Alabama (CSP), Inc. will host mobile food pantries throughout Fayette Co. The mobile food pantries are designed for food distribution to households in various areas of the county and not just one centralized location. The Cannon area mobile food pantry for Fayette County will be Thursday, Dec. 13 at Calvary Baptist Church, 3715 N. Hwy. 171, Fayette.

In order to enroll in this program, please contact Andrea Harrington, Fayette County Coordinator, at

more information about the CAC, The Arts Council or Bama Theatre, patrons should LIKE the Facebook page "The Arts Council - Bama Theatre - Cultural Arts Center" and follow tuscarts on Twitter. Call (205) 758-5195 or visit tuscarts.org for further information.

**DECEMBER 8
877TH ENGINEER BATTALION
RETIRED EMPLOYEES MEETING**

The next quarterly meeting of the 877th Engineer Battalion Retired Employees will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Cedar Landing Restaurant in Winfield. This will also be our annual Christmas dinner meeting. All former full-time unit support employees (Unit, OMS, R&R, etc.) are cordially invited to attend. We hope you and your spouse/guest will plan to come out and enjoy the evening!

**DECEMBER 9
FAYETTE GARDEN CLUB SPONSORS ANNUAL
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Fayette Art Museum hosts 12th Annual Festival of Trees



The Fayette Art Museum would like to invite everyone to the 12th Annual Festival of Trees opening Monday, Dec. 3 thru Tuesday Jan. 1, 2019. There will be one or more trees in each room of

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WATC to hold meeting

Special to the Independent

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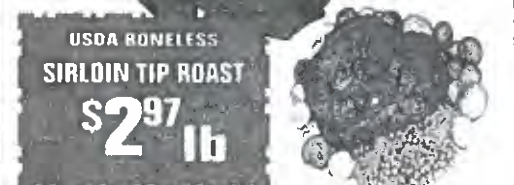
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- Beginning Monday, Jan. 7: Bevill State Community College Machine Tool Technology Building on Industrial Drive in Jasper on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Computer Lab.

- Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 8: Bevill State Community College Hamilton Campus on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Building F - Welding/HVAC classroom.

- Beginning Monday, Jan. 7: Bevill State Community College Fayette Campus on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Math Lab Room 153

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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JANUARY 10

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From My House to Yours

By BILLIE JOY TUCKER

Now that we have entered the New Year, many of you made New Year resolutions. My New Year resolution is to enjoy life as much as possible by not dwelling on those things I am unable to change or control. My motto is going to be "Live, Love, Laugh and Be Happy." We'll have to wait and see how long I can keep this one. Wish me luck!

Piri Piri Chicken

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
 Salt/pepper to taste
 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 2 bell peppers, red and yellow, cut into chunks
 1 onion, cut into chunks
 1 small can sliced pineapple
 4 to 6 slices lemon
Marinade:
 3 cloves garlic, minced

1 bunch (about 4-5) green onions, thinly sliced
 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
 1 Tbsp. smoked paprika
 1/2 tsp. chili powder
 1 tsp. oregano
 1/4 cup lime juice
 1/4 cup olive oil
 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar

Make marinade by placing all marinade ingredients in a small bowl and whisking together.

Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Place the chicken in a gallon resealable plastic bag. Pour the marinade over the chicken, seal and toss several times to coat. Refrigerate for at least four hours or overnight.

Preheat the oven to 400°. Remove chicken from bag, drain off the excess marinade. Reserve the marinade! Heat the 2 Tbsp. of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Place the chicken breasts in skillet and cook on each side to a nice golden brown. Turn off the heat.

Transfer the chicken to a 9 x 13 baking pan. Arrange the bell pepper chunks, onion chunks, pineapple slices and lemon slices around the chicken, then pour the reserved marinade over all.

Cover with foil and bake for 20 - 30 minutes until chicken is done and juices run clear. Remove from oven and allow to rest, covered, for at least 10 minutes. Spoon pan juices over chicken when served.

* Delicious served with grilled corn, asparagus and lemon slices.

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JANUARY 14

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR JUDGE JERRY CLARY

A retirement reception for Judge Jerry Clary will be held on Monday, Jan. 14 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the courtroom of the Fayette County Courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend.

JANUARY 14

BELK COMMUNITY CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

The Belk Community Club will have its first monthly meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship.

JANUARY 15

TRI-COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Tri-County Beekeepers Association (Fayette, Lamar and Marion Counties), will have their club meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the State Bank and Trust, 7370 U.S. Hwy. 43, Guin. They will discuss how to keep honeybees alive through winter and preparing for the spring nectar flow. Discussion will include the "feeding of winter bees" and "management systems for our colonies." Anyone interested in learning more about honeybees is welcome to attend. For more information contact Patti Butler at (205) 695-3779 or Mary Yates at (205) 412-1961 or Charlene Taylor at (205) 698-0600.

FOWLERS CROSSROADS

Fowlers Crossroads a fish fry on Saturday Freewill Baptist and \$6 for children of: chicken, fish, baked beans, hushpuppies go to the Fowlers Crossroads department. For more information call at (205) 270-2990 or Sandy Dozier

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Fayette County Commission announces dumpster

The Fayette County Commission will be placing dumpsters at various locations. The chart below to find out when one will be at a location near you.

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2	Bobo Store Parking Lot	Feb. 16	3	Fowle
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4-Day Thirst Conference

**Sunday, Jan. 20 -
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Under the direction of Life Action Ministries, this conference is designed for the entire community and will provide a one-of-a-kind experience, encouraging believers to reconnect with

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Lamar Democrat seeks reporters for Around Vernon type column

In response to some of our readers' requests for a column similar to our popular Around Vernon column we ran for many years, we would like to find some volunteers who would be interested in writing up the local news of their friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, etc. in their town. Professional writing is not a requirement. Anything of interest that people are doing is submittable.

Let us hear from you, if you are interested in being the eyes and ears of your community! Call us at 205-695-7029 or email us at: lamardemocrat@gmail.com

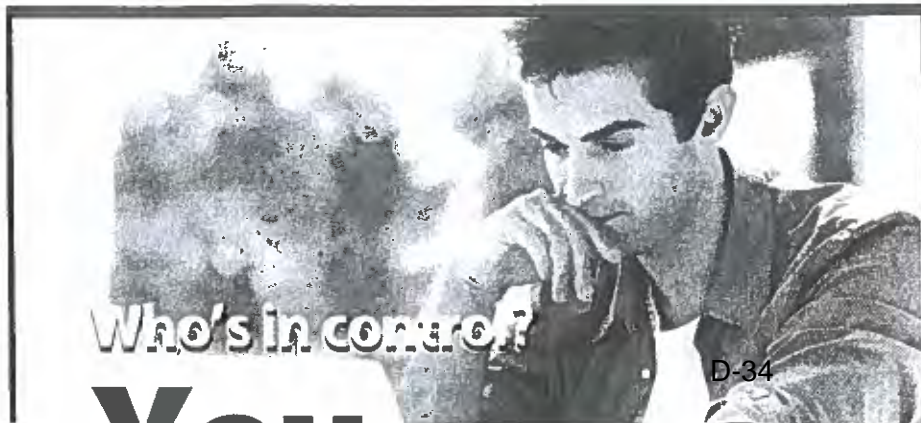
2018 Eldridge Toy Run goes *The children depend on the sun the local and long distance*

The Eldridge Children's Home, with 32 children at the time of the event, still depend on the support from everyone in the local and long distance communities

Before Thanksgiving each year we start watching the extended weather forecast. That's the one factor where we, as a planning team have no control except through prayer. In 15 years we have had all kinds of weather from sunshine, warm, cold, drizzle, frost, windy, etc... But for our 16th year it looked like rain, lots of rain. We encouraged everyone that didn't want to ride their bike or antique & classic cars in the rain to come in their everyday vehicle. The children of the home still wanted to spend the day with them no matter what the weather was doing.

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race Moore, publisher of the Pickens Herald, for the opportunity he provided me. Ann Gates, without I would have been totally lost. Thank you Doug Sanders Jr. gained me and now I pulled out of retirement again to impart wisdom on the new in-editor. I have made new friends and look forward to taking me while moving

each of you the best and thank you. I hope you will all read the Herald and be able to support it. It is a testament to you – the subscribers, and readers of this paper – that it exists in existence and while so many other towns (and large-city) papers go under. You are appreciated.

and I'm not in your shoes) business, but that's going to do a whole lot. I'm going to be able to do it where it's water-tight with that money?" "Yes, sir," responded Carson, "not going to be able to do it but I'm going to get it stable. It is not going to fall in on someone. I'm going to stick with it (McPherson) until it's so good the building is marketable." "You know anyone who is interested in the building, I can get in touch with McPherson," said Carson.

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Agenda

1. Review plan update schedule
2. Review/revise the draft transit plan
3. Verify next meeting date

Any agency that intends to pursue a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled Program, Section 5311 - Nonurbanized Program, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute

Program, or Section 5317 - New Freedom Program grant must participate in the plan development. The draft plan is posted at (<https://www.warc.info/mpo-documents/>).

The plan is a cooperative effort between the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO). The MPO and RPO staff will develop the plan with

the assistance of the West Alabama Transit Committee.

Anyone with an interest in transit service is encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the plan development.

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y Proclaims Jan. 20-26 School Choice Week

A recent proclamation from Gov. Ivey officially recognizes Jan. 20-26 as Alabama School Choice Week. In issuing the proclamation, Gov. Ivey joins other governors and hundreds of city and county leaders nationwide who have issued similar proclamations.

Parents, schools, and other organizers have arranged nearly 750 events and activities across the state of Alabama, such as

rallies, roundtable discussions, coffeehouse meetings, festivals, and school fairs. These events aim to encourage conversations about the educational opportunities parents have, or want to have, for their children.

More than 40,000 events have been independently planned for the week nationwide, raising awareness about opportunity in education.

"We're excited that

Alabama families are so passionate about school choice, and we're encouraged by Gov. Ivey's support for that," said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week. "We wish Alabama families all the best in their celebrations and hope that the planned events and activities will help parents find the educational opportunities that best meet their children's needs."

As a nonpartisan, non-

political public awareness effort, National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for students, families, and communities around the country.

From January 20 through 26, 2019, more than 40,000 independently-planned events will be held in celebration of the Week. For more information, visit www.schoolchoiceweek.com.

University of Alabama to Host Book Drive

The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development will hold its 14th Books for the Alabama Black Belt drive from Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

UA students, faculty and staff, as well as people in the community, may

books appears at the center's Web site: <http://www.uaced.ua.edu/books-for-the-black-belt.html>.

Donation boxes will be in Bidgood Hall, Gorgas Library, North Hall, Foster Hall, the Center

Books also may be dropped off at UACED, 621 Greensboro Ave.

The campaign brings books to students in Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Pickens, Perry, Sumter

to schools in late spring.

For more information about the book campaign, contact Sally Brown at 205-348-8344 or uced@ua.edu.

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deserving. After discussion no action was taken. Long said the lack of data in the ACCA study and not wanting to take out a loan down the road to compensate for the raises and that is why he believes the Auburn pay scale study will greatly benefit the county in the future. Boyett has previously asked for raises for his employees but has been turned down. Donna said, "There is always no money, but there is money somewhere, when it is something the commission wants to do." She cited the promotion in the tag office. Long said one was leaving at a very high rate of salary, but the only reason they could find that money was because one person was leaving, they could hire another person.

"If we go forward and do this without the study, we are going to be right where we are again, with a bigger can of worms than we had to start with," said Long. Money in the probate office was possible because of Judge Nethery giving up \$70K in salary, Long told Donna.

"I've heard 'be patient, we're working on it' too many times, when other people are getting raises. It seems to me that the Commission picks and chooses who they want to give a raise to for whatever reason and hire in at these excess rates when they should be considering the ones who have been loyal for years. Being here 12 year should be taken into consideration too" said Donna.

Boyett asked the Commission about keeping Becky Robertson on in the office and Long told him he would see what can be done.

In other news, the Commission approved rehiring Morgan Hartley in the probate office.

Long said a Facebook page has been set up for commissioners and encouraged citizens to check it.

School closings have not been announced as of Monday morning, pending a winter storm advisory.

Jeff Long was appointed as new member to the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Policy Commission to replace former Commissioner Mike Roney.

Two people were designated to sign checks effective February 1, Judge Nethery and the new county administrator.

Probate Judge Nethery was designated to approve and sign off on General Fund bills.

All commissioners reported grading,

Rita Sweatt at Crews UMC

Please join us for our Women's Day at Crews United Methodist Church (ages 12 and up) on Sat., Feb. 9, 2 to 5 p.m., located at 364 Crews Rd., Sulligent, AL. (4 miles east of Sulligent). Rita Sweatt will present a new teaching on prayer. No charge for admission and no registration required. All donations go to the Crews United Methodist Women's ministry. Program will end with refreshments and door prizes in the fellowship hall. For more info, call Patsy Crutchfield at 698-8442.

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4-H Camp

Register now for 4-H Camp for youth ages 9-14 (as of January 1, 2018). June 12-14 at the Alabama 4-H Center, Columbiana, Alabama. Cost \$106 total, includes lodging, meals, activities, canteen and a camp T-shirt. Parents will be responsible for getting child to and from the 4-H center in Columbiana. Carpooling is encouraged. Space is limited to the first 10 campers from Lamar County. Register at Lamar County Extension Office, 281 Columbus Ave. NW, Vernon, Alabama 35592. A nonrefundable \$2 deposit is required to hold your spot and the remaining \$81 forms are due April 3rd. For info, contact the Lamar County Office at 205-695-7

Overcome Addiction.

In the opiate crisis running in families are looking for ways those they love who need treatment. Getting them into treatment becomes even harder if their loved one is not willing. This is when Intervention can become key. To learn more about successful interventions, please visit, <https://www.narcononnewlifere-treat.org/blog/intervention-101.html> Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754

Free Prostate Cancer Screening

On Saturday, February 9, 2019, the Urology Health Foundation will hold a free prostate cancer screening for men 40 years of age and older from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Pickens County Health Department on 80 William E. Hill Drive in Carrollton, Alabama. No appointments are needed. Pickens County Health Department to be screened. For more information about this free screening, please contact

Community Calendar

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FEBRUARY 5 ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES FOR INDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITY

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FEBRUARY 7 SWAMP JOHN'S TO BE AT FAYETTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Swamp John's will be at Fayette Middle School lunchroom on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 4 - 7 p.m. Cost is \$12. All proceeds go to support the Fayette Middle School FBLA program. Sponsored by the Fayette Middle School FBLA.

FEBRUARY 8 LAWRENCE MILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SOUP AND CHILI FUNDRAISER

Lawrence Mill Volunteer Fire Department will have a soup and chili fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Lawrence Mill Community Center. The cost will be \$6 for soup or chili, crackers, dessert and a drink. For more information call (205) 270-9225.

FEBRUARY 9 LITTLE MISS BERRY PAGEANT

Berry High School will host the annual Little Miss Berry Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Berry High School George Traweck Gymnasium. Registration forms may be picked up from the Berry High School main office. Registration forms are also available from the Berry High School Website. Complete the form and return it along with a \$20 registration fee to the Berry High School main office by Feb. 1. No late registrations will be accepted. Contestant

keynote speaker at the banquet will be Rick Karle, former sports director at Fox 6/WBRC in Birmingham. Tickets for the steak supper are \$25 each. If you can't attend the banquet, carryout plates will be available for pick-up beginning at 4:30 p.m. Contact any FCHS baseball booster or FCHS baseball player for tickets. All proceeds from the event benefit the Fayette County High School Baseball Boosters Club.

Waterfowl Stamp Art Contest now open

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) is now accepting entries for the 2019 Alabama Waterfowl Stamp art contest. The winning artwork will be featured as the design of the 2020-21 stamp. The Alabama stamp is currently required for all licensed hunters when hunting migratory waterfowl in the state. Revenue from the sale of the stamp is used to purchase, establish or improve migratory waterfowl habitat.

The competition is open to resident Alabama artists only. Only original horizontal artworks depicting a species of North American migratory duck or goose will be eligible. The Canada Goose, American Green-winged Teal, and Wood Duck - depicted in the winning artwork of the three previous years' contests - are not eligible as the subject for the 2020-21 waterfowl stamp. Entries must be postmarked no later than March 1.

Judging criteria will emphasize uncluttered design suitable for printing as a stamp, anatomical accuracy of the illustrated species, and artistic rendering. Close attention must be given to tone and detail, since those aspects are prerequisites for printing artwork as a stamp. Wing and feather construction must be particularly well defined. Entries may be drawn or painted in any medium. Entries cannot exceed 9 by 12 inches (15 by 18 inches matted).

The contest winner will be announced in March. Complete contest rules and entry forms for the 2019 contest are available online at www.outdooralabama.com/programs/waterfowl-stamp-art-contest-rules. Artists may also receive an entry form by emailing Seth Maddox at seth.maddox@denr.alabama.gov or by calling (334) 242-3469.



PEOPLE PLACES

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Monday

Diamonds in the Rough, A History of Alabama's Cahaba Coal Field: 10:30-11:45 a.m. at Bryant Conference Center, 240 Paul W. Bryant Drive. James Day will be the speaker. Free. Call 348-6482.

Famous Buildings in Alabama-200 Alabama Bicentennial: 3:15-4:30 p.m. at Bryant Conference Center, 240 Paul W. Bryant Drive. Will Hawkins will be the speaker. Free.

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Shelton State Terrific Tuesday Concert Series: 1 p.m. in the Alabama Power Recital Hall at 9500 Old Greensboro Road. Featuring baritone Christopher O'Rear accompanied by pianist Laurie Middaugh. Free. Recital of arias and art songs. Included on the program will be the songs of Brahms and Poulenc, arias from Bizet's *Carmen*, Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, and Mitch Leigh's *Man of La Mancha*.

Discovering Alabama: 1:45-3 p.m. at Bryant Conference

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Smollett strikes emotional chord: Attackers won't win

The Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Jussie Smollett was blunt, emotional and defiantly determined Saturday night at a Southern California concert some urged him not to play, telling the crowd before singing a note that he had to go on with the show because he couldn't let his attackers win.

"The most important thing I can say is 'thank you so much, and I'm OK,'" said the "Empire" actor and R&B singer from the stage at the Troubadour in West Hollywood in his first public appearance since he reported to police in Chicago on Tuesday that two masked men had assaulted him and put

will always stand for love. I will only stand for love."

His small band then launched into an upbeat song and he broke into dance, wearing a simple white buttoned shirt, white sneakers and black jeans, shuffling across the front of the stage and at times standing defiantly with a fist in the air.

Smollett kept the tone mostly celebratory through his hour-long set before addressing the attack head-on toward the end of his hour-long set, when he told the crowd he wanted to clarify a few things.

He said he was bruised but his ribs were not cracked. He went straight to the doctor but was not hospitalized, and physicians in both Chicago and Los



In this Aug. 8, 2017 file photo, Jussie Smollett participates in the "Empire" panel during the FOX Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. (PHOTO BY WILLY SANJUAN/INVISION/AP, FILE)

investigators.

Chicago police also said Smollett has been cooperative and they have found no reason to think he's not being genuine.

Smollett stars alongside Terence and Taraji P. Henson in "Empire," the Fox TV show about the power struggles of a family in the music business that is now in its fifth season. The series has allowed Smollett to play, sing and occasionally write music in addition to acting.

Last year he released a solo album, "Sum of My Music," which made up much of Saturday night's set, along with songs from "Empire."

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"History of Coaling": 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Coaling Town Hall, 11281 Stephens Loop, Coaling. Frank Zark will be the speaker. Free. Call 348-6482.

Tuscaloosa County High School Showcase Choir

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Performances: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Bama Theatre, 600 Greensboro Ave. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$10 for reserved seats. Available at the door. All TCHS choirs will perform.

PARA4Life Dance: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Featuring the Country Gold Band. Cost is \$5.

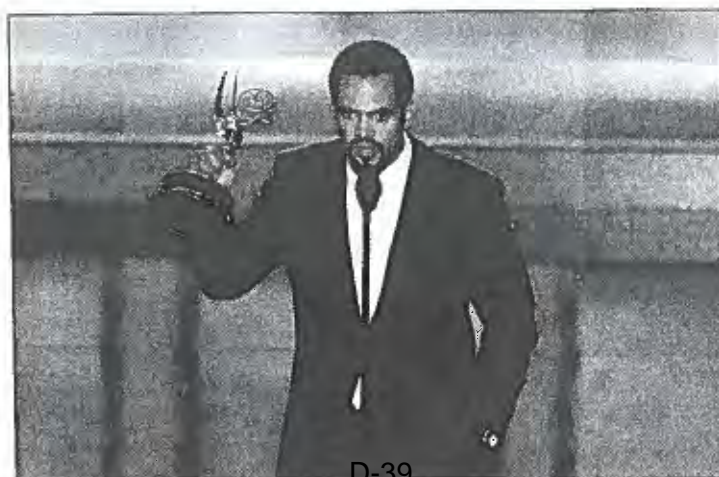
'Young and the Restless' actor St. John dead at 52

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kristoff St. John, who played the struggling alcoholic and ladies' man Neil Winters for 27 years on "Young and the Restless," has died. He was 52.

Los Angeles police were called to his home Sunday and his body was turned over to the coroner. The cause of death was not immediately available Monday.

St. John had played Neil Winters on the CBS soap



Kristoff St. John accepts the award for outstanding supporting

were fortunate enough to work with him on 'The Young and the Restless' for the last 27 years, he was a beloved friend whose smile and infectious laugh made every day on set a joy and made audiences love him," the statement said.

Fellow cast members and friends were shocked and saddened.

"Sitting by myself in my car! It's raining outside, with dark clouds and wind outside... am reading your tweets about my friend KRISTOFF! Thank you all for your kind words! I have none right now! He was

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AROUND TOWN

Wednesday

West Alabama Transit Committee: 10 a.m. at West Alabama Regional Commission, 4200 Alabama Highway 69 North, Northport. The purpose is to update the coordinated transit plan for West Alabama. For special assistance, call 333-2990.

"African-Americans in the U.S. Military From the American Revolution to Integration": 3:15-4:30 p.m. at Bryant Conference Center, 240 Paul W. Bryant Drive. Robert Kane will be the speaker. Free. Call 348-6482.

Southern Writers on Southern Writing: 6:30-8 p.m. at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, 620 Greensboro Ave. Free. Featuring Selah Satterstrom, Daniel

Black and Brian Teare.

Thursday

"Alabama, From Territory to Statehood": 3:15-4:30 p.m. at Bryant Conference Center, 240 Paul W. Bryant Drive. Chris McIlwain will be the speaker. Free. Call 348-6482.

History of Coaling: 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Coaling Town Hall, 11281 Stephens Loop, Coaling. Frank Zark will be the speaker. Free. Call 348-6482.

Tuscaloosa County High School Showcase Choir Performances: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Bama Theatre, 600 Greensboro Ave. Tickets are \$7 general and \$10 for reserved seats. Available at the door. All TCHS

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Friday

The Cadillac Three: 9 p.m. at the Druid City Music Hall, 1307 University Blvd. Tickets cost \$20-\$35. For more information, go to www.druidcitymusicahall.com.

PARA4Life Dance: 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Cost is \$5. Featuring the Over the Hill Band.

Country Music Live: 7-10 p.m. at Old Fayette Community Center, Alabama Highway 171 South,

Send us your events



Around Town, compiled by news assistant Peggy Skelton Johnson, highlights

community activities. To submit information, email peggy.skelton@tuscaloosanews.com, call 205-722-0199, fax 205-722-0118 or write 315 28th Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Please submit calendar items at least a week in advance.

Fayette. Featuring Judy Moore and the Good Time Band. Call 393-8386.

Exhibit shows Ivanka Trump lookalike vacuuming

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new art exhibit at a Washington museum shows an Ivanka Trump lookalike pushing a vacuum cleaner and invites spectators to toss crumbs for her to clean up.

The art piece by Jennifer Rubell, titled "Ivanka Vacuuming," opened Feb. 1 and continues through Feb. 17 at the Flashpoint Gallery. The public is encouraged to "throw crumbs onto the carpet, watching as Ivanka elegantly vacuums up the mess, her smile never wavering."

A large text description of the work hanging on the gallery wall describes Ivanka Trump as "a figure whose public persona incorporates an almost comically wide range of feminine identities — daughter, wife, mother,



In this March 22, 2018 file photo, Ivanka Trump listens to question during a Generation Next White House forum at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington. [AP PHOTO/MANUEL BALCE CENETA]

exhibit on Tuesday as a sexist attempt to humiliate her.

self-professed 'feminists' launching sexist attacks

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The work is open to the public from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibit is presented by the CulturalDC arts organization, and Executive Director Kristi Maiselman said her group is always happy to present "timely boundary-pushing installations" like this.

The gallery text declares Ivanka Trump to be a "contemporary feminine icon" and an avatar for the complexities of modern femininity.

Rubell, a New York-based conceptual artist, said in an interview on the CulturalDC website that the experience is meant to draw observers and crumb-throwers into a complicit relationship.

"Here is what's complicated: We enjoy throwing the crumbs for Ivanka to vacuum. That is the icky

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fees and permits. Fishing in a private pond requires
the pond owner's permission. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/fishing for more information.

Lamar County Board of Education meetings

The Lamar County Board of Education will hold
its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at
6:00 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board
Meeting Room of the Central Office at 150 Butler
Circle SW, Vernon.

Homecoming and Decoration

Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church will have
Homecoming and Decoration on June 9, 2019,
starting at 11:00 a.m. for service and 12:00 noon for
lunch. Come and join us! Willard Pless, Pastor

Millport Summer Reading program

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gram will be held July 15-19. There will be entertain-
ment, games and prizes daily. Please come and regis-
ter before this date to be a part of it. For ages 5ys 6th
grade. For more info and to register, call 662-4286.

Happy 80th birthday to Flora Bryant McCool and the Class of 1957

A birthday celebration for all will be held at the
Historical (old ag) building in Kennedy (across the
railroad tracks), on Co. Rd. 49 on Saturday, June 15,
from 1 to 4 p.m. with birthday cake and other snacks.
All loved ones, friends and acquaintances welcome.
No gifts required except your presence.

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WARC at least 48 hours prior to the day of the
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Rowland Cemetery Reunion

The Rowland Cemetery Reunion will be Sun-
day from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring your own
bottled ice water. No food will be served. This is
the decoration for Rowlands, Richards, Crawleys,
Crowleys, etc. Location is on Rowland Cemetery
Road, a dirt road three miles west of Belk.

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“The Rural Broadband Initiative,” allows the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to expand the grant program for broadband providers in

The bill also raises the minimum transmission speeds required to participate in the grant program and creates a “middle mile” component, which will allow companies to

improving broadband is equally as important,” explained Reed. “This bill sets up rural Alabama for further growth and prosperity, and I thank Senator Scofield for spearheading this important work.”

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West Alabama Public Transit Plan meetings scheduled for area

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- Pickens County - July 25, 9 a.m. - Pickens County Commission Chamber, 20 Phoenix Ave., Carrollton.
- Tuscaloosa County - July 1st Avenue NW, Fayettec.
- Fayette County - July 23, 5 p.m. - Fayette County Commission Chamber, 103 1st Avenue NW, Fayettec.
- Pickens County - July 25, 9 a.m. - Pickens County Commission Chamber, 20 Phoenix Ave., Carrollton.
- Tuscaloosa County - July 1st Avenue NW, Fayettec.

- **Greene County - July 10, 9 a.m. - Tuscaloosa Intermodal Center, 601 23rd Avenue, 11 a.m. - James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Ave., Tuscaloosa.**

The public meetings will include a formal review of the plan by the MPO and RPO staff as well as a question and answer session. Copies of the plan will be available at the meeting. Meeting attendees will also be given an opportunity to complete comment forms or to provide recorded comments.

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Commission (WARC), 4200 Highway 69 North, Northport, for public review from June 3 through August 1, 2019. The plan is also available on the internet at (<https://www.warc.info/mp-o-documents>) and by mail (205-333-2990, extension 213). All comments must be received before August 1.

The plan provides a review of the current transit systems and includes improvement strategies, project lists, and maps. To be eligible to re-

in broadband penetration could increase economic growth by 1.2 percent. It also stated that doubling broadband speeds can add 0.3 percent to GDP growth. As of 2018, it is estimated that 800,000 people in Alabama are without access to a wired connection capable of all-25Mbps download speeds, and 276,000 people in Alabama do not have any wired internet providers available at all.

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be every Thursday afternoon from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. now through August 9, located at the walking track in front of City Hall Complex. Come get your fresh vegeta-bles from local farmers. If you would like to set up to sell or would like more info, call or text Susan at 662-364-6883.

Kennedy Baptist VBS

Kennedy Baptist Church will host Gospel-topia Vacation Bible School June 24 - 27 from 6 - 8 p.m. for ages Pre-K through 6th grade. A kickoff event will be held Sunday, June 23 from 5 - 7 p.m. Come pre-register for VBS and enjoy jumpers inside the Family Life Center. To schedule a ride to VBS or for more infor-ma-tion, call 596-3713.

LCCHS Color Guard Yard Sale

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Elder Abuse Seminar

The Area Agency on Aging of West Alabama is proud to partner with the Alabama Securi-

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877th Engineer Battalion Retired Employees Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the 877th Engineer Battalion retired Employees will be held on The Lamar Democrat R June 12, 2019 su Page 4

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involved with and connected to our communities as they age. As a result, older people are more likely to experience social isolation, which increases the likelihood of abuse and neglect. We can design stronger societal supports to keep our older people connected and protect them from abuse, whether financial, emotional, physical or sexual. When we address a root cause, like social isolation, we also make it less likely that people will neglect themselves (self-neglect). Older adults who are social-

ly connected and protected from harm are less likely to be hospitalized, less likely to go into nursing homes and less likely to die. We can and must create healthier and safer living environments for older adults, including their homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. Get more information about how to make a difference by calling your local Ageline at 1-800-432-5030 or the West Alabama Area Agency on Aging at 205-333-2990 to explore local community services and supports.

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Dannielle Roberts achieves membership in Million Dollar Round Table, MDRT

Dannielle, a representative for Modern Woodmen of America, is one of a small percentage (3%) of financial representatives worldwide to achieve membership in the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) again this year.

"It has been such a joy to serve my community for the past 7 years. As a Retirement Income Specialist, it is my goal to make sure that each individual and family that I work with receive the highest level of service and attention. I look forward to building many more relationships in the years to come and assisting as many people as possible in achieving their financial



MDRT, The Premier Association of Financial Professionals®, is a global, independent association of more than 49,000 of the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 500 companies in 70 countries. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and

Lamar County Student Earns \$1,000 Alfa Foundation Scholarship

A local college student will get a little relief when tuition bills come due for the 2019-2020 school year thanks to a \$1,000 scholarship awarded through the competitive Alfa Foundation Scholarship Program.

Carson Lindsey of Kennedy is a South Lamar School graduate and a junior at the University of Alabama studying kinesiology.

The program is administered through Scholarship America, which selects 100 recipients based on academics, participation in school and community activities.

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where they can use their skill sets to gain additional experience."

Here are the Alabama Power offices closing later this summer:

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Carrollton to host public transit plan meeting

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Shelton State announces Fall 2019 registration date

Shelton State Community College (SSCC) is in the process of transitioning to a new system that will streamline processes and information. The new pilot platform, OneACCS, is a single, cloud-based system that will be used throughout the Alabama Community College System (ACCS).

With this upgrade in mind, the first day of fall registration is tentatively set for July 15. The implementation of new technology will provide enhanced services and unprecedented access from mobile devices. New

and current students are encouraged to meet with their advisors ahead of the transition to OneACCS to prepare for fall registration. The transition will not affect summer registration. The overall process for

One ACCS is a large undertaking that involves all student, financial, accounts receivable, and human resources records, and the registration date is tentative based on transition completion. If registration dates are updated or changed, students will be notified via email and social media.

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to 4 p.m. Mrs. Fowler welcomes everyone to come help her celebrate this special occasion. She turned 90 years old on June 14. If you see her, wish her happy birthday.

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Kennedy Summer Reading program

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Kids & Kin Lamar County June/July meetings

The Kids & Kin Program, a statewide program for relative child care providers, will meet at the Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library, 44425 Hwy. 17, Vernon from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. June 25, Alabama,

the West Alabama Regional Commission Board of Directors on June 27, 2019 at 11:45 a.m. in the Conference Room of the West Alabama Regional Commission, Building One, 4200 Highway 69 North, Northport, Alabama. Presiding will be Tuscaloosa County Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Directors of the West Alabama Regional Commission, the Honorable Jerry Tingle. The meeting is open to the public. If you plan to attend, please call in advance. Anyone requiring special as-

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was recently purchased for the Street Department.

This attachment will allow the operator of the excavator to reach areas that need to be bush hogged that the current tractor and side cutter cannot reach.

Warrior Equipment Company of Tuscaloosa submitted a quote for the purchase and installation of the cutting attachment at their facility. The amount submitted was \$7,486, which also includes adding safety protection to the excavator for the operator of the unit.

City officials discussed additional points of the installation quote at length, and agreed to table the matter until Warrior could provide a quote with a detailed line item list and costs associated with each line.

The matter will be brought back up at a future meeting.

The council approved a contract for LED lighting to be installed by Alabama Power Company at the Sulligent Walking Lamar Leader
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Sulligent, from front

\$544 per month with the current style of lighting.

These lights have to be part of a separate contract than the streetlight conversion one that was recently approved, due to the track not being an actual street.

Next, the council approved the closure of City Hall on Friday, July 5th to add some additional 4th of July time off for city employees.

The council approved attaining a \$500,000 note to help with the payment of the Weeping Road water tank and well project. Construction is winding down on the project and some of the contractors are due portions of their payments. The project is nearing completion and hopefully will be on line in the very near future.

Councilor Turner inquired about the recent sewer system smoke test which was held in a portion of his district recently.

City officials reported that several problem areas were defined, some like manhole covers and other infrastructure issues were on the city right of way, and would be looked into. But there were others, mainly broken, non-existent, or incorrectly installed sewer line caps, traps, and

venting pipes in and around private homes which will need to be corrected by the property owners, as they are not on city right of way.

Chief McDaniel reported that some of the Bradford Pear trees around town were blocking streetlights and need to be cut back.

Mayor Boman told the council that the Sulligent Chamber of Commerce, Sulligent Civic Club, and Sulligent Community Church were in the process of planning a joint 4th of July event which would be held at the walking track on that evening.

The event will feature fireworks, food, and other activities. He added that any other organization that would like to help can contact any of the above mentioned entities for additional information.

Mayor Boman also told the council that he and Street Department Manager Joe Carter had been in contact with a contractor that is working on a drainage issue at a Mulberry Road business parking lot.

The primary issue is a collapsed culvert located deep under the parking lot.

When asked about the city's ability to help extract and install the culvert, the

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Hall (located at, 25226
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describe the positive impact
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his family will be held Saturday, June 22,
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Hamlin (continued from front)
Q: What made you de-
cide to stay in this office?
AH: "I guess it's one of
those things where God just
puts you where you needs
to be. I fell in love with the
courtroom, working with
law enforcement, and I
enjoy working with victims.
I enjoy doing a job on a
daily basis that you're mak-
ing a living doing the right
thing."
Q: What parts of the job
are the toughest?
AH: "There are several
unfortunate duties that go
along with this job. You
have cases where you know
people in their families. It's
emotionally hard and it's
taxing on you, but at the
end of the day, you've got a
job to do and you raised
your right hand and took
an oath that you were going
to do your job."
Q: If it's a case where you
know someone, do you
have to let someone else

times they may recuse. If I
did that, I'd recuse from all
of them, especially in Pick-
ens County."
Q: You're not involved
with the Abston case, but is
it emotionally taxing when
you are presented with
those type of cases in the
community?
AH: Well, we've been
through hard times before.
I don't mean that towards
anybody specifically, but in
cases we've prosecuted here
and things that we have to
do. These types of situations
happen and if they don't
then you're living in a vac-
uum. That's part of life and
it's part of this job. We'll get
past it. Law enforcement
here is strong. We've got
some good leaders. We've
got good chiefs and we have
good officers. We're going
to get through it."
Q: How did you like
working under Chris Mc-
Cool, during his time as
DA?
AH: Chris was my boss
and my mentor. He taught
me how to practice law. He

Lammers' scout troop. I
rose through the ranks and
got my eagle scout. Mr.
Lammers has had a pro-
found affect on my life. He
made you grow up. There
were things that were not
acceptable to him, such as
being late, not doing what
you tell people you're going
to do, or not being prepared
when you show up. He in-
stilled that in all his scouts."
Q: You now have your
own scout troop, correct?
AH: "Fast forward 20
years, some friends came up
to me and said 'We want
you to start a cub scouts
pack.' I had a son that was
about that age at the time,
so we started Pack 18 in Al-
iceville. The Aliceville Bap-
tist Church is our charter.
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will be Sunday, July 1st, which will be served at 11:00 a.m. and will resume at 1:00 p.m. in the kitchen, Doug and Iva, plus congregational members who have relatives buried at Providence Cemetery, as., 305 Union Ave., next to Danny McDonough.

14th of July celebration

Networks show will be back beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a special theme this year: "Small Town America." We will have presentations of people who have lived in the South Lamar area, two patriotic photo-essays with your photos, face painting and

dialogue of Mary, Martha and Jesus. We are anticipating a grand time and would be so ever grateful to have you in our midst. Thank you, yours in Christ, Sis. A. L. Williams, Secretary; Rev. David Smith, Pastor.

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Reflections: An Appeal To Cellphone Courtesy

I learned some new things, except several from a gentlemen at our table. They not only stayed on their cellphones throughout the lecture, but they whispered to one another the entire time. The matter of us didn't seem to be urgent since they

joked amongst themselves. I thought how strange that these members weren't supportive of their organization and might as well not have been there at all.

I suppose common courtesy isn't so common anymore, especially in the era of cellphones. The stats say more than 90 percent of American adults have one, and the Pew Research Center asserts the cellphone is the fastest most adopted device in history. I understand the advantages, of course. I remember years ago collecting three or four telephone numbers for hotels and conference centers where I might be reached by the deacon chairman if needed. This seems so archaic now since we're never far from contact.

But I also lament that many appear to be conversant on cellphones but not with each other. How often do we see families in restaurants with each person on their phones instead of talking together?

Teachers frequently fight this battle in the classroom. Some schools have strict policies, but others leave discretion to the instructor. Nevertheless, some students can't seem to function without device in hand. A teacher told me of two disruptive students who she eventually confronted. They admitted they were texting each other during

end plans were. She told them they were wasting their parents' money in a college classroom since they weren't learning or preparing for a career.

We face the same kind of issue in the churches. Many follow the day's scripture text on Bible apps, and this is fine. But others, I'm told, apparently choose to text and surf and ignore scriptural truth shared from the pulpit.

We had a different manifestation a few years back when pastors commonly included notes in the weekly bulletin with spaces for key words. One lady said to me, "My pastor thinks I'm taking sermon notes, but I'm really making my shopping list!" I was surprised by her admission and by her levity, and I couldn't help but think she was treating her spiritual life very casually.

It's a courtesy to pay attention to anyone presenting helpful information. This is uniquely true in the churches where ministers work hard to share life-changing truth each week. Choosing to ignore God's word is not only discourteous, but a bad life decision.

Reflections is a weekly devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala. The church's website

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"It's our hashtag, but it's true: We Have Jobs!"

Over-the-year job growth (May 2018-May 2019, not seasonally adjusted) in Alabama measured 1.9%, while job growth in the U.S. over the same time period measured 1.5%.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 38,800, with gains in the professional and business services sector (+8,900), the leisure and hospitality sector (+7,300), and the construction sector

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Additionally, the civilian labor force increased to 2,233,045 in May, representing its highest level ever. The civilian labor force represents the number of people, aged 16 and over, who are either working or looking for work, excluding the military and those in institutions.

All 67 counties experienced both over-the-month and over-the-year unemployment rate decreases.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.1%, Marshall County at 2.3%, and Morgan and Elmore Counties at 2.4%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 6.6%, Greene County at 5.7%, and Lowndes County at 5.6%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 1.8%, Homewood at 1.9%, and Alabaster and Hoover at 2.1%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 6.2%, Prichard at 5.4%, and Anniston at 4.1%.

Community Calendar

Pickensville Accepting Vendor Applications

The Town of Pickensville is now accepting vendor applications for Pickensville's 14th Annual Pre-Fireworks Celebration to be held at Tom Bevill Lock and Dam Visitor center on June 29, 2019. Cost for a small booth is \$50; cost for a large booth is \$100. Applications can be picked up from the Town Clerk between the hours of 9-5 at Pickensville Town Hall. The application deadline is June 18. Call 205-373-2068 for more info.

Pickens County High School Reunion

The 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960 classes will celebrate their class reunions at Stansel Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, and Saturday August 3, with the 1959 class celebrating their 60th reunion. Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Ya'll come! We'll have fun and food for all!

PCMC Foundation Golf Tournament

The Annual PCMC Foundation Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 29, at Aliceville Country Club. The two-man scramble is \$170 per team and an optional \$15 per player for three Mulligans. The entrance fee includes a 21-hole tournament, a 2019 tournament t-shirt, along with lunch and raffles. The entry deadline is Wednesday, June 26, and registration forms are available at the PCMC Pickens County Herald 6/26/2019 Page 2

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Pickensville Fireworks Show

The Town of Pickensville and the Pickensville Community Affairs organization is happy to announce the Town of Pickensville will be hosting its 14th Annual Pre-Fourth of July Fireworks event on Saturday, June 29, with activities beginning at 4 p.m. and the fireworks display beginning at 9:15 p.m. or upon darkness.

This event will take place at the Tom Bevill Lock and Dam Visitor Center, Aliceville, Alabama.

The Town of Pickensville, 16831 Highway 14, Pickensville, Alabama 35447. Please make check/money order payable to: The Town of Pickensville Festival Fund; write "fireworks" in the memo area.

For additional information, feel free to contact the Town Hall Clerk at (205)-373-2068, Pickensville or Mayor Donna Sherrod at (205)-373-0051.

Kids & Kin Pickens County

Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Aliceville Public Library.

June 27 - Alabama, Simply Amazing Part 2 (bring the kids)

July 11 - From Mountains to the Sea, Alabama the Place to Be! Part 1 (bring the kids)

July 25 - From Mountains to the Sea, Alabama the Place to Be! Part 2 (bring the kids)

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WEEK IN HISTORY

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theme this year to celebrate 200 years in small town America. We wish to celebrate all the generations of people who through their hard work, generous spirit, and difficult choices have helped to grow the South Lamar area to what it is today. There will be two patriotic photo booths set up for you to take snapshots with your family and friends, t-shirts, jumpers, face painting and hair tensile, live entertainment, patriotic costume contest and food vendors. The fireworks will begin at dark around 9:00 p.m. Veterans will be honored on a Bicentennial Wall of Decorated Heroes. For more info, call 205-662-4228.

Lamar County Farmers Market

Buy fresh, buy local, at the Lamar County Farmers Market, 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, at the Lamar County Extension Office, 281 Columbus Ave. NW, Vernon (located in front of Pizza Hut. Join them on July 9 for Tomato Sandwich Day, for free samples or a chance to win free prod-ucts. Most vendors take senior vouchers or cash. Call the office at 695-7139 or Call Mac Washington at 712-1593 for more information,

Ham Radio Classes

The West Alabama Amateur Radio Club will hold a one-month course where you can learn everything you need to earn your Technician (entry level) FCC Amateur Radio License. You do not need to learn Morse code. Classes at 6 p.m. at the Lamar Emergency Operations Training Center. Registration is not required. To join, contact David Bash, 205-557-0295 or w4gmi@gmail.com

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Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp

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Beginning at the intersection of the right-of-way bounded by Woods Circle (50' Right-of-way boundary indicated) and the East right-of-way boundary of State Highway #1 (ROW indicated), the easterly and along the right-of-way bounded by Woods Circle a distance of approximately 303 feet to a point which is the north corner of the property owned by Billy T. Flippo; thence southerly along the west boundary of the Flippo property a distance of approximately 60 feet to a point which is the southwest corner of the Flippo tract; thence westerly and parallel to the southern right-of-way boundary of Woods Circle a distance of 60 feet; thence southerly and parallel to the south right-of-way boundary of Woods Circle the intersection with the East right-of-way boundary of Alabama State Highway #17; thence run northerly and along the right-of-way bounded by Alabama State Highway #17 a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel herein conveyed being in and part of the 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 13 North, Range 15 West, in the Sulligent, Lamar County, Alabama.

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RPO Meeting

The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings: Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Greene

Guidelines for Submitting your Church/Community Announcements

These are free as long as there are no personal messages and the event is not being charged for (love offerings do not count; however, charging for vendor spaces does).

Please keep the announcement to one paragraph with who is presenting the event, what the event is, date, time, where it will be held and contact information.

Deadlines are FRIDAYS BEFORE 4 P.M.

Email them to times@mound.net or drop them off at Moundville Times at 46 2nd Ave. in Moundville in the Masons' Building/Old Post Office.

We can not take anything over the phone due to company policy.

Community Events

Co. July 25 11 a.m. - James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Ave., Eutaw; Hale County July 16, 5 p.m. Moundville Library, 279 Market St., Moundville; Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Aug. 8 10:00 a.m. West Alabama Regional Commission, 4200 Hwy. 69 N., Northport, AL 3. RPO Policy Committee, Aug. 9 10:30 a.m. - West Alabama Regional Commission. A public involvement meeting for the West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 will be held at the beginning of each CTAC meeting. The RPO staff will be available to review the plan and answer questions. The committees will discuss the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019, and Fiscal Year 2020 RPO Work Program at the meetings. The meeting packets are posted on the WARC website (<https://www.warc.info/rpo-meetings/>), and the draft documents are available at (<https://www.warc.info/rpo-documents/>). In addition, the Alabama Division of the Federal Highway Administration will provide an update

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Department Accepting Century & Heritage Farm and Bicentennial Farm Applications

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is accepting applications for the annual Century and Heritage (C & H) Farm and Bicentennial Farm programs. The purpose of both programs is to recognize family farms that have played a significant role in Alabama's history. A Century Farm is one that has been in the same family continuously for at least 100 years and currently has some agricultural activities on the farm. The farm must include at least 40 acres of land and be owned by the applicant or nominee. A Heritage Farm is one that has been operated continuously as a family farm for at least 100 years. The farm must possess interesting and important historical and agricultural aspects, including one or more structures at least 40 years old. The farm must also include at least 40 acres of land owned and operated by the applicant, who must reside in Alabama. To date, over 650 farms across the state have been recognized by the C & H Farm program. The ADAI is also accepting applications for the Bicentennial Farm program. On Dec. 14 our state will officially observe its 200th birthday. Agriculture is an integral part of our state's heritage and the love of the land demonstrated by these families deserves recognition. The Bicentennial Farm program honors family farms that have remained in the same family for 200 years and is administered similarly to the C & H Farm program. To date, only eight farms in the state have been recognized by this program. A Bicentennial Farm must currently have some agricultural activities, be at least 40 acres in size and owned by an Alabama resident. Applicants for the program are required to complete a registration form that traces the family lineage of property ownership and a description of agricultural activities that took place. The application also requests photos be included of any structures that remain on the property that are 40 years old or older even though structures are not required to qualify for the program. If your farm meets the qualifications for the 2019 C & H Farm program or 2019 Bicentennial Farm program, contact Amy Belcher at 334/240-7126 or by email amy.belcher@agi.alabama.gov to receive an application. A copy of both applications are attached to this release and are also available on the department's website www.agi.alabama.gov under the "Forms" tab and by selecting "Bicentennial Farm" or "Century & Heritage Farm." All applicants must complete the appropriate Ownership Registration Form and return it to the ADAI by Aug 30.

Saturdays in the Park at UA's Moundville Archaeological Park

Join us this summer 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in front of or inside Jones Archaeological Museum: July 6 Hoop Dancing Lyndon Alec; July 13 Flute Making Charlie Mato-Toyola; July 20 Pottery Firing Tammy Bean; July 27 Textile Making Cat Sloan; Aug. 3 Copper Working Bill Skinner. Don't Forget Our Native American Festival! October 9-12, 2019!

Red Cross

Donors of all blood types are urged to give now to help meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Tuscaloosa: 7/19: 2 - 7 p.m., University Mall, 1701 McFarland Blvd.; 7/25: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Insuresoft, 550 Greensboro Ave., Suite

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Sweet, playful litter, who are ready for forever homes with very shiny coats that get along very well with other dogs, too. They will make a great addition to any home. Shelter hours are Mon. 10-12 and Sat. 10-2. Please help fight pet

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Submitted by Laurie Nevin, Hale County Animal Shelter, 334-624-8120

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THIS WEEK IN ALABAMA HISTORY

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July 3, 1920

Crawford Gorgas, U.S. Surgeon General, 1915-world-renowned expert on tropical diseases, dies while en route to South Africa. Gorgas was born in 1854 and served as the Chief Sanitation Officer in Havana, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War. He supervised the building of the Panama Canal, 1904-1914. Tropical climates Gorgas saved hundreds of lives by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds and controlling the spread of yellow fever.

July 3, 1927

C. Hall, Sr., editor of the Montgomery Advertiser, publishes the cornerstone editorial in a series of pieces in the 1928 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing. The editorials, directed against the Ku Klux Klan, called for politicians and citizens to take a stand against the organization. Hall especially reprimanded Gov. Bibb Graves, urging him to take measures to end the floggings of white and black men and women.

July 4, 1881

The Tuskegee Institute, now known as Tuskegee University, in Tuskegee, Alabama. The historically black university was established by Lewis Adams and Booker T. Washington and was home to scientist George Washington Carver and World War II's Tuskegee Army Airfield.

July 5, 1819

Alabama's first constitutional convention is convened in Montgomery. Less than a month later the forty-four delegates, representing twenty-two counties, adopted what would become the Constitution of 1819, the first of six Alabama constitutions.

July 7, 1890

Margaret Walker is born in Birmingham. Walker is known for her collections of poetry and her novel, "The March of the Pioneers," which is based on her maternal grandmother's life.

Free Medicare

Education Class

There will be a free Medicare Education Class Tuesday July 23, at 10 a.m. at the Gordo City Hall. Come learn: what Medicare covers, when to enroll in Medicare, how to enroll and what options you have for additional coverage. Information provided by Kim Booth from the Pickens County Herald.

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Public Transit Transit Planning Meeting

The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold a public meeting for the Draft West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 on July 25, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the Pickens County Commission Chamber, located at 20 Phoenix Avenue in Carrollton.

Pickens County High School Reunion

The 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960 classes will celebrate their class reunions at Stansel Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, and Saturday August 3, with the 1959 class celebrating their 60th reunion. Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Ya'll come! We'll have fun and food for all!

Kids & Kin

Pickens County
from 10 a.m.
at Aliceville

From the Mountains to the Sea, Alabama the Place to Be! Part 1 (bring the kids)

July 25 - From the Mountains to the Sea, Alabama the Place to Be! Part 2 (bring the kids).

Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp

The Ronnie McCollum basketball camp to be held July 22-26. The cost of the camp is \$85; the camp will be held July 22-26 at Fayette High School from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily. This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-18. Please mail all camp information to Ronnie McCollum LLC 413 19th Street NW Fayette Alabama 35555 including name, age, and t-shirt size of camper. If you

have questions, please call 205-932-8285. Thanks so much to each of you for getting this information out to the public.

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Brown Family Reunion

The John David Brown and Walter O. Brown Family Gathering will be on July 6, 2019 from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. At the home of Mark and Pam Jones (Zion Community), 2675 Zion Road, Gordo, Ala. Swimming pool and games for the young and plenty of memories and fellowship for all. For more information, call Clars Fair at 205-364-0711 or Lisa F. Sanders at 205-

Local forestry teams earn awards

The 4-H Forestry Invitational was recently held on June 18-19 at Auburn University. Each team member worked very

thoroughly, tree measurement, topography maps, and compass and pacing. Caleb Poland received 4th in tree identification, 1st in com-

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sweet and very smart young lady. Congratulations Madison."

WoodmenLife Chapter 513 will continue to award one student from each of the Lamar county schools each year who have the highest average in history. Congratulations Madison.

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West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 Public Meetings

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Fayette County - July 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m. - Fayette County Commission Chamber, 103 1st Avenue NW, Fayette, AL

Lamar County - July 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - Lamar County Commission Chamber, 44690 Highway 17, Vernon, AL

Pickens County - July 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - Pickens County Commission Chamber, 20 Phoenix Avenue, Carrollton, AL

The public meetings will include a formal review of the plan by the MPO and RPO staff as well as a question and answer session. Copies of the plan will be available at the meeting. Meeting attendees will also be given an opportunity to complete comment forms or to provide recorded comments.

The plan will be available at the West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC), 4200 Highway 69 North, Northport, for public review from June 3 through August 1, 2019. The plan is also available on the internet

at (<https://www.warc.info/mpo-documents>) and by mail (205-333-2990, extension 213). All comments must be received before August 1, 2019.

The plan provides a review of the current transit systems and includes improvement strategies, project lists, and maps. To be eligible to receive certain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants, transit agencies must participate in the plan development. The affected grants include Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled Program, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, and Section 5317 - New Freedom Program.

The MPO is scheduled to adopt the draft plan at their August 26, 2019 meeting and the RPO is scheduled to adopt it at their August 9, 2019 meeting. Before adopting the plan, the MPO and RPO will review all comments from the public and make changes to the plan if warranted. If major revisions are required, the public will be given another opportunity to inspect the plan.

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Kennedy



Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. 2,684 sq. ft. Located in the county on 1 acre +/- Huge walk-out basement with living room that could be a playroom, bedroom for a teenager, with two additional rooms. Barn shaped storage building with upstairs. Kitchen remodeled and new roof in 2016. New HVAC and wiring in basement done in 2016. **\$154,900.**



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PEOPLE PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Monday

Monday Night Dance: 6:30-9:15 p.m. at McAbee Center, 3801 Loop Road. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5. Refreshments appreciated.

Country Music: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Old Time Fireman Lodge, 12715 Alabama 171, Northport. Live music featuring Silver Eagle Band. Admission is \$5.

Clements Road Baptist Church: 13530 Clements Road, Cottondale. Revival at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Speaker is Bro. Mike Trull.

Tuesday

Tuscaloosa Public Library Summer Reading Program: 9:30 a.m. at Weaver Bolden Branch and 2 p.m. Tuesday at Main Library and 9:30 a.m. at Main Library, and 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brown Branch. Performer is What's Your Story, Tuscaloosa. Join the TPL storytelling team for cool stories, dancing and music.

Tuscaloosa Farmer's Market: 3-6 p.m. at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh produce and more.

Tuscaloosa Master Gardeners: 5:30 p.m. at Tuscaloosa County Extension Auditorium, 2513 Seventh St., parking lot entrance. Dr. Elizabeth Cox will discuss the value of herbs for good health. Visitors are welcomed. Email tcmastergardener@gmail.com or call 349-4630.

Line Dancing for Beginners: 5:30 p.m. at Robert Hasson Community Center, 1513 12th St., Northport. Call 758-3042.

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Surviving Spouses Support

Send us your events



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Group: 12-1:30 p.m. at Morning Pointe of Tuscaloosa, 1801 Rice Mine Road North. If you have suffered from loss of a loved one, come meet with others who are experiencing your same grief. Facilitated by Chaplain Chuck Weaver. Free lunch with RSVP. Call 345-1112.

Next Level Church: 3801 Greensboro Ave. The Journey from 6-7:30 p.m.

NEWSMAKERS

'Spider-Man' soars with \$185.1M over holiday weekend

NEW YORK — It pays to have one of the biggest leads ever.

"Spider-Man: Far From Home," the first Marvel movie after "Avengers: Endgame," swung past any franchise fatigue to dominate the July Fourth holiday weekend, raking in an estimated \$185.1 million since opening Tuesday and earning \$93.6 million from Friday to Sunday in North American theaters.



Wade Robson, left, and James Safechuck. (PHOTO BY TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION/AP)

The lawsuit accuses Wade Robson and James Safechuck of unfairly harming the reputation of the King of Pop, who died 10 years ago.

worldwide following in the 1960s, pioneered by Gilberto and Antonio Carlos Jobim, who composed the iconic "The Girl From Ipanema" that was performed by Gilberto and others. His wife, Astrud Gilberto, made her vocal debut in the song.

Self-taught, Gilberto said he discovered music at age 14 when he held a guitar for the first time. With his unique playing style and modern jazz influences, he created the beat that defined bossa nova, helping launch the genre with his song

ground by A\$AP Rocky. He and others punched and kicked the person on the ground.

Police took him in Wednesday and A\$AP Rocky had to cancel performances in Norway and Poland. Sweden's TT news agency confirmed that the rapper's world tour has been paused.

'Wolf of Wall Street' producer charged in Malaysian scandal

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Heather Mills gets UK hacking apology, payout

The Associated Press

LONDON — Heather Mills, the former wife of Paul McCartney, and her sister have received an apology and a settlement from Britain's defunct News of the World tabloid over the hacking of their phones.

Heather Mills and her sister Fiona Mills both received a formal apology in Britain's High Court on Monday. Outside the court, she said she



Mills

felt "joy and vindication."

"My motivation to win this decade-long fight stemmed from a desire

to obtain justice, not only for my family, my charities and myself, but for the thousands of innocent members of the public who, like me, have suffered similar ignominious, criminal treatment

at the hands of one of the world's most powerful media groups," she said.

Mills is one of a number of celebrities who have received settlements in the prolonged phone hacking scandal, which closed the Rupert Murdoch-owned News of the World in 2011. The paper was found to have hacked into the voicemail of many prominent Britons in a gross violation of privacy.

A representative of the

tabloid said it apologized to the Mills sisters for "the distress caused to them by the invasion of their privacy by individuals working for or on behalf of the News of the World."

The size of what was called a "substantial settlement" wasn't revealed.

Mills and McCartney divorced in 2008 after a prolonged court clash over the size of the settlement she would receive.

s and his direction was changed. New Wave Ministry organization. Donation to the ministry are tax deductible on site or by downloading the givelify App. For 8340.

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The RPO serves as a transportation planning process for the rural areas

of west Alabama and provides a formal link between the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the local governments. The counties served by the RPO include Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, and Pickens. The RPO provides government officials and citizens in these coun-

ties an opportunity to advise the ALDOT on road, bridge, and transit projects.

All of the meetings are open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For special assistance call the WARC at (205) 333-2990.

HUGE 2-DAY PUBLIC AUCTION



Huge Contractors Equipment & Truck Auction

Wednesday, July 17th &

Thurs., July 18th, 2019 • 9am

1042 Holland Ave • Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Day 1: Selling Dump Trucks, Truck Tractors, Specialty Trucks, Trailers, Farm Tractors, 1-ton Trucks, Pickups, Vehicles, Attachments, Misc.

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1042 Holland Ave (PO Box 1248) • Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350 Auctioneer: Connie W Dean, #733 MSGL #835
10% Buyers Premium on the first \$4500 of each lot and then a 1% buyers premium and the remaining balance of each lot.

Public Notice

West Alabama Mental Health Board, Inc. is applying to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a federal capital funding grant under section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act. This funding is for capital assistance to help meet the transportation needs of individual with disabilities in Choctaw, Greene, Hale, Marengo and Sumter Counties.

A public hearing will be held on July 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at West Alabama Mental Health Center, 1215 South Walnut Avenue, Demopolis, AL 36732 For public comments.

Contact information:

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Whether I am in meetings in Mont- gomery, Birmingham or Florence or more commonly, at meetings right here at home, I want those I represent to know I am work- ing on their behalf. I am not at home with a remote control in my hand watching a movie. I may stop by the house from time-to-time to mow my grass or draft a few letters for local residents, but I remain active daily.

I promised to be a visible and approach- able public servant. And from the bottom of my heart, I believe I have honored this promise. Please feel free to con- tact me by phone, text message, private mes- sage or by stopping me on the street corner. I truly enjoy these con- versations. In my mind, I rarely meet a stranger. There are many facets to this job, but in the end, it is rather simple. I work for you.

While we might not always agree on every vote I cast or even in ev- ery discussion we hold, I will be respectful and value your opinions. And I hope you will do the same for me. House District 17 is my home and I am working every day to make it an even better place to live . . . for all of us.

(Tracy Estes is House District 17's freshman state representative. He is a resident of Win- field.)

invitation to attend.

Fairview Baptist Church singing

Fairview Baptist Church will have their regular monthly singing Satur- day night, July 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and en- joy a time of singing and fellowship.

Beekeepers to meet

The number one pest of honeybees is the "Varroa Destructor" mite. Join us as Ricky Grace, President of the Walker County Beekeepers Associa- tion, discusses effective treatments for control of the Varroa mite. We will also check with our members on their summer honey harvest! Our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, at 7 p.m. at the State Bank and Trust, 7370 US Highway 43, Guin, AL 35563. Anyone interested in learning more about honeybees is welcome to attend. For more info, contact Pat- ti Butler at 205-695-3779 or Mary Yates at 205-412-1961 or Charlene Taylor at 205-698-0600.

Lamar County Farmers Market

Buy fresh, buy local, at the Lamar County Farmers Market, 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, at the Lamar County Ex- tension Office, 281 Columbus Ave. NW, Vernon (located in front of Piz- za Hut. Join them on July 9 for To- mato Sandwich Day, for free samples or a chance to win free prod-ucts. Most vendors take senior vouchers or cash. Call the office at 695-7139 or Call Mac Washington at 712-1593 for more information,

Ham Radio Classes

The West Alabama Amateur Radio Club will hold a one-month course where you can learn everything you need to earn your Technician (entry level) FCC Amateur Radio License. You do not need to learn Morse code. Classes at 6 p.m. at the Lamar Emer- gency Operations Training Center. Registration is not required. To join, contact David Bash, 205-557-0295 or w4gmi@gmail.com

providers, will meet at the Mary Wal- lace Cobb Memorial Library, 44425 Hwy. 17, Vernon from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. July 23, From the Moun- tains to the Sea, Alabama the Place to Be! Part 2 (bring the kids). For more information, call Tammy Ross, 205-535-0718 or tross@familyguid- ancecenter.org.

Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp

The Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp July 22-July 26 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily. The cost for the Lamar Democrat

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RPO to hold meeting

The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings for Lamar Coun- ty for the Draft Alabama Coordinat- ed Public Transit Plan 2019: July 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - Lamar Coun- ty Commission Chamber, 44690 Highway 17, Vernon, AL. All The public meetings will include a for- mal re-view of the plan by the MPO and RPO staff as well as a question and answer session. The plan will be available at ([https://www.warc.info/ mpo-documents](https://www.warc.info/mpo-documents)). All comments must be received before August 1, 2019. Anyone requiring special as- sistance should contact the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the day of the meeting

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Draft West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019

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Draft West Alabama Coor-
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2019:

**Lamar County - July 18,
2019, 6:00 p.m. - Lamar**

**County Commission
Chamber, 44690 Highway
17, Vernon, AL**

The public meetings will
include a formal review of
the plan by the MPO and
RPO staff as well as a ques-
tion and answer session.
Copies of the plan will be
available at the meeting.
Meeting attendees will also
be given an opportunity to

complete comment forms or
to provide recorded com-
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The plan will be available
at the West Alabama Re-
gional Commission
(WARC), 4200 Highway 69
North, Northport, for public
review from June 3 through
August 1, 2019. The plan is
also available on the inter-
net at
(<https://www.warc.info/mpo-documents>) and by mail
(205-333-2990, extension
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be received before August
1, 2019.

The plan provides a re-
view of the current transit
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provement strategies, proj-
ect lists, and maps. To be
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Federal Transit Administra-
tion (FTA) grants, transit
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the plan development. The
affected grants include Sec-

tion 5310 - Elderly and Dis-
abled Program, Section
5316 - Job Access and Re-
verse Commute Program,
and Section 5317 - New
Freedom Program.

The MPO is scheduled to
adopt the draft plan at their
August 26, 2019 meeting
and the RPO is scheduled to
adopt it at their August 9,
2019 meeting. Before
adopting the plan, the MPO
and RPO will review all
comments from the public
and make changes to the
plan if warranted. If major
revisions are required, the
public will be given another
opportunity to inspect the
plan.

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The Housing Authority of Hamilton, Alabama will
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Authority's 2020 Annual Plan, 2020 - 2024 Capital Fund
5-Year Action Plan, and 2020 Capital Fund. The hearing
will be at the Housing Authority Community Building in
Hamilton, Alabama at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9,
2019.

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RPO Meeting

The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings: Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Greene

Guidelines for Submitting your Church/Community Announcements

These are free as long as there are no personal messages and the event is not being charged for (love offerings do not count; however, charging for vendor spaces does).

Please keep the announcement to one paragraph with who is presenting the event, what the event is, date, time, where it will be held and contact information.

Deadlines are

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the Policy Committee meeting. All of the meetings are open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the WARC at least 48

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Community Events

Co. July 25 11 a.m. - James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Ave., Eutaw; Hale County July 16, 5 p.m. Moundville Library, 279 Market St., Moundville; Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Aug. 8 10 a.m. West Alabama Regional Commission, 4200 Hwy. 69 N., Northport, AL 3. RPO Policy Committee, Aug. 9 10:30 a.m. - West Alabama Regional Commission. A public involvement meeting for the West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 will be held at the beginning of each CTAC meeting. The RPO staff will be available to review the plan and answer questions. The committees will discuss the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019, and Fiscal Year 2020 RPO Work Program at the meetings. The meeting packets are posted on the WARC website (<https://www.warc.info/rpo-meetings/>), and the draft documents are available at (<https://www.warc.info/rpo-documents/>). In addition, the Alabama Division of the Federal Highway Administration will provide an update on federal transportation programs at

Department Accepting Century & Heritage Farm and Bicentennial Farm Applications

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is accepting applications for the annual Century and Heritage (C & H) Farm and Bicentennial Farm programs. The purpose of both programs is to recognize family farms that have played a significant role in Alabama's history. A Century Farm is one that has been in the same family continuously for at least 100 years and currently has some agricultural activities on the farm. The farm must include at least 40 acres of land and be owned by the applicant or nominee. A Heritage Farm is one that has been operated continuously as a family farm for at least 100 years. The farm must possess interesting and important historical and agricultural aspects, including one or more structures at least 40 years old. The farm must also include at least 40 acres of land owned and operated by the applicant, who must reside in Alabama. To date, over 650 farms across the state have been recognized by the C & H Farm program. The ADAI is also accepting applications for the Bicentennial Farm program. On Dec. 14 our state will officially observe its 200th birthday. Agriculture is an integral part of our state's heritage and the love of the land demonstrated by these families deserves recognition. The Bicentennial Farm program honors family farms that have remained in the same family for 200 years and is administered similarly to the C & H Farm program. To date, only eight farms in the state have been recognized by this program. A Bicentennial Farm must currently have some agricultural activities, be at least 40 acres in size and owned by an Alabama resident. Applicants for the program are required to complete a registration form that traces the family lineage of property ownership and a description of agricultural activities that took place. The application also requests photos be included of any structures that remain on the property that are 40 years old or older even though structures are not required to qualify for the program. If your farm meets the qualifications for the 2019 C & H Farm program or 2019 Bicentennial Farm program, contact Amy Belcher at 334/240-7126 or by email amy.belcher@agi.alabama.gov to receive an application. A copy of both applications are attached to this release and are also available on the department's website www.agi.alabama.gov under the "Forms" tab and by selecting "Bicentennial Farm" or "Century & Heritage Farm." All applicants must complete the appropriate Ownership Registration Form and return it to the ADAI by Aug. 30.

Saturdays in the Park at UA's Moundville Archaeological Park

Join us this summer 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in front of or inside Jones Archaeological Museum: July 13 Flute Making Charlie Mato-Toyela; July 20 Pottery Firing Tammy Bean; July 27 Textile Making Cat Sloan; Aug. 3 Copper Working Bill Skinner. Don't Forget Our Native American Festival! October 9-12, 2019!

Red Cross

Donors of all blood types are urged to give now to help meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Tuscaloosa: 7/19: 2 - 7 p.m., University Mall, 1701 McFarland Blvd.; 7/25: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Insuresoft, 550 Greensboro Ave., Suite 201; 7/25: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Randall-Reilly, 3200 Rice Mine Rd., N. E.

Alabama Historical Commission
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Community Calendar

Free Medicare Education Class

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Pickens County High School Reunion

The 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960 classes will celebrate their class reunions at Stansel Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, and Saturday August 3, with the 1959 class celebrating their 60th reunion. Festivities 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday. 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. We'll have a lot of fun for all!

be held July 22-26 at Fayette High School from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily. This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-18. Please mail all camp information to Ronnie McCollum LLC 413 19th Street NW Fayette Alabama 35555 including name, age, and t-shirt size of camper. If you have questions, please call 205-932-8285. Thanks so much to each of you for getting this information out to the public.

servation Dist Meeting

The Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Area III Association of Conservation Districts. This meeting will be held by the Bibb County Water Conservation District and will be held on July 24, 2019 at The Oaks at 430 Walnut Centreville, AL 35042. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors an award contest each year at the Pickens County Fair. Entry was chosen as the winner of the Area III Outstanding Contributions award. The Pickens County Herald will be recognized as Area III during this meeting on July 24, 2019.

Email your events to pickenscounty@centurytel.net or call (205) 367-2217

Public Transit Transit Planning Meeting

The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold a public meeting for the Draft West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 on July 25, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the Pickens County Commission Chamber, located at 20 Phoenix Avenue in Carrollton.

Kim Pickens County
Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Aliceville Public Library.

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Pickens County Soil & Water Con-

girl's basketball?

PW: "Everybody knows Gordo baseball and football. When they played Providence Christian in Round 4, you would think you were at a football game, there were so many people. It's a big difference going from a packed gym to a semi-packed gym. Sipsey Valley was another rival (outside of the county foes)

be for everything? I want them a reason to GU"

Q: What do you teach assistant?

PW: "I was Elaine Humphries, 1st grade and I just her with anything needed done. Any the school that need I try my best to do **Q:** So you receive

Windham (continued from front)

PW: "We're looking to be better this year, but it's going to be a bit different because we had some seniors to leave. It's going to be tough this year because we've got a young team, but we won't have a senior for two years. That's the good thing about it."

PW: "It's a building process. When I was in Aliceville my first couple of years, we had athletes, but the fundamenetals of the game we had to teach, and I think what we did with that team shows the benefit, with us going to the Final Four."

Q: What is the biggest difference in coaching girls and coaching boys?

WEEK IN HISTORY 10-16

1820
William Wyatt Bibb, dies in a riding accident. As the president of the institution he became the new governor. Bibb's younger brother, Thomas Bibb, was elected to Limestone County at the time and in the state senate. Bibb was re-elected, but later served as director of the Huntsville area.

1862
The country of northwest Alabama to join the Union army, might to mount an expedition with volunteers. With the help of from fervent Unionist Winston County, a center of the Streight added another 150

1864
The Union army begins its march at Decatur. Under orders of General Sherman, Rousseau's 2,200 cavalrymen more than 300 miles to the West. The railroad in east Alabama. By the end of more than thirty miles of the march to Opelika, thereby cutting a vital link in Atlanta by cutting a vital

1868
Alabama ratifies the 14th amendment, thereby meeting one of the requirements to the Union. In part, the amendment states that no state could abridge the rights of any person born or naturalized in the United States.

PEOPLE PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Wednesday

Northport Farmers Market: 6 a.m.-noon at 4150 Fifth St., Northport. Fresh produce and more.

West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019: Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization will hold a public meeting at 9 a.m. in Tuscaloosa Intermodal Center, 601 23rd Ave. Will include a formal review of the plan and a question-and-answer session. Anyone requiring special assistance, call 333-2990 48 hours before meeting.

Tuscaloosa County Commission: 9 a.m. at Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, 714 Greensboro Ave. Call 349-3870.

Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization: Public meeting and public viewing of the draft fiscal year 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program at 10 a.m. in the conference

room at Tuscaloosa Intermodal Center, 601 23rd Ave. Includes a formal review of the TIP by the MPO staff and a question and answer session. Anyone requiring assistance, call 333-2990, Ext. 213.

Surviving Spouses Support Group: noon-1:30 p.m. at Morning Pointe of Tuscaloosa, 1801 Rice Mine Road N. For those who have lost a loved one. Facilitated by Chaplain Chuck Weaver. Free lunch with RSVP. Call 345-1112.

Next Level Church: 3801 Greensboro Ave. The Journey from 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday

Tuscaloosa Job Fair: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at McDonald Hughes Center, 3101 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Contact 205-758-7591 or tuscaloosa@alcc.alabama.gov.

Thursday Night Dance: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Country Gold Band. Cost is \$5.

Friday

Christian Community Church: 5600 18th Ave. 2019 Women's Conference at 5:30 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Featured speakers are survivors Mrs. Valerie Garner from Tupelo, Miss., and Mrs. Corliss Johnson of Tuscaloosa. Keynote speaker is Elder Janice Blackmon. Call 345-7826.

Live at the Plaza Concert Series: 6-9 p.m. at Government Plaza, 2106 Sixth St. Featuring The Orange Constant from 6-9 p.m. Free. Family-friendly.

Friday Night Dance: 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5.

Country Music Live: 7-10 p.m. at Old Fayette Community Center, Sixth Street Southeast, Fayette. Featuring Judy Moore and the Good Time Band. Call 393-8386.

Churchy For No Reason Comedy Tour: 7-10 p.m. at Hightown Church of God, 3926 28th Ave., Northport. Cost: \$10-\$30. For information:

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<https://www.eventbrite.com>. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for general admission. Seating is first-come, first-served. Show is family friendly. Children old enough to occupy a seat on their own will require a ticket. **Grease:** 7:30 p.m. at Bean-Brown Theatre. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors (60+) and military and \$16 for students and children. Visit www.theatretusc.com or call 205-391-2277.

AT&T pulling 'Friends' from Netflix for its own service

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T is pulling "Friends" from Netflix to beef up its own upcoming streaming service. With new services launching, popular shows are splintering onto several different platforms.

The wireless company, which owns the WarnerMedia entertainment business, also said Tuesday that its service will be called HBO Max.



The cast of television's "Friends," from left, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew

worried about the increased competition.

Netflix said in a prepared statement Tuesday that it's sorry to see "Friends" go in the U.S. Viewing rights for other countries are not affected.

AT&T also said Tuesday that the teen drama "Pretty Little Liars," currently on Netflix, will move to its service, and that it will be the exclusive streaming hub for "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" and future Warner Bros. dramas

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Sunday

St. Paul AME Church: 7901 Old Greensboro Road. Homecoming/Family and Friends Day celebration at 10 a.m. with Bishop Harry L. Seawright, newly invested president of the Council of Bishops of the AME Church and presiding bishop of the Ninth Episcopal District, at 10 a.m. and the Rev. Roy Ferguson, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, at 2:30 p.m.

Holt United Methodist Church: 2 Bealle St. NE, Holt. Celebrates its 113th homecoming service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jim Hall, pastor from 2001-04. A covered dish lunch afterward in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish. Singing at 1 p.m. from the Cokesbury Hymnal.

Piney Woods Gospel Tabernacle Church: Barger Road, Tuscaloosa. Homecoming 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Guest singer will be Kristy Mansfield. Bring covered dish for lunch.

"Grease": 2 p.m. at Bean-Brown Theatre. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors (60 and older) and military and \$16 for students and children. Visit www.theatretusc.com or call 205-391-2277.

Liberty Missionary Baptist Church: 7400 Liberty Baptist Church. Annual Auxiliary Day Fellowship honoring missions, matrons and ushers at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Ben Massey, pastor of New

Enoch Baptist Church. Call 759-2363 or 454-8014.

First African Baptist Church: 2621 Stillman Blvd. Annual Missionary Day program at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Carlton L. Hogue of New Greater First Baptist Church, Thomasville. Call 752-2833.

Mount Moriah Methodist Church: 4810 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The church will celebrate its annual men and women's day at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Paul Sanders of A Greater Destiny Church will be the guest speaker.

Second Sunday Fellowship Service: 5 p.m. at Beautiful Zion AME Zion Church, 7420 Sanders Ferry Road. Speaker will be the Rev. Camisha Thomas Shabazz, pastor of Tabernacle AME Zion Church. The Tabernacle Choir will sing. Call 759-2861.

Monday

Tea Talks: 11 a.m. at Morning Pointe of Tuscaloosa, 1801 Rice Mine Road North. Free. This week's topic is senior summer exercises. Call 345-1112.

Remnant Worship Center: 12170 North River Lodge Lane, Northport. Vacation Bible School, "ROAR 2019," at 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Kids (3 years old through fifth grade) will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this

wild life. Dinner and snack will be served each night. Doors open at 5 p.m. for check-in. Call 205-650-2075 or email remnantworship@yahoo.com.

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Country Music: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Old Time Fireman Lodge, 12715 Alabama Highway 171, Northport. Live music featuring Silver Eagle Band. Admission is \$5.

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Preparing for Medicare Class: 6-7 p.m. at YMCA, 2300 13th St. If you are about to turn 65 or start Medicare, come get a better understanding of what Medicare is and all of the Medicare requirements. For information: 205-266-1505, kim@helpmewithmedicare.org.

Jerry Lawson, leader of the Persuasions, dies

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jerry Lawson, who for four decades was the lead singer of the eclectic cult-favorite



rock, blues, gospel and pop songs, all with no sound other than their

gave their career a boost when he discovered them in the late 1960s.

They began as a casual and nameless collection of singers on the basketball courts

quintet.

They got their break when Zappa signed them to his independent label for their first album in 1969.

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'Spider-Man' finds a home at the top

By Lindsey Bahr
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Spider-Man: Far From Home" is celebrating another weekend at No. 1, but non-franchise fare continues to struggle at the box office. Fresh studio-released counterprogramming such as the horror movie "Crawl" and the action-comedy "Stubber" barely made a dent in the web-slinger's earnings, although there is a glimmer of hope in the independent world.

The "Spider-Man" sequel added \$45.3 million in its second weekend, down only 51% according to studio estimates Sunday, bringing its



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Jake Gyllenhaal, left, and Tom Holland in a scene from "Spider-Man: Far From Home."

[JAY MAIDMENT/COLUMBIA PICTURES/SONY VIA AP]

showing in the overall industry numbers. The weekend is down nearly 26% and the year is still around 9%, although Disney's blockbuster-in-the-making "The Lion King" is on the horizon. The photo-realistic remake of Disney's animated classic opened this weekend in China ahead of its North American debut and made an estimated \$54.7 million.

Although the big new releases failed to light the box office on fire, the independent film scene was thriving with myriad of options.

Among the most notable is Lulu Wang's family drama "The Farewell," which currently has 100% on Rotten

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Tuesday

Tuscaloosa Public Library Summer Reading Program:

9:30 a.m. at Weaver Bolden Branch and 2 p.m. Tuesday at Main Library and 9:30 a.m. at Main Library, and 2 p.m. Wednesday at Brown Branch. Yarbrough Educational Reptiles: Learn about Alabama's reptiles with this hands-on program.

Tuscaloosa Farmers Market:

3-6 p.m. at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh produce and more.

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Remains believed to be missing actor

The Associated Press

SELMA, Ore. — Remains found in a remote area of Oregon are believed to be of missing actor Charles Levin, who played numerous roles on television comedies such as "Seinfeld" and "Night Court."

Levin, 70, was reported missing from Grants Pass



Levin

for several days, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

He owned an orange 2012 Fiat and was "almost always in the company of his fawn-colored pug dog, Boo Boo Bear," Grants Pass public safety said

Levin's whereabouts.

On Friday, search and rescue crews narrowed down a search area based on an emergency cellphone ping. A resident located Levin's car in a remote and almost impassable road Saturday. Inside the car, troopers found the remains of Levin's dog. Crews searching steep and rugged terrain found the

probability" the remains are those of Levin, The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety said Sunday. The medical examiner will make the final identification.

Levin's TV credits include "Alice," "Hill Street Blues," "Doogie Howser, M.D.," "Night Court" and "Seinfeld." Levin also had roles in movies, including "The

Digital Art Exhibit at Vernon Library

The Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library, located at 44425 Hwy 17 in Vernon, invites you to their 3rd annual digital art exhibit. It's free and open weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Come out and share the experience of digital art. Enjoy dozens of colorful pieces depicting the beauty of animals, nature and farm life. For more information, contact Amanda Bravo, library director, at 205-695-6123 or mary-wallacecobb1@aol.com

Jordan/Dobbins Reunion

The Jordan/Dobbins reunion will be Sat., July 27 at 11 a.m. at the Vernon Community Center behind Sav-More. All family and friends are invited to attend. Bring a covered dish. Meat will be furnished.

Area Mobile Food Pantry In Sulligent

A Lamar Co. area mobile food pantry will be at Sulligent City Park, 661 Elm Street, Sulligent, on July 25, 2019. In order to enroll in this program, please contact Adrea Harrington, Lamar County Coordi-

the Lamar area mobile food pantry is held are eligible to apply.

Meadow Branch Baptist Weekend Revival

The weekend revival at Meadow Branch Baptist Church will begin Friday night, July 19 and go through Sunday afternoon, July 21. Bro. Venlin Bradford will bring the message Fri. night at 7 p.m.; Bro. Buddy Abernathy will bring the message Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.; Bro. Venlin Bradford will close the revival Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Everyone has special invitation to attend.

Lamar County Farmers Market

Buy fresh, buy local, at the Lamar County Farmers Market, 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, at the Lamar County Extension Office, 281 Columbus Ave. NW, Vernon (located in front of Pizza Hut. Most vendors take senior vouchers or cash. Call the office at 695-7139 or Call Mac Washington at 712-1593 for more information,

Ham Radio Classes

The West Alabama Amateur Radio Club will hold a one-month

Family meetings

The Kids & Kin Program, a statewide program for relative childcare providers, will meet at the Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library, 44425 Hwy. 17, Vernon from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. July 23, From the Mountains to the Sea, Alabama the Place to Be! Part 2 (bring the kids). For more information, call Tammy Ross, 205-535-0718 or tross@familyguidancecenter.org.

Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp

The Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp July 22-July 26 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily. The cost for the July camp is \$85.00. This year there are 2 camps to choose from. The Elite Camp is for ages 10 and up who currently play or wish to play travel ball. The Traditional Camp is for ages 6-9 who have never learned to play.

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S - My foot hath held His steps, His ways have I kept, not declined.

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Stanley Dean Sloan

Stanley Dean Sloan, 66 of Hamilton, passed away
Sunday July 7, 2019 at his residence. A memorial service
will be held on Thursday July 11, 2019 , 6:00 Pm at Carter
Church.

Draft West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019

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The public meetings will include a formal review of the plan by the MPO and RPO staff as well as a question and answer session. Copies of the plan will be

available at the meeting. Meeting attendees will also be given an opportunity to complete comment forms or to provide recorded comments.

The plan will be available at the West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC), 4200 Highway 69 North, Northport, for public review from June 3 through August 1, 2019. The plan is also available on the internet at (<https://www.warc.info/mp> o-documents) and by mail (205-333-2990, extension 213). All comments must be received before August 1, 2019.

The plan provides a review of the current transit systems and includes improvement strategies, project lists, and maps. To be eligible to receive certain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants, transit agencies must participate in the plan development. The affected grants include Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled Program, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, and Section 5317 - New Freedom Program.

The MPO is scheduled to adopt the draft plan at their August 26, 2019 meeting and the RPO is scheduled to

adopt it at their August 9, 2019 meeting. Before adopting the plan, the MPO and RPO will review all comments from the public and make changes to the plan if warranted. If major revisions are required, the public will be given another opportunity to inspect the plan.

The meetings are open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the day of the meeting. For special assistance call the WARC at 333-2990.

2003 EXCERPT: Mayor Crawford then informed the council that each of them had an excerpt of the 2003 City Council Minutes which showed that the city was having to make a transfer from the savings account to the general fund, just so the city could pay the bills that were due and get the city current on its expenditures. The transfer would nearly deplete the city savings. Crawford said this council and administration was to be commended for their efforts to get the city in the shape that it is in financially, having recently placed \$300,000.00 on Certificate of Deposit and still plenty of money in the general fund to continue the day-to-day operations of the city.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mike Gideon said that everything was going great in the Police Department. It was noted that Matthew Norton would graduate from the Police Academy on Thursday, July 18th. Mayor Crawford and Police Chief Davy Eaves will be attending this ceremony. Gideon said that Norton was anxious to get started with the Police Department.

Cathy Wharton reported that the Summer Reading Program was a tremendous success last week with almost 100 participants attending on each of the three days. Wharton said the library was very, very busy and said that the Career Center was busy on the days that they are here also. While talking about the Career Center the need for additional employees at Marathon Equipment Company was mentioned and while talking about Marathon, the city clerk informed all of the council that the plant manager at Marathon had passed away in recent days. The council and council extended their sympathies to the John Kalson fam-

about this opportunity.

Representative Tracy Estes said that this was something that was unprecedented and much credit goes to this mayor and council. Running a city is not about making money but it is about serving the people and providing the best services possible, said Estes. No doubt, this mayor and council are doing all of the right things, and all are to be commended, said Estes. Mayor Crawford told Estes that that the success of this council had been a team effort from day one, and said that everyone that works for the city has bought into the program. We spend when and where we have too, but we also save each and every time we have an opportunity, said Crawford. We have a plan but we just need to perfect that plan now and present it to the council and allow them to give their input before actually voting on the proposal. We are not looking for recognition, said Crawford, we just want our people to be happy.

Bardon also made mention that there were a couple of needs at the rescue building which he had been looking at and said that once he had this information in his hands that he would be passing it along to the council. Mayor Crawford said that the rescue squad was doing a great job assisting the Ambulance Service when their assistance is needed. Crawford said that the service was answering about 160 calls per month and that the rescue was doing their part when and if a 24 hour truck was not available.

Mayor Crawford informed the council that a big Economic Development announcement would hopefully be made available for him to present at the next meeting on

Lines for Church/Community Announcements

There are no personal messages and the offerings do not count; however, please keep the announcement to the point, what the event is, and contact information. Lines are

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Moundville Times at 46 2nd Ave. in Moundville, AL 36744 or Old Post Office.

Nothing over the phone or company policy.

Artist Praise & Mime Explosion

Artist Praise & Mime Explosion will be held at 583 New Hope Rd., Sawyerville, AL 36768 at 2 p.m. Pastor Marvin Wiggins, Jr. of Lamont Rhodes.

Antioch Baptist Church

Community Revival at Antioch Baptist Church will be held at 6 p.m. and running each week night. Pastor Thurman Thomas is pastor and would like to attend. The preacher/evangelist will be Pastor of Linden United Methodist at Pineview United Methodist church. Revivals in Hale County.

Women's Convention

A Women's Convention will be held at the Antioch Baptist Church. It begins Wednesday and is asking all churches in our district to participate.

Antioch Baptist VBS

Antioch Baptist VBS will be held from July 21-25 at New Haven Baptist Church, New Haven and Rhodes Chapel. VBS this year. Sunday night services. Night services will begin at 6:15 p.m. Please make plans to join us for VBS as we share God's truths and promises. All ages are

Animal Shelter

the Week

A 10th old lab mix who is very sweet, and forever home where she can get lots of loving! Shelter hours are Mon. 10-12 and Sat. 10-2. Please help us fight pet overpopulation by spaying/neutering your pets.

Submitted by
Laurie Nevin, Hale
County Animal Shelter,
334-624-8120

Community Events

Alabama Extension Grassroots Survey 2019

Hale County--- You have an opportunity to help the Alabama Cooperative Extension System with its annual "Grassroots Survey." The Grassroots Survey allows the organization to identify key issues that impact our county. Your input is critical to us since it's a major factor in helping improve your community. To help improve your community, visit the County Extension office or to learn of other ways to complete the survey is

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RPO Meeting

The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold the following meetings: Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Greene Co. July 25 11 a.m. - James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Ave., Eutaw; Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Aug. 8 10 a.m. West Alabama Regional Commission, 4200 Hwy. 69 N., Northport, AL 3. RPO Policy Committee, Aug. 9 10:30 a.m. - West Alabama Regional Commission. A public involvement meeting for the West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 will be held at the beginning of each CTAC meeting. The RPO staff will be available to review the plan and answer questions. The committees will discuss the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019, and Fiscal Year 2020 RPO Work Program at the meetings. The meeting packets are posted on the WARC website (<https://www.warc.info/rpo-meetings/>), and the draft documents are available at (<https://www.warc.info/rpo-documents>). In addition, the Alabama Division of the Federal Highway Administration will provide an update on federal transportation programs at the Policy Committee meeting. All of the meetings are open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For special assistance call the WARC at (205) 333-2990.

Elevate Grant Applications

The application period for the Alabama Power Foundation's 2019 Elevate grant program is now open. Online applications will be accepted through Aug. 30. Elevate grants empower nonprofits by funding community-centered projects and networking opportunities. Elevate is one of several grant programs funded by the Alabama Power Foundation. To access the online application and learn more about Elevate, as well as other Alabama Power Foundation and Alabama Power community programs, please visit www.powerofgood.com.

Saturdays in the Park at UA's Moundville Archaeological Park

Join us this summer 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in front of or inside Jones Archaeological Museum: July 20 Pottery Firing Tammy Bean; July 27 Textile Making Cat Sloan; Aug. 3 Copper Working Bill Skinner. Don't Forget Our Native American Festival! October 9-12, 2019!

Red Cross

Donors of all blood types are urged to give now to help meet the needs of trauma patients and others with serious medical conditions. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Tuscaloosa: 7/19: 2 - 7 p.m., University Mall, 1701 McFarland Blvd.; 7/25: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Insuresoft, 550 Greensboro Ave., Suite 201; 7/25: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Randall-Reilly, 3200 Rice Mine Rd., N. E.

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Community Calendar

Free Medicare Education Class

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Pickens County Fellows Meeting

The Pickens County Fellows will be hosting a monthly talk consisting of various health topics ranging from general wellness to financial well-being. The first talk will be regarding nutrition and healthy eating habits for overall good health. Please stop by the Aliceville Public Library on July 18th from 12-12:30 p.m. and engage in lively discussion and games

about nutrition and enter for a chance to win a Subway gift card. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Pickens County High School Reunion

The 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960 classes will celebrate their class reunions at Stansel Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, and Saturday August 3, with the 1959 class celebrating their 60th reunion. Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Ya'll come! We'll have fun and food for all!

Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

The Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Area III Association of Conservation Districts. This meeting will be hosted

by the Bibb County Soil & Water Conservation District and will be held July 24, 2019 at The Oaks, located at 430 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors an award contest each year and *The Pickens County Herald's* entry was chosen as the winner of the AACD's Out-Pickens County Herald 7/17/2019

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at 9 a.m. at the Pickens County Commission Chamber, located at 20 Phoenix Avenue in Carrollton.

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West Alabama Bank

75th Anniversary Celebration

On August 2, 2019, All West Alabama Bank offices will host a 75th Anniversary Celebration. Stop by for refreshments, giveaways, and register to win prizes.

Email your events to pickenscnty@centurytel.net or call (205) 367-2217.

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Church Events

Big Hill Baptist Church Revival

Big Hill Baptist Church Revival will be on July 31 - August 2, 2019. Services will start at 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Brian Bridges will be the evangelist with special singings each night. All are invited. Bro. Trey Kelley is the pastor.

Christian Hope M.B. Fall Revival

We are excited to invite everyone to our fall revival services, which will begin on Monday, August 5-9, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. Our guest evangelist for the week is Rev. Forrest Moore, Pastor of West Highland M.B. Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Come and be blessed!

We look forward to your presence as we celebrate the goodness of God.

New Home Baptist Vacation Bible School

New Hope Baptist Church of Gordo will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from July 22-25, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. nightly. The theme for the week is "On Safari, Managing What Belongs to God." — Psalms 24:1. All ages are invited to worship with us. Rev. C. Wayne Davis is the church pastor.

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Friday

Live at the Plaza Concert

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Friday Night Dance: 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5.

Country Music Live: 7-10 p.m. at the old Fayette Community Center, Sixth Street SE, Fayette. Featuring Judy Moore and the Good Time Band. Call 393-8386.

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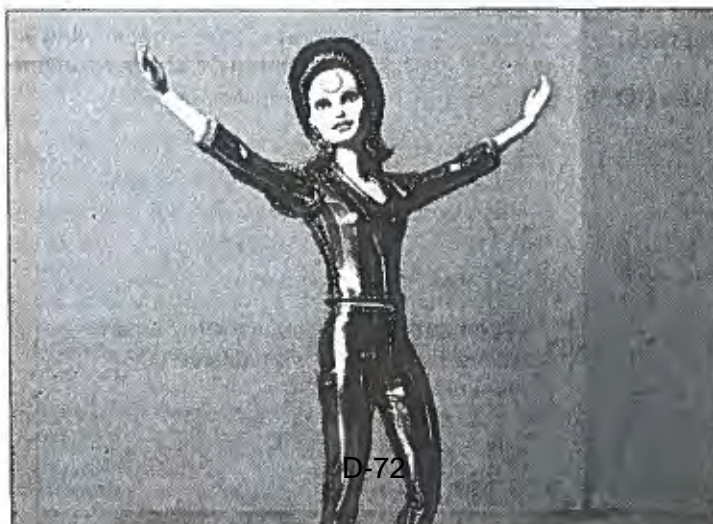
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NEWSMAKERS

'Game of Thrones' reigns with record 32 Emmy nominations

LOS ANGELES — HBO's "Game of Thrones" slashed its way to a record-setting 32 Emmy nominations Tuesday for its eighth and final season, leading HBO back to dominance over Netflix, the streaming service that bumped it last year from atop the increasingly crowded television heap.

The bloodthirsty saga's total eclipsed the all-time series record of 27 nods earned by "NYPD Blue" in 1994.



"I'm going to follow the agreement that everybody's come to," the judge said, noting Van Wagenen has shown he's willing to complete sex offender treatment, according to the Deseret News.

The sentence means he will serve at least six years, but a parole board will decide the ultimate length of his sentence, which could be as long as life in prison.

Van Wagenen, 72, pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual abuse of a child in two separate cases.

PEOPLE PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Thursday

Republican Women of Tuscaloosa County: 12:30-1:30 p.m. at The Levee, 1 Bridge Ave., Northport. Coffee/tea and dessert served. Menu available. Call Jackie Ray at 886-7001 or email rskirk@aol.com.

Tuscaloosa Builds: 5-7 p.m. at Wynn Humanities Center, Stillman College, 3601 Stillman Blvd. The Small Business Administration will make a presentation. Call Caramyl Drake at 205-248-5725.

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Friday

Live at the Plaza Concert Series: 6-9 p.m. at Government Plaza, 2106 Sixth St. Featuring Ryan Waters from 6-7:15 p.m. and the Locals from 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Family-friendly.

Friday Night Dance: 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5.

Country Music Live: 7-10 p.m. at the old Fayette Community Center, Sixth Street SE, Fayette. Featuring Judy Moore and the Good Time Band. Call 393-8386.

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Remnant Worship Center: 12170 North River Lodge Lane, Northport. Water fun day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with water slides, a slip 'n' slide and more. Free family fun event. Bring an extra set of clothes, towels and lawn chairs. Hot dogs, chips and popsicles will be served. Call 205-650-2075.

"Grease": 2 p.m. at Bean-Brown Theatre on the campus of Shelton State Community College, 9500 Old Greensboro Road. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$20 for seniors (60 and older) and military and \$16 for students and children. Visit www.theatretusc.com or call 205-391-2277.

NABD Deacon/Trustee Wives Ministry: 3 p.m. at NABD Religious Center, 1629 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Call 752-9486.

Southern Gospel Concert: 6 p.m. at Berry Civic Center, 2 School St., Berry. Featured singers will be the Connell Family of Jacksonville and the

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Screen on the Green, Free Summer Movie Series: 8 p.m. on the Green in Midtown Village. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and the family for "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation." Come early for special movie meal deals at all participating restaurants and eateries all day on Movie Saturdays, and don't miss the Baked Bear's ice cream sandwich cart on the Green. Sponsored by the YMCA of Tuscaloosa County.

NEWSMAKERS

Johnny Clegg, anti-apartheid musician in South Africa, dies

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brand. But that's too bad. The pop star made all her Little Monsters happy July 9

my job." Johansson said Saturday that those comments were

PEOPLE PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Saturday

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6 a.m.-noon at 4150 Fifth St., Northport. Fresh produce and more.

Books to Prison Book Sale:

7 a.m.-noon at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh books to choose from including cookbooks, nonfiction, fiction, and Christian. Any donation accepted. All donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from the sales will be used to send books to those who are incarcerated.

Tuscaloosa Farmers Market: 7

a.m.-noon at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh produce and more.

Bends, Brews and Blooms: 8-10

a.m. at Monarch Espresso Bar, 714 22nd Ave. Cost: \$35. Each attendee will receive an hourlong yoga class instructed by Ashley McWaters, a drink of your choice from Monarch Espresso, and a flower bunch to take home from Bloom Flower Truck. Bring a mat or beach towel for the yoga class.

Christmas in July: Pop-up

vendors market event from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department, 16780 Mormon Road, Northport. Free admission. Door prizes will be awarded.

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Willie Freeland Women In Business Memorial Scholarship

BBQ: 11 a.m. until food is gone at the Wheelhouse Sports Pub, 2326 Fourth St. Pulled pork or smoked wing plates cost \$10. Pork and wing plates cost \$15 and full pork butts are \$60. Food prepared by pitmaster Justin Erickson. Call 535-5933.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Saturday

100 Men/100 Boys Back To

School Program: 10 a.m. in the choir room of the Elizabeth Baptist Church Family Life Center, 2650 Elizabeth St. Speaker will be Elaine Burrell

information back to your church, please come. Refreshments served. Call 657-3824 or email info@hopeisnotlost.net.

NABD Deacon/Trustee Wives

Ministry: 3 p.m. at NABD Religious Center, 1629 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Call 752-0406

Mount Nebo Baptist Church:

12157 Springer Road, Elrod. Men and Women's day at 11 a.m. Speaker is the Rev. Larry Yates Sr. of Epps. Call 339-8081.

Pole Bridge Baptist Church:

11939 Bull Slough Road, Northport. Pastor's installa-

and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Evangelist will be Randy Perry. Dinner will be served one hour before the start of the revival. Care will be available for children 3 years old and younger. Call 792-1641.

Tahamadee Free Will Baptist

PEOPLE PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Sunday

Mount Moriah Baptist Church:

1902 Mount Moriah Road, Woodstock. Homecoming celebration at 10:30 a.m. Guest singers will be the Traveling Aires. Lunch served at noon.

Friendship Baptist Church:

3416 Eighth St. Annual ushers day fellowship at 10:45 a.m. Speaker will be the Rev. Chris Stewart, pastor of Divine Faith Missionary Baptist Church, East Birmingham. Call 759-5044.

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11939 Bull Slough Road, Northport. Pastor's installation service at 3 p.m. for the Rev. Wesley Jones Jr. Guest speaker will be the Rev. David Gay Jr. of Beulah Baptist Church.

Northport AOH Church of God:

3514 14th St., Northport. Inaugural program for the fifth appreciation for the Rev. Jeffrey L. Sealey at 3:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Samuel Richardson, pastor of Joyous Temple AOH Church of God, Prattville. Call 752-5457.

Northgate Baptist Church:

12143 Lary Lake Road, Northport. Revival at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Evangelist will be Randy Perry. Dinner served one before the revival each

night. Care provided for children 3 years old and younger. Call 792-1641.

Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church:

14813 Tabernacle Road, Coker. Vacation Bible School at 6 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Visit tabernaclenp.com or call 792-9611.

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NEWSMAKERS

'Modern Family' star to marry 'Bachelorette' star

LOS ANGELES — "Modern

Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren getting around a million each.

group Da Band. Diddy also launched the careers of Day 26, Donnie Klang and Danity Kane — who released two

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NEWSMAKERS

'The Lion King' rules and 'Endgame' scores record

LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co.'s photorealistic remake of "The Lion King" devoured opening weekend records, and "Avengers: Endgame" crept past "Avatar" to become the highest-grossing film of all time.

"The Lion King" roared into 4,725 North American theaters, where it grossed a stunning \$185 million, according to studio estimates on Sunday. Although reviews were mixed for Jon Favreau's

Dispute pulls CBS off the air for DirecTV customers

NEW YORK — A business dispute took CBS off the air for millions of satellite television customers of DirecTV and AT&T U-verse on Saturday.

CBS was black on satellite systems owned by AT&T in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and at least 11 other large cities across the United States. Both the television network and AT&T hurled accusations at each other for failure to agree on what CBS is paid for programming.

He was sentenced to three years' probation and ordered to pay damages to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in that case.

Jada Pinkett Smith and Will Smith launch media venture

LOS ANGELES — Jada Pinkett Smith and Will Smith are looking to expand their brands under a new corporate umbrella.

The Hollywood power couple July 10 announced the launch of a new media venture. According to a statement,

Caliva operates a farm and two stores in Northern California. It also distributes its branded products in roughly two dozen other retail outlets in the state.

NFL legend Joe Montana's venture capital firm took part in a \$75 million investment in Caliva earlier this year.

Fox 2000 chief joins Sony after being jettisoned by Disney

NEW YORK — Elizabeth Gabler, whose Fox 2000 produced acclaimed literary

PEOPLE & PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Tuesday

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Next Level Church: 3801 Greensboro Ave. "Who Is Jesus?" Community Bible Study at 6-7:30 p.m. Open to men and women and of all ages and backgrounds.

Educational Meeting Medicare and Health Care Cost in Retirement:

6:30-8 p.m. in the Rotary Room at Tuscaloosa Public Library, 1801 Jack Warner Parkway.

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Citizens Transportation

Advisory Committee: 11 a.m. at James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Ave., Eutaw. Open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance, call 205-333-2990.

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Community Service Programs of West Alabama Board Meeting:

6 p.m. in the conference room of Head Start Administrative Office, 529 Black Bears Way.

Call Kalissa Bormann, 205-752-5429 ext. 254.

Thursday Dance: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Country Gold Band. Cost is \$5.

"Annie": 7 p.m. at Fayette Civic Center, 534 Temple Ave. N., Fayette. Presented by Fayette Arts Council and Self Express Productions. Tickets cost \$15. Call 205-932-8727 or at Fayette Civic Center.

Art Neville, member of Neville Brothers, dies

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Art Neville, 81, a member of a storied New Orleans musical family who performed with his siblings in The Neville Brothers



Neville

but Neville had battled a number of health issues including complications from

Meters, a pioneering American funk band that included Cyril Neville, Leo Nocentelli (guitar), George Porter Jr. (bass) and Joseph "Zigaboo" Modeliste (drums).

The Meters were the house

but members of the band have played together in groups such as the Funky Meters and the Meter Men. And in more recent years The Meters have reunited for various performances and have often been

Backpack Giveaway
Live Like 14 Foundation will hold its Back to School Backpack Giveaway Saturday, July 27, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Vernon City Park for grades K-12. Child must be present to receive backpack. #Livelike14, 1 Corinthians 13:11

Hollis Reunion
The 52nd annual Hollis Reunion will be held July 28 at the Steens Community Center at 12 noon. This is a reminder to all the Hollis Family to attend. For more information, call Doreen Mims at 662-549-1540.

Digital Art Exhibit at Vernon Library
The Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library, located at 44425 Hwy 17 in Vernon, invites you to their 3rd annual digital art exhibit. It's free and open weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Come out and share the experience of digital art. Enjoy dozens of colorful pieces depicting the beauty of animals, nature and farm life. For more information, contact Amanda Bravo, library director, at 205-695-6123 or marywallace-cobb1@aol.com

Jordan/Dobbins Reunion
The Jordan/Dobbins reunion will be Sat., July 27 at 11 a.m. at the Vernon Community Center behind Sav-More. All family and friends are invited to attend. Bring a covered dish. Meat will be furnished.

The Millport Farmers Market is every Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will continue through August 9, located at the walking track in front of City Hall Complex. Come get your fresh vegetables from local farmers. If you would like to set up to sell or would like more info, call or text Susan at 662-364-6883.

Ham Radio Classes
The West Alabama Amateur Radio Club will hold a one-month course where you can learn everything you need to earn your Technician (entry level) FCC Amateur Radio License. You do not need to learn Morse code. Classes at 6 p.m. at the Lamar Emergency Operations Training Center. Registration is not required. To join, contact David Bash, 205-557-0295 or w4gmi@gmail.com

Kids & Kin Lamar County August meetings
The Kids & Kin Program, a statewide program for relative childcare providers, will meet at the Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library, 44425 Hwy. 17, Vernon from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Aug. 13, School Readiness & Backpack Safety; Aug. 20, Plan Ahead, Be Prepared. For more information, call Tammy Ross, 205-535-0718 or tross@familyguidancecenter.org.

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Annual KHS Reunion
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Living the Rescue/Foster Life

shores and head to a kennel full of puppies wagging their tails off, barking frantically and just completely overwhelmed to greet you with their sweet puppy breath? What a greeting, everyday, no matter rain or shine, day or night, they are always excited to see you. What a joy watching them running, playing, and chasing each other while finding sticks, pine cones, and whatever else

What you don't see is the poop-filled pens and overwhelming smell with flies everywhere. Giving them each a bath (because they think playing in poop is fun) and scrubbing feed/water dishes, along with toys, is part of a daily routine needed to stay on top of it all.

There is the weighing of each pup to give daily doses of their medicines while praying they will be clear at



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Hundred Century Ride

without the support of our amazing sponsors including: DCH Encore Sports Medicine, The Caring Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, North Harbor, Indian Rivers Behavioral Health, vital, Jarvis Heating and Air, Harrison Construction, Hampton Inn, Chick-fil-A Northport, Northstar EMS, and Bryant Bank.

Online registration is available at bikehothundred.com and Packet pick up and Pre-Registration will be on 7/26/19 at Velo City Cycles from 5-8pm. Onsite registration will at the UA Outdoor Pool Complex at 6am and the ride starts at 7am. We also have a room block for our riders secured at Hampton Inn. Come ride with us in "The Hottest Ride in the South"!

2019 Fish Consumption Advisories

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) annually updates fish consumption advisories based on data collected the preceding fall by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

ADEM, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources collected samples of specific fish species for analysis from various waterbodies throughout the state during the fall of 2018 (463 samples; 40 collection stations). ADPH assessed the analytical results to determine whether any of the tested contaminants in the fish may give rise to potential human health effects.

Fish consumption advisories are issued for specific waterbodies and specific species taken from those areas. In reservoirs, advisories apply to waters as far as a boat can be taken upstream in a tributary, that is, to full pool elevations.

Newly issued advisories will be represented as the safe number of meals of that species of fish that can be eaten in a given period of time, such as meals per week, meals per month or Do Not Eat Any. A meal portion consists of 6 ounces of cooked fish or 8 ounces of raw fish.

New and updated consumption advisories is-

terbodies throughout the state. No regulations ban the consumption of any of the fish caught within the state, nor is there a risk of an acute toxic episode that could result from consuming any of the fish containing the contaminants for which the state has conducted analyses.

A fish consumption advisory can be issued for one or more specific species of fish within a waterbody or an advisory can be extended to include all fish species within that waterbody. When excess levels of a contaminant are found in a specific species of fish, an advisory is issued for that specific species. For example, if an advisory had been issued for largemouth bass and not for channel catfish, it would be advised that individuals should not eat largemouth bass, but consumption of channel catfish is permissible without endangering health.

When excess levels of a contaminant are found in multiple fish species sampled from a specific waterbody, a Do Not Eat Any advisory is issued. Consumption of any fish from a specific waterbody under a Do Not Eat Any advisory may place the consumer at risk for harm from the contaminant.

Bama Belle River Two Waterkeepers

Tuscaloosa – On Thursday, August 1 from 6-9 P.M., Black Warrior Riverkeeper and Hurricane Creekkeeper will share a fundraiser on the Black Warrior River. The sunset cruise will feature live music, dinner and a local beer sampling on the Bama Belle Riverboat, which docks by the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk at 1 Greensboro Ave.

Proceeds support both Waterkeeper Alliance organizations' work to promote swimmable, fishable and drinkable water. Hurricane Creek is a major tributary of the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa County. As Hurricane Creekkeeper, John Wathen oversees environmental enforcement for the Friends of Hurricane Creek.

"It is an honor to fight for clean water with Black Warrior Riverkeeper and all the Waterkeeper Alliance organizations across Alabama and the world," said John Wathen.

Admission includes dinner (with meat, seafood, and vegetarian options) catered by The Levee, and a complimentary sampling of Druid City Brewing's local beers. The NoJoes will perform throughout the cruise. Hailing from Tuscaloosa, the NoJoes consists of five friends embodying the best parts of blues and southern rock music,

Austin Raney of NOI

TUSCALOOSA - Austin Raney of Northport, AL (35473), was recognized by The University of Alabama's Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award Program in spring 2019. The title of the student's research project was "Estimating Floodwater Depth using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques."

The Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award Program recognizes the best research activity conducted by undergraduate students at UA. Undergraduate students who have conducted scholarly research are nominated by faculty and staff research directors. The recipients and their

Samford Dean's for Spring

BIRMINGHAM, AL - Samford University recognizes 1,519 students named to the 2019 spring semester Dean's List.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit

Jermaine "Funnyn Headline 'Stand I

August 3 Comedy Night to benefit Sickle Cell Association of West Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, AL, July 2019 – Popular comedian Jermaine "Funnymaine" Johnson will be the

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The 1957 and 1960 class celebrate their class reunions at Stansel Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, and Saturday August 3, with the 1959 class celebrating their 60th reunion. Festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Ya'll come! We'll have fun and food for all!

Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting

The Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District cordially invites you to attend the Annual Meeting

24, 2019 at The Oaks, located at 430 Walnut Street, Centreville, Alabama 35042. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Pickens County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors an award contest each year and *The Pickens County Herald's* entry was chosen as the winner of the AACD's Outstanding Communications award. The Pickens County Herald will be recognized as Area III winner during this meeting on July 24, 2019.

Public Transit Transit Planning Meeting

The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold a public meeting for the Draft West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 on July 25, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the Pickens County Commission Chamber, located at 20 Phoenix Avenue in Carrollton.

Ronnie McCollum Basketball Camp

The Ronnie McCollum basketball camp to be held July 22-26. The cost of the

camp is \$85; the camp will be held July 22-26 at Fayette High School from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. daily. This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-18. If you have questions, please call 205-932-8285.

West Alabama Bank 75th Anniversary Celebration

On August 2, 2019, All West Alabama Bank offices will host a 75th Anniversary Celebration. Stop by for refreshments, giveaways, and register to win prizes.

Email your events to pickenscnty@centurytel.net or call (205) 367-2217.

Reform Council: Grant for sewer repairs on track

BY BRIAN HAMILTON
Editor

The Reform City Council meeting on July 16, 2019 began with the council approving the minutes of the July 2nd meeting. All were in favor to approve the accounts payable as well. All council members were present except for councilwoman Pat Wheat.

Mayor Bennie Harton began the meeting by discussing the price for the handicapped table at the mini park in Reform.

Councilman Malcolm Giles said that the one that the council had looked at for \$836 was probably going to be the best price.

A motion was then made that the city purchase the

Department fundraiser. He said that he had no further updates on the fundraiser, but that the city really needs to do that, but there was no date set at the moment. He said he was waiting for cooler weather, however.

The next item on the agenda was regarding street paving. During the last meeting, Harton had asked each councilmember to look at their streets and bring to the council a street in their district that needed paved. Harton said that if the city could afford to pave some of the streets that were in need of being paved, they would.

Councilman Hagan mentioned that the street from the caution light on

2019, which was this past Monday.

"She doesn't think she has a problem meeting that date," Harton said. "We're on schedule with the grant application. Hopefully we can get it in on time and get it approved and do some work on our sewer system."

Harton said that there were some adjustments made to the cost of Resolution 070222019.

"The requesting funds were still the same, \$350,000," Harton said. "The total estimate of the project itself has been reduced from \$402,290 to \$399,590."

It was moved and seconded that the council accept the amendments to the

Next, the council discussed a check that was presented to them from Alabama Power for damages when a tree fell on a power line and Alabama Power broke the city's fire hydrant. Alabama Power also sent a release form to be signed along with the check.

"That's pretty common to ask for a release form to be signed when there's a damage claim, unless it states something unusual in there," Hagan said.

The council discussed whether or not to accept the check from Alabama Power.

"They really haven't done us any favors," Harton said. "I tried to get them to waive the fee on the Christmas tree, but they wouldn't that,

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his two U.S. senators representing Alabama's read-George E. Spencer from the southern states, served

named the Democratic Adlai Stevenson. House of Representatives in that body until the Senate, where he lost the election.

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of steady growth. The bank opened an office in Ethelsville in 1980 and an office in Gordo in 1984. Because of the move to Gordo,

Loan in Fayette, Livingston and Butler in 1993. These were the bank's first offices located outside of Pickens County. After Sanders' death in 1993, Andrew C. Wade remained CEO and was named chairman of the board. William R. "Rob"



The Pickens County Firefighters Association held their annual banquet July 19, 2019. Fire Department of the Year. Chief Michael Warren (right) accepted the award from Circu



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there. This was an exciting time because M&F also had an office in the Tuscaloosa area of Taylorville.

On Aug. 22, 2008, offices of BankTrust were purchased, and the bank obtained a beautiful new bank building in North-

the future, we promise to provide the same consistent service that our customers have come to know and expect. We are excited about our expansion into the Birmingham market later this year. Aliceville native Jim Park will be leading the

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[PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS DIGITAL ART EXHIBIT FEATURING MABBLINE NICHOLS]
The Fayette County Public Library is hosting a Third Annual Digital Art Exhibit featuring the past and present works of Mabbline Nichols. It is free to the public. The art will be on display now through Monday, Sept. 30. Hours are 10 a.m. through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**JULY 25
HEALTH SYSTEMS TO HOST JOB FAIR**
Health Systems is hosting a Job Fair at the Fayette County Public Library from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 25. Positions needed are for registered nurse, LPN, medical assistant, CNA, food and nutritional service, housekeeping/EVS, floor care/housekeeper. Minimum pay for an entry level job is \$10/hour. Check out the Job Fair and remember, dress to impress.

**JULY 25-28
LIVE PRODUCTION OF "ANNIE"**
The Fayette County Arts Council and Self Express Productions are presenting a live production of "Annie" on Thursday, July 25, through Sunday, July 28 at the Fayette Civic Center. The production will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. General admission is \$15. You may pre-purchase tickets at www.smarttix.com (with credit card), or purchase them in person at Fayette Civic Center. For more information, call (205) 932-8727.

**JULY 27
MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH BEANS AND RICE AND HOT BREAKFAST**
Michael's Episcopal Church will have beans and rice and hot breakfast available on Saturday, July 27. It will start at 9 a.m. at the church.

**JULY 30
INTER-CITY MINISTRIES TO HOST SUMMER SERIES**
Inter-City Ministries will host a summer series, presented by Mayfield Church of Christ, on Tuesday, July 30, at 7 p.m. at the Fayette Housing Authority Community Center, 409 6th St. SW. The message will be by David Dixon from Jasper, and will be "Why trust God who is a Spiritual Being when in a physical world?" Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Willie Ivey at (205) 846-6666, or email: wivey10667@aol.com.

SANDLIN FAMILY REUNION
The 85th consecutive annual Sandlin family reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 at Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 Co. Rd. 109, Bremen. Anyone with the last name of Sandlin, or related to the Sandlin family is welcomed to attend.

SMITH - LITTLE REUNION
The descendants of James William Smith and Rebecca Little Smith will hold their annual reunion at the Paul Hubbert Pavilion, located on the campus of Hubbertville School, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11. All family members and friends are invited, just bring a covered dish and join us for a time of reminiscing and fellowship. Lunch will be served at noon. For more information, call (205) 487-3873 or (205) 932-8496.

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**AUGUST 11
STOVALL FAMILY REUNION**
The Stovall Family will have its annual reunion on

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Fayette County Farmers'
Market will be open

Aug. 11 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church beginning at Noon. Bring your covered dish, and be prepared to entertain family and friends.

**AUGUST 1
FAYETTE COUNTY
REPUBLICAN PARTY**
The Fayette County Republican Party will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13. Jeff Newberry, Education Representative for District 1, will be the featured guest speaker for the month. The County Republican meetings are held on the second Tuesdays of the month and begin at 7 p.m. in the Guthrie Smith Room at Bevill State College. Meetings are open to all and becoming involved with the Republican Party.

**AUGUST 17
KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL**
Kennedy High School in Kennerly will have a potluck lunch on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Historical Building. For more information, call Trull at (205) 695-9554.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Community Calendar items will be accepted on a consecutive basis for as long as space permits. The deadline is 5 p.m. the Friday prior to publication date. Content is restricted to announcements of local public made by civic, charitable, or profit organizations or entities and should include only essential information that exceed this policy may be excluded from the newspaper.

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PEOPLE PLACES

AROUND TOWN

Wednesday

Northport Farmers Market:

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Tuscaloosa County

Commission: 9 a.m. at Tuscaloosa County Courthouse, 714 Greensboro Ave. Call 349-3870.

Next Level Church: 3801 Greensboro Ave. "Who Is Jesus?" Community Bible Study at 6-7:30 p.m. Open to men and women and of all ages and backgrounds.

Educational Meeting Medicare and Health Care Cost in Retirement: 6:30-8 p.m. in the Rotary Room at Tuscaloosa Public Library, 1801 Jack Warner Parkway.

First Baptist Church: 14019 Curry Road, Duncanville. Revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Evangelist will be the Rev. Claude Prince of Mount Sinai Baptist Church. Call 3691-0439.

Thursday

Citizens Transportation

Advisory Committee: 9 a.m. at Pickens County Commission, 20 Phoenix Ave., Carrollton. Open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance, call 205-333-2990.

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Community Service Programs of West Alabama Board Meeting: 6 p.m. in the conference room of Head Start Administrative Office, 529 Black Bears Way. Call Kalissa Bormann, 205-752-5429 ext. 254.

Thursday Dance: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Country Gold Band. Cost is \$5.

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Friday

Live at the Plaza Concert Series: 6-9 p.m. at Government Plaza,

Send us your events



Around Town, compiled by news assistant Peggy Skelton Johnson, highlights

community activities. To submit information, email peggy.skelton@tuscaloosanews.com, call 205-722-0199, fax 205-722-0118 or write 315 28th Ave., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. Please submit calendar items at least a week in advance.

2106 Sixth St. Featuring Black Tupelo from 6-7 p.m. and Cotton Bird from 7:15-9 p.m. Free. Family-friendly.

Friday Night Dance: 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5.

Northport Church of Christ: 2700 44th Ave., Northport. Fifth annual Friday night singing at 7 p.m. Refreshments afterward. Call 339-6211.

1960s prankster who named Yippies dies at 87

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Paul Krassner, the publisher, author and radical political activist on the front lines of 1960s counterculture who helped tie together his loose-knit prankster group by naming them the Yippies, died Sunday in Southern California.

Krassner died at his home in Desert Hot Springs, said his daughter, Holly Krassner Dawson. He was 87 and

Hoffman and were otherwise known as the Youth International Party, briefly became notorious for such stunts as running a pig for president and throwing dollar bills onto the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Hoffman and Rubin, but not Krassner, were among the so-called "Chicago 7" charged with inciting riots at 1968's chaotic Democratic National Convention.

Krassner constantly reinvented himself, becoming



Krassner

longtime friend and fellow counterculture personality Wavy Gravy once said of him. "People who waste time get buried in it. He keeps doing one thing after another."

He interviewed such celebrity acquaintances as authors Norman Mailer and Joseph Heller and the late conservative pundit Andrew Breitbart.

free speech, recreational drug use and personal pornography, Krassner's books included such titles as "Pot Stories For The Soul" and "Psychedelic Trips for the Mind," and he claimed to have taken LSD with numerous celebrities, including comedian Groucho Marx, LSD guru Timothy Leary and author Ken Kesey.

He also published several books on obscenity, some with names that can't be listed here. Two that can

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f's Office Press Release



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The Pickens County Sheriff's Office reports that the following individuals were arrested and booked into the Pickens County Jail for the week of July 8, 2019 through July 14, 2019.

Brad Hemby of Horton was arrested by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office for Nonsupport.

Patrick Johnson of Columbus Ms. was arrested by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office for Drug Paraphernalia Use/Possession.

Crystal Luker of Reform was arrested by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office for Drug Paraphernalia Use/Possession.

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Here are some dates that
may interest some of you:
7/26: All or Nothing Day,
Aunt and Uncle's Day, and
Talk in an Elevator Day
(ALWAYS put everything
in what you do, love me
being an aunt/great-aunt,
and love talkin' in a lift as
the Brits call it); 7/27 -
Dance Day and Cowboy
Day (love dancing and my
nephew Heath loves
everything cowboy); 7/28
- Buffalo Soldier's Day,
Parent's Day, and Water-
park Day (Buffalo soldiers
were GREAT, love and re-
spect GREAT parents, and
have LOTSA water fun es-
pecially in this HEAT); 7/29 -
Chicken Wing Day and
Lasagna Day (love
'em BOTH); 7/30 - Fa-
ther-in-Law Day and
Whistleblower Day (love
great fathers-in-law and
whistleblowers help keep
us safe from many bad
things); 7/31 - Mutt Day
and Raspberry Cake Day
(mutts are great and love
me some raspberry cake);
and 8/1 - Girlfriends Day,
Minority Donor Awareness
Day, Raspberry Cream Pie
Day, and Respect for Par-
ents Day (girlfriends are
the BEST, increase aware-
ness for organ donations
especially in minority
communities, love ALL
things raspberry, and great
parents DESERVE respect
ALWAYS).

Organ donation is a
cause close to my heart.
I've worked with several
people who've received
various donations in their
lives. These people are SO
VERY GRATEFUL to the
families who donated their

information. Homegrown
everything ALWAYS
tastes best SO continue
supporting the vendors
who supply us every week
with a VARIETY of
FRESH products! Mom
went by to get peaches and
tomatoes last Friday, and
there was no place to park.
Free food ALWAYS pack
folks in so let's hope they
BOUGHT OUT EVERY-
THING these great ven-
dors had that day!

When in Newbern, stop
by The Merc for a meal, a
to go orde Greensboro Watchman
drinks, etc. July 25, 2019
hello to Page 3
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tile Facebook page OR call
334-624-7339 to find out
the day's menu. Mom and
I have had the chicken and
rice, a cheeseburger, and
shrimp and grits since last
week, and it was ALL
GREAT! PLEASE call AT
LEAST thirty minutes in
advance to place large and
take-out orders. You never
know who you'll see at
The Merc so drop in and
sit a spell!

The Thought for the
Week again comes from
my Alabama heroine
Helen Keller and supports
the idea of organ donation
for me: "When we do the
best we can, we never
know what miracle is
wrought in our life, or in
the life of another."

That's a wrap from our
hamlet of Newbern. Hope
ALL of you have a
SPLENDID week! If you
have items for this article,
please e-mail me at lisas-
wanzy310@gmail.com.
The Watchman deadline is
noon each Monday unless
there's a holiday. Please
check back next Thursday
for more Newbern news!

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James Robert Sut- tles dies Aug. 15 at the age of 55

James Robert "JR" Sut-
tles, age 55, died Tuesday,
July 16 at his home in Fos-
ters. JR was born in
Greenville, SC to James H.
and Mary Suttles. He grad-
uated from Demopolis High
School and owned James R.
Suttles Trucking.

Suttles' hobbies included
snowmobiling, woodwork-
ing, and drag boat racing.
He is survived by his son,
Cole R. Suttles; mother,

agency comments

3. Review/revise the
draft transit plan
4. Verify next meet-
ing date

Any agency that intends
to pursue a Federal Transit
Administration (FTA) Sec-
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5317 - New Freedom Pro-
gram grant must participate
in the plan development.
The draft plan is posted at
(<https://www.warc.info/mp/o-documents/>).

The plan is a cooperative
effort between the
Tuscaloosa Area Metropol-
itan Planning Organization
(MPO) and the West Ala-
bama Rural Planning Or-
ganization (RPO). The
MPO and RPO staff devel-
oped the plan with the assis-
tance of the West Alabama
Transit Committee. Any-
one with an interest in tran-
sit service is encouraged to
attend the meeting and par-
ticipate in the plan develop-
ment.

The meeting is open to
the public. Anyone requir-
ing special assistance
should contact the WARC
at least 48 hours prior to the
day of the meeting. For
special assistance, call the
WARC at 333-2990.

West Ala. Transit Committee will meet Aug. 7 in Northport

The West Alabama Tran-
sit Committee will hold a
meeting on Wednesday, Au-
gust 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
The meeting will be held at
the West Alabama Regional
Commission (4200 High-
way 69 North, Northport).
The purpose of the meeting
is to update the coordinated
transit plan for the west Al-
abama area. Federal regu-
lations require a
coordinated transit plan be
in place prior to the use of
certain federal transit funds.

Agenda

1. Review plan up-
date schedule
2. Review public and

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Citizens Transportation

Advisory Committee: 9 a.m. at Pickens County Commission, 20 Phoenix Ave., Carrollton. Open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance, call 205-333-2990.

West Alabama Coordinated

Public Transit Plan: Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization will hold public meeting at 9 a.m. in Pickens County Commission Chamber, 20 Phoenix Ave., Carrollton. The meeting will include a formal review of the plan as well as a question-and-answer session. Anyone requiring special assistance call 333-2990 48 hours prior to meeting.

Citizens Transportation

Advisory Committee: 11 a.m. at James C. Poole Library, 219 Prairie Ave., Eutaw. Open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance, call 205-333-2990.

West Alabama Coordinated

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call 333-2990.

Community Service Programs of West Alabama Board Meeting

6 p.m. in the conference room of Head Start Administrative Office, 529 Black Bears Way. Call Kalissa Bormann, 205-752-5429 ext. 254.

Thursday Dance:

6:45-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Country Gold Band. Cost is \$5.

"Annie": 7 p.m. at Fayette Civic Center, 534 Temple Ave. N., Fayette. Presented by Fayette Arts Council and Self Express Productions. Tickets cost \$15. Call the Fayette Civic Center at 205-932-8727.

Friday

Live at the Plaza Concert

Series: 6-9 p.m. at Government Plaza, 2106 Sixth St. Featuring Black Tupelo from 6-7 p.m. and Cotton Bird from 7:15-9 p.m. Free. Family-friendly.

Friday Night Dance:

6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5.

Northport Church of Christ:

2700 44th Ave., Northport. Fifth annual Friday night singing at 7 p.m. Refreshments afterward. Call 339-6211.

Saturday

Northport Farmers Market:

6 a.m.-noon at 4150 Fifth St., Northport. Fresh produce and more.

Tuscaloosa Farmers Market: 7 a.m.-noon at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh produce and more.

17th Annual Hot Hundred: 7 a.m., University Recreation Center outdoor pool complex. Participants will ride bicycles for 30-, 40-, 50-, 70- or 100-mile rides. The event raises money for mental health initiatives in the Tuscaloosa area. Visit www.bikehothundred.com to register.

St. John AME Church:

2400 39th Ave. NE. Homecoming worship 2019 at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Thaddeus Steele of Hunter Chapel AME Zion Church.. Prophetic preaching, praise and worship, along with a reunion of St. John AME Church-Holt family, friends and neighbors.

"Annie": 2 p.m. at Fayette Civic Center, 534 Temple Ave. N., Fayette. Presented by Fayette Arts Council and Self Express Productions. Tickets \$15. Call the Fayette Civic Center at 205-932-8727.

Sunset Singing: 6 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home, 3802 Watermelon Road, Northport. Featuring Chris Whitaker and Donna Weaver. Free. Call 345-2900.

Hubbard Springs Free Will

Baptist Church: Highway 82 East, Centreville. Singing at 7

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p.m. Guest singers are Heart Line. Call 938-0828.

Darren Knight's "The Southern Momma/Cledus T. Judd Comedy Experience":

7:30 p.m. at the Bama Theatre, 600 Greensboro Ave. Presented by Bang Productions. Box office and lobby opens at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25-\$55. Visit www.eventbrite.com.

Screen on the Green, Midtown Village's Free Summer

Movie Series: 8 p.m. on the Green in Midtown Village. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and the family for "A Dog's Way Home." Come early for special movie meal deals at all participating restaurants. The Baked Bear will have an ice cream sandwich cart on The Green. Sponsored by the YMCA of Tuscaloosa County.

Actor of 'Blade Runner' fame dies at 75

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dutch film actor Rutger Hauer, who



playing an evil corporate executive in "Blade Runner" and "The 400 Blows," died at 75 on Tuesday.

replicant Roy Batty on a desperate quest to prolong his artificially shortened life in post-apocalyptic, 21st-century Los Angeles.

good is hard. Most people try to be good all their lives. So you have to work harder to make those characters interesting."

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West Alabama Transit Committee August 2019 Meeting

The West Alabama Transit Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the West Alabama Regional Commission (4200 Highway 69 North, Northport). The purpose of the meeting is to update the coordinated transit plan for the west Alabama area. Federal regulations require a coordinated transit plan be in place prior to the use of certain federal transit funds.

Agenda


- Review plan update schedule
- Review public and agency comments
- Review/revise the draft transit plan
- Verify next meeting date
- Any agency that intends to pursue a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled Program, Section 5311 - Nonurbanized Program, Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, or Section

5317 - New Freedom Program grant must participate in the plan development. The draft plan is posted at (<https://www.warc.info/mpo-documents/>).


The plan is a cooperative effort between the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO). The MPO and RPO staff developed the plan with the assistance of the West Alabama Transit Committee. Anyone with an interest in transit service is encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the plan development.

The meeting is open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the day of the meeting. For special assistance, call the WARC at 333-2990.

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Sandlin Reunion at new location

The 85th consecutive annual Sandlin family reunion will be held Sat., Aug. 3, at the Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 Co. Rd. 109 Bremen, AL. Anyone with the last name of Sandlin, or related to the Sandlin family will be most welcome. Fun and fellowship from 10 a.m. until last cousin leaves. Covered dish dinner at noon. Patsy Lee (Sandlin) Medlock 205-995-7988 (home), 205-915-1870 (cell patsymedlock@bellsouth.net).

Cash Reunion

The 73rd Cash Reunion will be Sat., Aug. 10 at the Historical Building in Kennedy, AL. All relatives and friends of the late Gordy and Elma Walden Cash family are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy the day together. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Bring any pictures or history you would like to share. Hope to see you there.

Fairview Baptist Church singing

Fairview Baptist Church will have their regular monthly singing Saturday night, Aug. 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and enjoy a time of singing and fellowship.

Digital Art Exhibit at Vernon Library

The Mary Wallace Cobb Memorial Library, located at 44425 Hwy 17 in Vernon, invites you to their 3rd annual digital art exhibit. It's free and open weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Enjoy dozens of col-orful pieces depicting the beauty of animals, nature and farm life. For more info, contact Amanda Bravo at 205-695-6123.

TOPS Open House

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) will hold Open House Monday, Aug. 19, at 5 p.m. at the Lamar County Extension Office, 281 Columbus Ave. N., Vernon. Refreshments, snacks, door prizes and 1 free member-ship to be given away. For more info: Diane 205-712-0001 or Jean 662-251-7801

Lamar County Farmers Market

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LCHS Class of '69 Reunion

The Lamar County High School Class of 1969
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West Alabama Transit Committee meeting

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Annual KHS Reunion

The Kennedy High School Reunion will be held Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Potluck lunch will be at noon. This will be the 92nd class reunion celebration. Last year 120 attended. Visit with old classmates, neighbors and friends. Includes anyone who has ever attended KHS. Call Suellen Trull at 205-695-9554 for more in-fo.

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Community Calendar

Browning-McGarity and Pate-Gober Family Reunion

The Browning-McGarity and Pate-Gober cousins/family reunion will be Saturday, August 10, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Palmetto High School Community Center.

Lunch will be catered. An adult plate will be \$10 and 10 years and under will be \$5. Please RSVP with a number of plates ordered. Reservations must be made by August 1, 2019. Pay at the door upon

arrival.

Call (205) Pickens County Herald
RSVP. If no 7/31/2019
name and no Page 2
we'll return
may also text
above. We look forward to
seeing everyone.

Pickens County High School Reunion

The 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960 classes will celebrate their class reunions at Stansel Baptist Church on Friday, August 2, and Saturday August 3, with the 1959 class celebrating their 60th

classwork. Some of them e-mail it to me and some of them bring it to me. I have a form that they fill out and I keep mostly all of the books from the classes, so that if they don't have their book then I have available books in here."

Q: Do you ever get a day when there's no one in in-school suspension

JBC: "Not a lot."

Q: So do you live in Reform?

JBC: "I live in Aliceville. I'm not originally from here. I was born in Chicago, Illinois and I lived in Indiana. I've been down here for years, but I subbed at Aliceville and I got to know some of the kids and my church kids and all that stuff."

Q: Did you know many people in Reform before you began working at the school?

JBC: "I came here and I knew no one and it was

Public Transit Transit Planning Meeting

The Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) will hold a public meeting for the Draft West Alabama Coordinated Public Transit Plan 2019 on July 25, 2019 at 9 a.m. at the Pickens

County Commission Chamber, located at 20 Phoenix Avenue in Carrollton.

West Alabama Bank 75th Anniversary Celebration

On August 2, 2019, All West Alabama Bank offices will host a 75th Anniversary Celebration. Stop by for refreshments, giveaways, and register to win prizes.

Email your events to pickenscnty@centurytel.net or call (205) 367-2217.

COLVIN (continued from front)

JBC: "No, all that goes away. They get their bathroom breaks at the scheduled time and they get lunch at a scheduled time. If they've really been misbehaving, which is not the norm, but most of the time we will go to the lunch room around 10:20 before all the other kids start coming in."

Q: Does the student's parents get notified of the in-school suspension?

JBC: "We will have a talk (with the student) and after they finish their essay, I have them take that essay home for their parents to sign. Then, if they don't bring it back, we talk and I figure out why and sometimes they'll get a day added, but most of them are pretty good."

Q: Do they have to

Geraldine Guyton and I know Lee Richardson from church, he's a pianist there, but everyone else I had to just meet them."

Q: How did you get here from Indiana?

JBC: "I married someone from here and my parents, they were from Aliceville too."

Q: Have you always worked in education?

JBC: "No, I was a head teller of a bank when I worked in Chicago and Indiana. I worked in Legal Services from 1987 to 2015 as a paralegal. I started off in legal services as a CPT Operator and then I went to being the supervisor over the secretaries and them from there I went to a PAI (Private Attorney Involvement) Coordinator, where I worked with the private attorneys to set up different workshops and things for folks to learn. After that, I de-

JBC: "Well, when I stopped working for Legal Services in Tuscaloosa after 28 years, I had a lot of offers from private law firms for me to work with them and it was over in Tuscaloosa. Then I thought about it and thought 'You know, if I could find something over here, I won't have to do all that driving,' so they had job offerings through the school system and I put in an application for one."

Q: How did you end up getting the job?

JBC: "The day I had the interview for my social security I received a phone call from the Board of Education offering me a job. I said 'Well Lord, I guess you want me to still work,'"

Q: What do you enjoy about serving as cheerleading coach?

JBC: "I love teamwork. When you are working as a group, it should never be

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AUGUST 7 WEST ALABAMA TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING

The West Alabama Transit Committee will meet on
 Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. at West Alabama
 Regional Commission Office, 4200 Hwy. 69 N.,
 Northport. The purpose of the meeting is to update
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 Anyone with an interest in transit service is encour-
 aged to attend the meeting and participate in the plan
 development. The meeting is open to the public.
 Anyone requiring special assistance should contact
 the WARC at least 48 hours prior to the day of the
 meeting. For special assistance, call the WARC at
 (205) 333-2990.

New Liberty Free Will Baptist Church to have sale

New Liberty Free Will
 Baptist Church, near Fowlers
 Crossroads, will have a sale at
 the church on Saturday, Aug.
 3, from 6 until 11 a.m.

Items for sale are things
 from the old church building
 like vinyl and aluminum win-
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stick out his tongue again. He did. Then they
 asked Gunner to hold up two fingers and he
 did.

"We're moving away from the idea of going
 brain dead to the idea of recovering," Jimmy
 said.

"We have this amazing technology and sci-
 ence, but they had basically given up on him.
 It was with everyone else's prayers and with
 the power of our God Almighty that made this
 happened."

Gunner underwent a procedure on Friday
 night, July 26, to drain fluid from his brain and
 place a monitor on him to observe brain activ-
 ity and functionality.

According to Jimmy, Gunner will likely
 have some disabilities after recovery.
 However, it is unclear to what extent.

The family has announced that visitors will
 not be allowed to see Gunner as doctors have
 ordered that he needs rest and no neurologi-
 cal stimulation.

Jimmy said the family is only requesting
 prayers.

"The prayers are all I need, and for my son
 to get better," Jimmy said.

A GoFundMe account for Gunner Pendley
 has been created with a \$10,000 goal. The

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Kennedy High School in Kennedy will have a reunio
 on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., with
 potluck lunch at Noon. It will be held at the Kennec
 Historical Building. For more information, call Suelle
 Trull at (205) 695-9554.

HOMECOMING Celebration

Sunday, August 4, 2019

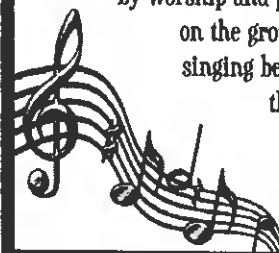
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Monday

PFLAG Tuscaloosa Chapter:

6-7:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 113 Hargrove Road. Nonprofit, national organization provides support and education concerning the LGBTQIA communities and is not affiliated with any religion or political party.

Monday Night Dance: 6:30-9:15 p.m. at McAbee Activity Center, 3801 Loop Road.

Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5. Refreshments appreciated.

Country Music: 6:45-9:30 p.m. at Old Time Fireman Lodge, 12715 Alabama 171, Northport. Live music featuring Silver Eagle Band. Admission is \$5.

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church:

3218 21st St. Annual revival services at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday. Guest

speaker is Rev. Frank Kennedy Sr., pastor of Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Call 205-421-2178.

Antioch Baptist Church:

County Road 3, Greensboro. Community Revival at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Evangelist is the Rev. Tony Antonelli of Milton, Florida. Call 334-507-3115.

Christian Hope Missionary Baptist Church:

472 Coal Fire Circle, Reform. Fall revival services at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evangelist is the Rev. Forrest Moore, pastor of West Highland MB Church of Tuscaloosa.

Tuesday

Tuscaloosa Farmers Market:

3-6 p.m. at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh produce and

more.

Tuscaloosa UA Alumni Chapter

Kick-Off Event: 6 p.m. in North Zone, Bryant-Denny Stadium, 920 Bryant Drive. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Call Brett Jones at 205-886-1837.

Wednesday

Northport Farmers Market: 6 a.m.-noon at 4150 Fifth St., Northport. Fresh produce and more.

West Alabama Transit Committee:

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Educational Meeting Medicare and Health Care Cost in Retirement:

6:30-8 p.m. in the Rotary Room at Tuscaloosa Public Library, 1801 Jack Warner Parkway.

Atlanta girl is breakout star of 'Stranger Things'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of the breakout stars of "Stranger Things" is an actress who wants to do more action roles and maybe get behind the camera. But first, there's seventh grade.

Priah Ferguson, a 12-year-old Atlanta middle schooler, has given season 3 of the sci-fi, back-to-the-'80s Netflix show a jolt of sassy electricity.

Priah plays Erica, a My Little Pony-obsessed, He-Man-stealing, walkie-talkie intercepting little sister of Lucas, played by



This image released by Netflix shows Priah Ferguson, center, in a scene from "Stranger Things." [NETFLIX VIA AP]

fitted with flashlights and sent though the ventilation shafts of

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"She's an anti-nerd nerd," the actress says. "A lot of people

day as well. But staying a kid is also a goal. She's not planning to return to her school's drama club this fall.

"I want to separate my acting from school. It just got to be a little too much," she said. "It's just too much drama."

She's taking that message across the country, teaming up with applesauce and yogurt-pouch maker GoGo squeeZ to encourage kids to put aside their devices and embrace unstructured play as part of the "BE Time" initiative.

"I love having free time to stave off my phone, even though

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Tuesday

Tuscaloosa Farmers Market: 3-6 p.m. at Tuscaloosa River Market, 1900 Jack Warner Parkway. Fresh produce and more.

Tuscaloosa UA Alumni Chapter Kick-Off Event: 6 p.m. in North Zone, Bryant-Denny Stadium, 920 Paul W. Bryant Drive. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Call Brett Jones at 205-886-1837.

Wednesday

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NEWSMAKERS

ABC exec withholds judgment on 'The Rookie'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — ABC Entertainment President Karey Burke said Monday she is withholding judgment on the fate of "The Rookie" pending an investigation into co-star Afton Williamson's claim that she endured sexual misconduct and racism during the show's production.

The actress posted online Sunday that she's quitting the ABC crime drama because of racist comments and bullying from a crew member that escalated into sexual assault at a wrap party, and an inadequate response from the show's executive producers.

"I'm waiting for the results of the investigation, just as you are, to get more answers," Burke said during a Q&A session with the Television Critics

helped invent the modern political documentary, "Primary," an account of John F. Kennedy's 1960 victory in Wisconsin over fellow Democratic presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey. He went to make or assist on dozens of films, from an early look at Jane Fonda to an Emmy-nominated portrait of Elaine Stritch to a documentary about a contentious debate between Norman Mailer and a panel of feminists ("Town Bloody Hall"). Penebaker also recorded a musical landmark with "Monterey Pop," a documentary of the 1967 California gathering that was rock's first major festival and featured such current and future stars as Otis Redding, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin.

Veteran 'Saturday Night Live' lighting designer dies at 96

defendant touched all over her body."

The charges are felonies, each punishable by up to five years in prison. Freeman said his office investigated after getting a tip from a Chicago tip line.

Kelly's attorney Steve Greenberg tweeted: "Give me a break. This is beyond absurd." He did not immediately respond to a request for further comment.

Judge rejects Weinstein appeal over sex trafficking charge

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein lost an effort Monday to get a federal appeals court to quickly decide whether sex trafficking claims can legally be brought against him.

U.S. District Judge Alison Nathan rejected the request by the disgraced movie mogul to immediately go to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals,

tweet would be perceived and "genuinely believed" it would be helpful to "anyone trying to save lives in America."

CBS stands by 'Bull,' its star in wake of misconduct claim

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — "Bull" star Michael Weatherly remains loved by viewers despite Eliza Dushku's claim of on-set sexual harassment against him, CBS said in defending its decision to keep the show and the actor on the air.

Weatherly and the drama's executive producer, Glenn Gordon Caron, are receiving "leadership coaching," CBS Entertainment President Kelly Kahl said Thursday in a Q&A session with TV critics.

The actor is taking responsibility "as the head of a show to make the set a positive place to work," Kahl said.

Community Calendar

FAYETTE COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Fayette County Farmers Market will be open through Aug. 24. It is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. (or sell out), and every Saturday from 8 until 10 a.m. (or sell out).

FCHS FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS

The Fayette County High School Football Boosters Club is offering reserved seats for this year's football season. They are \$100 per seat (this includes your ticket to enter the game). Reserved parking is also available for \$50 per vehicle. Contact Donna Brown at (205) 270-6859 if interested in purchasing one or both of these packages.

FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC LAKE

The Fayette County Public Lake is now open. The lake will be open on Thursdays - Mondays from sunrise to sunset and will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Fishing at the Fayette County Public Lake requires a valid fishing license and an additional permit for the lake. All state fishing limits apply. Additionally, all bass caught this year must be released back into the lake, since the lake was recently restocked. For licenses and permits, contact the Fayette County Probate Judge Office.

VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS DIGITAL ART EXHIBIT FEATURING MABBLINE NICHOLS

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AUGUST 7 WEST ALABAMA TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING

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Vernon. Featured Gospel Music for the evening will be the LCGMA 40 voice choir, Chosen Witness and the Fields Trio. Hall of Fame Inductees for 2019 are: Neal Champion, Eva Bryant and Jack Pate. Mrs. Eva Bryant passed away in 1972, but If you are a descendant of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Bryant, please come and be a part of this honor to her. This is a free concert and you are invited to attend.

AUGUST 11 SPRING HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Spring Hill Cemetery Association will have an annual meeting on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. at Spring Hill Church in the Bluff Community. A financial report and other business of the cemetery association will be conducted at the meeting. Everyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend.

STOVALL FAMILY REUNION

The Stovall Family will have its annual reunion on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Fayette, beginning at Noon. Bring your memories and a covered dish, and be prepared to enjoy catching up with family and friends.

AUGUST 12 RIBBON CUTTING

The Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a ribbon-cutting at Zen Massage Therapy at noon on Monday, Aug. 12. Zen Massage Therapy is located at 113 Columbus St. in Fayette.

AUGUST 13 FAYETTE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETING

The Fayette County Republican Part will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Jeff Newman, State Board of Education Representative for District 7, is the scheduled guest speaker for the meeting. The Fayette County Republican meetings are held on the second Tuesdays of the month and begin at 7 p.m. in the Guthrie Smith Room at Bevill State Community College. Meetings are open to anyone interested in becoming involved with the Fayette County Republican Party.

MEET AND GREET FOR ARTIST MABBLINE NICHOLS AT VERNON CITY COMPLEX

There will be a meet and greet for artist Mabbline Nichols on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the Vernon City Complex from Noon until 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be given

join them as they g reminisce and visi dues are \$100. E mailed. Lunch will by Nutts and Butts

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Montgomery. Cost is \$30 for each day. An optional reception and tour of the Museum of Alabama is \$20 on Friday. Visit www.alabamaheritage.com to register and details.

RPO Policy Committee: 10:30 a.m. at West Alabama Regional Commission, 4200 Alabama Highway 69 North, Northport. Open to the public. Anyone requiring special assistance, call 205-333-2990.

Shelton State Summer Graduation: 11 a.m. at Shelton State Community College, 9500 Old Greensboro Road. Visit sheltonstate.edu.

Friday Night Dance: 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Northport Community Center, 2100 Park St., Northport. Music by Keith Porter and the Over the Hill Band. Cost is \$5.

Northport Church of God: 2412 Lurleen B. Wallace Blvd., Northport. Jason Crabb in concert with special guest, Mickey Bell at 7 p.m. Call 800-965-9324 or visit www.itickets.com or the church office.

Dierks Bentley Burning Man Tour: 7 p.m. at Tuscaloosa Amphitheater, 2710 Jack Warner Parkway, Tuscaloosa.

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Tickets cost \$30, \$49.75, \$89.75 and \$99.75 through the Amphitheater box office, Ticketmaster, or by calling 800-745-3000. For more information, go to www.tuscaloosaamphitheater.com.

Night Hike: 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Oak Mountain State Park, 200 Terrace Drive, Pelham. Meet at the beach access parking Lot on Terrace Drive at 7:30 p.m. Bring a flashlight, water and hiking stick/pole. Not stroller friendly. No pets please.

World mourns the death of Nobel laureate Morrison

By Hillel Italie
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, a pioneer and reigning giant of modern literature whose imaginative power in "Beloved," "Song of Solomon" and other works transformed American letters by dramatizing the pursuit of freedom within the boundaries of race, has died at age 88.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced that Morrison



characters suffered to attain. Morrison wove everything from African literature and slave folklore to the Bible and Gabriel Garcia Marquez into the most diverse, yet harmonious, of literary communities.

"Narrative has never been merely entertainment for me," she said in her Nobel lecture. "It is, I believe, one of the principal ways in which we absorb knowledge."

Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for "Beloved," she

Appendix E

Project Lists

Proposed Projects

Section 5307 - Urban Area

Capital Expenses - Section 5307

County	Agency	Year of Purchase	Make / Model	Bus or Van	Fuel Type	# of Seats	Wheelchair Lift (Yes or No)	# of Wheelchair Positions	Projected Funding Source	Lease or Purchase	New Service or Replacement Bus / Van	Estimated Cost
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2020	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2020	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2021	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2021	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2022	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2022	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2023	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2023	N/A	Bus	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$365,000
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2020	N/A	Van	LNG	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$82,500
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2021	N/A	Van	LNG	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$82,500
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2022	N/A	Van	LNG	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$82,500
Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	2023	N/A	Van	LNG	N/A	N/A	N/A	5307	Purchase	Replacement	\$82,500

Section 5310 - Elderly and Disabled

Capital Expenses - Section 5310

County	Agency	Year of Purchase	Make / Model	Bus or Van	Fuel Type	# of Seats	Wheelchair Lift (Yes or No)	# of Wheelchair Positions	Projected Funding Source	Lease or Purchase	New Service or Replacement Bus / Van	Estimated Cost
Fayette	Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	2019	N/A	Van	Unleaded	10	Yes	2	5310	Purchase	Replacement	\$50,000
Fayette	Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	2019	N/A	Van	Unleaded	15	No	0	5310	Purchase	Replacement	\$45,000
Lamar	Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	2019	N/A	Van	Unleaded	10	Yes	2	5310	Purchase	Replacement	\$45,000
Lamar	Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	2019	N/A	Van	Unleaded	15	No	0	5310	Purchase	Replacement	\$50,000
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2019	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2019	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2020	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2020	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2021	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2021	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2022	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2022	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2023	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2023	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2024	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2024	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2025	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2025	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2026	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2026	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2027	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2027	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2028	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	ARC of Tuscaloosa County	2028	Minivan	Van	Unleaded	N/A	N/A	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	2019	Modified Passenger	Van	Unleaded	14	No	0	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	2019	Modified Passenger	Van	Unleaded	11	Yes	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
Tuscaloosa	FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	2021	Modified Passenger	Van	Unleaded	11	Yes	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
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Tuscaloosa	FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	2028	Modified Passenger	Van	Unleaded	11	Yes	N/A	5310	Purchase	Replacement	N/A
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Section 5311 - Nonurbanized Area**Capital Expenses - Section 5311**

County	Agency	Year of Purchase	Make / Model	Bus or Van	Fuel Type	# of Seats	Wheelchair Lift (Yes or No)	# of Wheelchair Positions	Projected Funding Source	Lease or Purchase	New Service or Replacement Bus / Van	Estimated Cost
Bibb, Greene, Hale	West Alabama Public Transportation	2019	Goshen	Van	Diesel	10	Yes	8	5311	Purchase	Replacement	\$45,000
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Pickens	HELP	2019	NA	Van	Unleaded	NA	Yes	1	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2020	NA	Van	Unleaded	NA	Yes	1	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2020	NA	Van	Unleaded	NA	Yes	1	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2021	NA	Cut-A-Way	Unleaded	NA	Yes	2	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2021	NA	Cut-A-Way	Unleaded	NA	Yes	2	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2023	NA	Van	Unleaded	NA	Yes	1	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2024	NA	Van	Unleaded	NA	Yes	1	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2026	NA	Cut-A-Way	Unleaded	NA	Yes	2	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA
Pickens	HELP	2028	NA	Cut-A-Way	Unleaded	NA	Yes	2	5311	Purchase	Replacement	NA

Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute**Capital Expenses - Section 5316**

County	Agency	Year of Purchase	Make / Model	Bus or Van	Fuel Type	# of Seats	Wheelchair Lift (Yes or No)	# of Wheelchair Positions	Projected Funding Source	Lease or Purchase	New Service or Replacement Bus / Van	Estimated Cost
None Reported	None Reported	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Operating Expenses - Section 5316

County	Agency	Year of Service	Projected Funding Source	Estimated Cost
None Reported	None Reported	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 5317 - New Freedom**Capital Expenses - Section 5317**

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None Reported	None Reported	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Operating Expenses - Section 5317

County	Agency	Year of Service	Projected Funding Source	Estimated Cost
None Reported	None Reported	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 5339 - Bus and Bus Facilities Program**Capital Expenses - Section 5339**

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Appendix F

Transportation Planning Acronyms and Terms

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5th Division - Alabama Department of Transportation 5th Division, office located in Tuscaloosa, includes nine counties in West Alabama, Replaced with West Central Region in 2014

AAA - Area Agency on Aging, West Alabama AAA

AADT - Average Annual Daily Traffic count

ACS - American Community Survey; U.S. Census Bureau product; replacement for the decennial long-form data

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

ADAP - Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program

ADT - Average Daily Traffic count

ALDOT - Alabama Department of Transportation

ARC - Appalachian Regional Commission

ARC - Formerly the Association for Retarded Citizens, now known as The Arc

Bicycle / Pedestrian Scale Development - Development that consists of a mix of land uses (residential, commercial, public) in close proximity, where one could comfortably walk or ride a bicycle from their origin (e.g., residence, place of employment) to a destination (e.g., place of employment, store, government facility, park)

BPC - Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

BR - Bridge funding program; also BRON

CA - Capital funds (transit)

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee; now known as CTAC

Capacity Project - (Road) a project that adds through lanes to an existing road or builds a new road; (Transit) a project that adds new routes or expands demand response/para-transit fleet

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

CN - Construction - the final phase of a transportation project, the actual building of the project

CTAC - Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee

DOT - Department of Transportation

DPI or DPIP - Innovative/Special funding program, applies to projects specifically named in federal legislation

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency

ESWA - Easter Seals West Alabama

FAST Act - Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (PL 114-94)

FHWA - Federal Highway Administration

FOCUS - Focus on Senior Citizens

FTA - Federal Transit Administration

Functional Classification System - a system to distinguish roads according to the type of service provided

GHG - Greenhouse Gas

GIS - Geographic Information System - a computer system that links cartographic images with databases and allows the user to create new maps and databases through various means, including overlay and query operations

ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991

ITS - Intelligent Transportation System

JARC - Job Access and Reverse Commute - Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 funding program

LAP - Language Access Plan, sometimes referred to as a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

LEP - Limited English Proficiency

LEP Plan - Limited English Proficiency Plan - outlines how the MPO and RPO integrates people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) into the transportation planning process - sometimes referred to as a Language Access Plan (LAP)

LOC - Local funding

Long-Range Transportation Plan - outlines projects that will be required to meet the needs of an area over an extended period of time usually 20 years, revised every four to five years

LRTP - Long-Range Transportation Plan

LVOE - Level of Effort

MAP-21 - Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Public Law 112-141)

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization, Tuscaloosa Area MPO

MPO-Portal - web-based software used to manage and integrate the TIP and STIP processes and databases; replaced TELUS

MO - Maintenance and Operation, same as federal O&M and TSMO, ALDOT preference

MO Project - Maintenance and Operation project, same as federal O&M project and TSMO project, ALDOT preference

NAAQS - National Ambient Air Quality Standards

New Freedom - Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 funding program

NHS - National Highway System, a transportation funding category, only projects on designated NHS routes can use these funds; also NHSP

O&M - operations and management, same as MO and TSMO

O&M Project - a project that improves the operation and/or management of a transportation system; examples include turn lanes, traffic signal optimization, ITS center, same as MO Project and TSMO Project

OP - Operating funds (transit)

PARA - Parks and Recreation Authority

PE - Preliminary Engineering - the first phase of most transportation projects, the study and design of the project

PL - Metropolitan Planning Funds

Public Forum - designated time during RPO and MPO meetings in which the public or interested parties may address the Policy Committee or Advisory Committees

Public Hearing - hearings to formally present information and gather public input for projects and plans - The Tuscaloosa Area MPO and West Alabama RPO do not hold public hearings. The Alabama Department of Transportation and local governments conduct public hearings for specific projects.

Public Meeting - meetings held by the Tuscaloosa Area MPO and West Alabama RPO to review draft transportation planning documents - The Tuscaloosa Area MPO holds public meetings for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and the Public Involvement Plan (PIP).

Public Review - public reviews allow anyone to examine and comment on draft documents during a specified period of time - The Tuscaloosa Area MPO and West Alabama RPO holds public reviews for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Public Involvement Plan (PIP), and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. During the review period, draft documents are available on the internet, the West Alabama Regional Commission, and the Transit Authority. The review period extends from the date the MPO or RPO adopts the draft document for public review until the MPO or RPO adopts the final document, generally two months.

ROW - Right of Way - a phase of transportation projects, the purchase of right of way

RPO - Rural Planning Organization, West Alabama RPO

RW - Right of Way - a phase of transportation projects, the purchase of right of way

SAFETEA-LU - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users - (Pub. L. 109–59, August 10, 2005)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - protects qualified individuals from discrimination based on the disability

Section 5303 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for technical studies

Section 5307 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for urban area transit capital and operating expenses, see Section 5339

Section 5309 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for capital transit improvements

Section 5310 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for elderly and disabled transit capital assistance

Section 5311 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for rural area transit capital and operating expenses

Section 5316 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for job access and reverse commute transit, also known as JARC

Section 5317 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for new Americans with Disabilities Act transit assistance, also known as New Freedoms

Section 5339 - Federal Transit Administration funding program for bus and bus facilities; replaced Section 5309 in MAP-21, eligible to 5307 recipients

SHSP - Strategic Highway Safety Plan

SPR - State Planning and Research funds

ST - State funding

STP - Surface Transportation Program

STAA - Surface Transportation Any Area funding category, represents funds that may be used anywhere in the state, ALDOT has the authority to allocate these funds

STIP - State Transportation Improvement Program

STOA - Surface Transportation Other Area funding category, represents funds that are used in Urban Areas with populations less than 200,000

STP - Surface Transportation Program, a transportation funding category, Urban Areas are allocated an amount of funds annually based on a specific per capita dollar amount

TAP - Transportation Alternatives Program

TARC - Tuscaloosa Association of Retarded Citizens, also known as The ARC

TAZ - Transportation Analysis Zone - districts used for computer traffic modeling

TCC - Technical Coordinating Committee

TCPTA - Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority, also known as Tuscaloosa Metro Transit, Tuscaloosa Trolley, the Authority

TDOT - Tuscaloosa Department of Transportation

TEA-21 - Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century

TIP - Transportation Improvement Program - a list of funded MPO projects slated to begin over a four-year period, revised every four years

Title VI - Title VI of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 2000d* (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs)

TMA - Transportation Management Area, area designated by the Secretary of Transportation, having an urbanized area population of over 200,000

TR - Transit project

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funds - Under pre-MAP-21 legislation, ten percent of all Surface Transportation Program funds allocated to a state are required to be spent on enhancement projects. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, acquisition of historic sites and construction of pedestrian or bicycle facilities

TSMO - Transportation System Management and Operations, same as MO and O&M

TSMO Project - a project that improves the operation and/or management of a transportation system; examples include turn lanes, traffic signal optimization, ITS center, same as MO Project and O&M Project

UCP - United Cerebral Palsy

UMTA - Urban Mass Transit Administration; now known as FTA

UPWP - Unified Planning Work Program - a set of tasks that the WARC staff is committed to perform over a fiscal year, revised annually

Urban Area Boundary - boundary surrounding a Census Bureau-defined urbanized area, established by the MPO with ALDOT and FHWA approval

UT - Utility Construction - a phase of transportation projects, the relocation of utilities

WAPDC - West Alabama Planning and Development Council; now known as West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC)

WARC - West Alabama Regional Commission

WARPO - West Alabama Rural Planning Organization

West Central Region - Alabama Department of Transportation Region, office located in Tuscaloosa County, includes 14 counties in West Alabama, Replaced the 5th Division in 2014

Appendix G

Trip Summary Table

Trip Summary Table West Alabama Public Providers

Agency	West Alabama Service Area	FTA Funds	Service Days	Hours	Total Annual Trips	Total Annual Employment Trips	Total Annual Education Trips	Total Annual AL Dept. of Rehab Trips	Shared Vehicles
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (Tuscaloosa Regional Center)	B,F,G,H,L,P,T	Not Applicable	M-F	8AM-4:30PM	628	13	90	501	0
ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, Inc.	F,L	5310	M-F	8:30 AM- 6 PM	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
ARC of Tuscaloosa County	T	5310	M-F	6 AM-1 PM	47,523	1,073	7,081	0	13
Arts n' Autism	T	5310	Not provided	Not provided	383	21	298	0	0
Eagles Wings	T	5310	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Easter Seals West Alabama	T	5316	M-F	5:30 AM-6 PM	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Fayette County Aging	F	5310	M-F	8 AM-12PM	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	T	5310	M-F	7:30 AM-3:30 PM	16,981	0	0	0	0
HELP Inc.	P	5311	M-F	8 AM-4 PM	7,553	11	148	0	0
Kid One Transport System, Inc.	G,T	Not Applicable	M-F	8 AM-5 PM	2,200	0	0	0	0
Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	F,L	5310	Demand Response	Demand Response	202,615	770	44,241	0	0
Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	T	5307	M-F	5 AM- 6 PM	282,674	332	54,877	53	0
Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation	T	5310	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	0
United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama	T	5310	M-F	7 AM- 5 PM	7,821	64	3,364	0	0
University of Alabama	T		M-F	7 AM-9 PM	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	0
West Alabama Public Transportation (West Alabama Health Services, Inc.)	B,G,H	5311	M-F	7 AM-8 PM	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided

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Appendix H

West Alabama Transit Providers

West Alabama Transportation Providers

Agency	West Alabama Service Area	Contact Person	Address	City	Zip	Telephone	FAX	E-mail	Restrictions/Notes	FTA Funds	Service Days	Hours
A1 Taxi Service	T			Tuscaloosa		205/210-8616	Not Available			Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (Tuscaloosa Regional Center)	B,F,G,H,L,P,T	Robbie Stewart	2412 Skyland Boulevard East	Tuscaloosa	35405	205/345-2883	205/345-4883	Stewart.Robbie@aidb.state.al.us	Clients Only	5310	M-F	8AM-4:30PM
Alabama Kidney Foundation	B,F,G,H,L,P,T	Lisa G. Costanzo	P.O. Box 12505	Birmingham	35202	205/266-2697	205/975-6682		Clients Only			
Ambassador Limousine Service	T	Not Available	P.O. Box 71234	Tuscaloosa	35407	205/556-5466	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	Not Available	Not Available
Am-Serv	B	Lacy Smith	405 Belcher St or 208 Pierson Ave or 164 Pierson Ave	Centreville	35042	205 316-7481		lacy.smith@cahabamedicalcare.com	Clients Only	Not Applicable		
Arbor Woods Health and Rehab	P		515 2nd Ave NW	Reform	35481	205/375-6379	205/375-8283		Clients Only			
ARC of Fayette/Lamar/Marengo, Inc.	F,L	Terrance Butts	1428 South Temple Avenue	Fayette	35555	205/932-8642	205/932-7867	terencebutts@gmail.com	Clients Only	5310	M-F	8:30 AM- 6 PM
ARC of Tuscaloosa County	B,G,H,P,T	Deronza Pruitt	1330 University Boulevard	Tuscaloosa	35404	205/556-4900	205/554-1084	deronza@thearcoftuscaloosa.org	Clients Only	5310	M-F	6 AM-1 PM
Arts n' Autism	T	Jan Sikes	2625 8th St	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/247-2990		artsnautism@gmail.com	Clients Only	5310		
Crossing Points (University of Alabama)	T	Jim Siders, Ed.D.	Box 870232	Tuscaloosa	35487	205/348-3180	Not Available	jsiders@ua.edu	Clients Only	Not Applicable	M-F	Not Available
Crown Limousine	T		521 30th Avenue	Northport	35476	205/758-3875	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable		
CV Transerv	B									Not Applicable		
Dunn's Taxi	T		2515 17th Avenue	Northport	35476	205/462-3644		tuwanda239@gmail.com				
E&C Taxi Service - Formerly E&C Transport	G,H,P,T		2805 6th Avenue	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/610-5635	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Eagles Wings	T	Becky Johnson	12379 Eagles' Wings Drive	Coker	35452	205/345-5484	205/345-5487	beckyjohanson@eagleswingsoftuscaloosa. org	Clients Only	5310		
Easter Seals West Alabama	T	Deborah Chandler	P.O. Box 2817	Tuscaloosa	35403	205/722-1004 x271	205/722-1008	dcchandler@eswaweb.org	Clients Only	5316	M-F	5:30 AM-6 PM
Fayette County Aging	F	Sue Bridgeman	125 2nd Avenue SW	Fayette	35555	205/932-4510	205/932-2902	shbridgeman7@gmail.com	Clients Only	5310	M-F	8AM-12PM
FOCUS on Senior Citizens of Tuscaloosa County	T	Jamie Ryan	3801 Loop Road	Tuscaloosa	35404	205/554-1919		jryan@focusonseniorcitizens.org	Clients Only	5310/5317	M-F	7:30 AM-3:30 PM
Generations of Vernon	F,L		1050 Convalescent Rd	Vernon	35592	205/695-9313			Clients Only	Not Applicable		
Greene County Ambulance Service	G	Not Available	PO Box 431	Eutaw	35462	205/372-4934	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Greene County Commission (Senior Centers)	G	Yolanda Summerville	2234 SR-14	Aliceville	35442	205372-1845			Clients Only			
Greene County Nursing Home/Medical Center	G		607 Wilson Ave	Eutaw	35462	205/372-3388			Clients Only	Not Applicable		
Greyhound	G,H,T	Flora Martin	3301 Greensboro Ave (Gas station)	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/758-6651	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	ALL	Varies
Hale County EMS	H	Russell Weedan	508 Green Street	Greensboro	36744	334/624-7108	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
HELP Inc.	P	Patricia McCafferty	P.O. Box 499	Carrollton	35447	205/367-2200	205/367-9405	helpinc@nctv.com		5311; 5316	M-F	8 AM-4 PM
Indian Rivers Behavioral Health	B,P,T	J. Randy Phillips	3701 Loop Road East	Tuscaloosa	35404	205/391-3131, x1201	205/391-3135	rphillips@irbh.org	Clients Only		M-F	8 AM-5 PM
Kid One Transport System, Inc.	G,T	Matt Holdbrooks	P.O. Box 11864	Birmingham	35202	205/978-1000	205/978-1019	mholdbrooks@kidone.org	Clients Only	5310; 5317	M-F	8 AM-5 PM
Lee's Taxi	T					205/886-2923	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Lyft	T	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Smartphone, Credit or Debit Card Required	Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Northstar EMS	F,G,H,P,T	Debbie Blake	2106 17th Avenue	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/345-0911	205/247-4731	dblake@northstar-ems.us		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center	F,L	Dr. Dale Cottle/Janice Trotter	1100 7th Avenue	Jasper	35501	205/302-9000, ext. 9017	205/302-9002	dale@nwamhc.com, janice@nwamhc.com	Clients Only	5310	DR	DR
Radio Cab	T	Not Available	2101 Jemison Avenue	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/758-2831	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
RSVP of Tuscaloosa and Hale County	H,T											
RushHour Transit	B,F,G,H,L,P,T	Carlotta Jones	Not Available	Tuscaloosa		833/787-4687	Not Available	carlotta@rushhourtransit.com	No wheelchairs	Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Scuttle Shuttle	T	Not Available	Not Available	Tuscaloosa	Not Available	205-471-7433	Not Available	customer@scuttleshuttle.com		Not Applicable	ALL	2:27 AM-9:40 PM
South Mobile Area Regional Transit (SMART)	B,T	Sara Martin	298 Walnut Street	Centreville	35042	205/926-3736	Not Available	SMART3637@att.net		Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Sterling Limo, Formerly Alabama Sterling Limo-Cab	T			Northport	35473	205/331-5016	Not Available			Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
Tuscaloosa Charter Service	T		P.O. Box 40202	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/556-5757	Not Available	Not Available		Not Applicable	DR	DR
Tuscaloosa County Parking & Transit Authority	T	Russell Lawrence	601 23rd Avenue	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/343-2300	202/349-1360	rlawrence@tuscaloosa.com		5307	M-F	5 AM- 6 PM
Tuscaloosa County Parks and Recreation	T	Gary Minor	P.O. Box 2496	Tuscaloosa	35403	205/562-3220	205/562-3224	gminor@tcpara.org	Clients Only	5310	Not Available	Not Available

Agency	West Alabama Service Area	Contact Person	Address	City	Zip	Telephone	FAX	E-mail	Restrictions/Notes	FTA Funds	Service Days	Hours
Uber	T	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Smartphone, Credit or Debit Card Required	Not Applicable	ALL	ALL
United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama	T	LaMonica Herron-McCoy	1100 UCP Parkway	Northport	35076	205/345-3031	205/345-3035	executivedirecotyucp@comcast.net	Clients Only	5310	M-F	7 AM- 5 PM
University of Alabama	T	James Knickrehm	451 Campus Drive	Tuscaloosa	35487	205/348-0131	205/348-5783	jknickrehm@fa.ua.edu	Students; Staff; Faculty; Visitors	5339	M-F; Sunday	7 AM-9 PM; 1 PM-6 PM
VA Medical Center (Tuscaloosa)	B,F,G,H,L,P,T	Stephen Bates	3701 Loop Road East	Tuscaloosa	35404	205/554-2000, x2334	205/554-3565	stephen.bates@va.gov	Clients Only		M-F	5 AM - 7 PM
West Alabama Public Transportation (West Alabama Health Services, Inc.)	B,G,H	Bobby J. Armstead	500 East Washington Street	Demopolis	36732	334/289-5789	334/289-1198	boss_trn@bellsouth.net		5311	M-F	7 AM-8 PM
Whatley Health Services, Inc.	T	Aretha Thomas	2731 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd	Tuscaloosa	35401	205/349-3250	205/345-3993		Clients Only			

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Appendix I

Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Description

Tuscaloosa Area MPO Description

Section 1

Introduction

To be eligible for Federal funds, the *Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962* required Urban Areas with populations of at least 50,000 to have a transportation planning process. The Act stated that the planning process was to be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive. In addition, the Act required plans and programs produced from the process to be consistent with the comprehensive planned development of the area. Subsequent acts retained this language.

Organization

The Tuscaloosa Area transportation planning process is conducted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is composed of four committees. The Policy Committee is the official decision-making body of the process. The Policy Committee is served by three advisory committees: Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPC). More information on the committees can be found in Section 3 of this appendix.

Metropolitan Planning Area (Study Area)

Metropolitan Planning Organizations are required to include the current Census Bureau-defined urbanized area and the area expected to be urbanized by the forecast year of the long-range transportation plan in the planning area. The planning area can also be expanded to include "... regional economic development and growth forecasting areas." The Tuscaloosa Area MPO used this option when Tuscaloosa County was adopted as the planning area. All MPO plans and programs are limited to the planning area.

Agreement

The agreement legally delineates the concerned governmental entities, defines the duties of each entity, and outlines the organizational structure. The first agreement was executed in 1963, and the most recent agreement was signed in 2016. The agreement is between the West Alabama Regional Commission, Tuscaloosa County, City of Tuscaloosa, City of Northport, Tuscaloosa County Parking and Transit Authority, and the State of Alabama.

Legal Reference

The laws regarding Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are found in Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code and Section 5303 of Title 49 of the United States Code. The Code was superseded or amended by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act* Section 1201, December 2015. The rules that govern metropolitan planning organizations are published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) as Title 23, Chapter 1, Part 450, Subpart C.

Transportation Planning Process Coordinator

The Executive Director of the West Alabama Regional Commission is the designated Coordinator of the transportation planning process. The Coordinator is responsible for the overall guidance of the process, as well as the coordination of all data collected from the local area. The Coordinator provides staff and clerical assistance for the planning process from the West Alabama Regional Commission.

West Alabama Regional Commission (WARC) Staff

There are over 50 employees at the WARC; however, only three employees work directly with the MPO. These three include the Transportation Planning Director and two Transportation Planners. Four other WARC Employees serve the MPO and the other programs housed at the WARC in an indirect capacity. These include the Executive Director, two Accountants, and an Office Manager.

Section 2

Products of the Transportation Planning Process

Unified Planning Work Program

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) represents the budget and work tasks necessary to accomplish and maintain the transportation planning process within the Tuscaloosa study area. The UPWP is developed to coordinate transportation and related planning activities for a cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive planning process.

The primary objective of the UPWP is the development of an integrated planning program that considers the planning activities of all transportation groups and coordinates these activities to produce a total transportation plan serving all segments of the population. The MPO updates the UPWP annually.

Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a short-range, financially constrained subset of the long-range transportation plan. However, many projects that are included in the TIP will not be specifically listed in the long-range transportation plan; including some operational, maintenance, enhancement, and transit projects. The projects on the TIP are prioritized over the four years covered by the document.

The TIP is redeveloped every four years and financially balanced against expected revenues. ALDOT uses the TIP as a guide in selecting projects for funding in the Tuscaloosa area and in the development of the State Transportation Improvement Program.

Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Tuscaloosa Area MPO is required to produce a long-range plan every five years. The long-range plan outlines the transportation projects within the Tuscaloosa study area that need to be completed to fulfill the projected transportation demands by the 20-year forecast date.

The MPO adopted the *2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan* in 2019. The MPO vision statement, goals, and objectives are part of the plan. The projects on the plan are balanced against forecasted revenue and include only those with identified funding. The MPO is scheduled to update the plan in 2024.

Public Involvement Plan

The purpose of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is to ensure that the transportation planning process encourages active public participation. It is the vision of the MPO to have a community that understands the transportation planning process and actively participates in the process. The MPO goals outlined in the PIP are to (1) have an open planning process that encourages early and continuous public participation; (2) provide complete and timely information regarding the plans, programs, procedures, policies, and technical data produced or used during the planning process to interested parties and the general public; (3) provide timely and adequate public notice of hearings, meetings, reviews, and major document availability; (4) demonstrate consideration and recognition of public input and provide appropriate responses to public input; and (5) encourage participation in the planning process by low-income groups, minorities, persons with disabilities, and the elderly; and to consider the needs of these groups when developing programs and plans. The PIP describes how the MPO incorporates the public into the process, how public involvement is tracked, and performance is measured.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan serves as a guide for improving bicycle and pedestrian activity in Tuscaloosa County. The plan includes construction, education, promotion, and policy projects intended to integrate bicycle and pedestrian travel into the existing transportation environment.

The plan was initiated by the MPO to facilitate the development of their transportation plans and programs. However, due to many of the proposed projects falling outside of the authority of the MPO, the MPO intended other agencies and governments to use the plan. The current Tuscaloosa Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was adopted in 2012 and is scheduled to be revised in 2020.

Section 3

Committees

The Tuscaloosa Area transportation planning process is conducted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is composed of four committees. The Policy Committee is the official decision-making body of the process. The Policy Committee is

served by three advisory committees: the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPC). The Policy Committee has the ultimate decision on transportation planning matters. However, the work and recommendations of the advisory committees shape all of the outputs of the transportation planning process.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee serves as the official decision-making body for the Tuscaloosa Area transportation planning process. In this capacity, the Committee determines how federal transportation funds are spent in the study area. The responsibilities of the committee include providing overall guidance to the planning process, review and approval of all process plans and programs, as well as appointing TCC and CTAC members. The Policy Committee usually meets on the last Monday of even-numbered months. The Policy Committee is composed of 12 members, five voting and seven non-voting.

Technical Coordinating Committee

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) provides technical support to the MPO Policy Committee. The TCC reviews MPO documents, studies, reports, plans, and programs; and provides the MPO with recommendations concerning these items. The TCC members review the planning process products from a technical perspective ensuring that appropriate concerns are addressed, including local planning issues, engineering details, environmental questions, and future growth, among many others. The TCC has the authority to make alternative recommendations for any of the products.

The TCC coordinates the work of the various departments and agencies involved in the transportation planning process. The local governments, the State DOT, and selected other transportation interests are represented on the TCC. The TCC members share information and data that builds and improves the planning processes and products. The TCC members work together to ensure that the transportation projects are coordinated. The TCC usually meets on the third Thursday of even-numbered months.

Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee

The Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) consists of twenty-four citizens from the Tuscaloosa area. The Mayors of Tuscaloosa and Northport and the County Commission Chair each appoint eight members to the committee. The CTAC was established to provide active public participation in the transportation planning process. Prior to the formation of the CTAC, the MPO relied primarily on public meetings for citizen input on transportation planning issues. There are a number of problems with public meetings of this nature, with the most significant obstacle being a lack of participation.

Another shortcoming of the public meeting is the background knowledge that is required to understand the planning process. While the MPO staff tries to make the process easy to understand, transportation planning is not widely understood. People who are

not familiar with the topic are generally not willing to participate. The CTAC provides the MPO with a standing committee of citizens who have a good knowledge of the planning process and can effectively convey public concerns related to transportation in a structured fashion.

The CTAC reviews MPO documents, studies, reports, plans, and programs and provides the MPO with recommendations concerning these topics. The CTAC also informs the MPO of public concerns related to transportation projects and issues. A CTAC member once suggested that the committee members act as antennas in the community gathering opinions and ideas in the course everyday life and passing the information on to the MPO. The CTAC usually meets on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months.

In addition to the CTAC, the MPO adopted a public involvement plan. The plan describes the MPO public participation goals and lists strategies to encourage public participation in the transportation planning process. The CTAC is included as one of several methods to garner public involvement.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

The MPO (Policy Committee) authorized the formation of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPC) in 1997. The committee assists the MPO in developing plans, programs, and projects related to bicycle and pedestrian activities. The BPC consists of individuals from many areas of the community who share a common interest in improving bicycling and walking in Tuscaloosa County. Membership on the committee ranges from professional planners to avid bicyclists. There is no set membership list. Anyone who attends the BPC meetings is considered a member and has voting privileges. The BPC usually meets on the third Monday of even-numbered months.

Appendix J

West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Description

Introduction

The following is a summary of the West Alabama Rural Transportation Planning Process and includes relevant background information. A Rural Planning Organization (RPO) functions somewhat like a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and provides structure for the process. An important distinction between an MPO and the RPO is that all RPO recommendations and documents are only advisory at this time. The RPO serves as a formal link between the ALDOT and local governments and provides additional opportunities for the rural areas to communicate with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).

Organization

The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) is composed of three committees. The Policy Committee is the official decision-making body of the process. The Policy Committee is served by two advisory committees: the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).

Study Area

The study area includes the six rural counties served by the West Alabama Regional Commission: Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, and Pickens. Tuscaloosa is not part of the study area because it is already served by a transportation planning process governed by the Tuscaloosa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Tuscaloosa County MPO has nonvoting representatives on the RPO Policy and TCC.

Agreement

The first step in any transportation planning process is the development of an agreement. The agreement legally delineates the concerned governmental entities, defines the duties of each entity, and outlines the organizational structure. The agreement is between the West Alabama Regional Commission and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).

Laws and Regulations

The laws requiring Departments of Transportation to develop nonmetropolitan cooperative processes are found in Title 23, U.S. Code (USC) 135 and 505. Title 23 was amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning and Programing in Section 1202 and funding features in Section 3016. The actions are duplicated for public transit in Title 49, U.S. Code Sections 5304, and the formula funding features are in 5338.

The rules regarding the nonmetropolitan cooperative process are published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) as Title 23, Part 450. The Code was superseded or amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Sections 1202 and 20006, July 2012, and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) Section 1202, December 2015. These regulations require States to consider the concerns of local elected officials when carrying out statewide transportation planning, to develop a process to cooperate with nonmetropolitan local officials regarding transportation issues and to work with nonmetropolitan officials when developing the statewide transportation plan and the statewide transportation improvement program (STIP).

Products of the Transportation Planning Process

Work Program

The Work Program (WP) represents the budget and work tasks necessary to accomplish and maintain the transportation planning process within the study area. The WP is developed to coordinate transportation and related planning activities for a cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive planning process. The primary objective of the WP is the development of an integrated planning program that considers the planning activities of each modal group and coordinates these activities to produce a transportation plan that serves all segments of the population.

Safety Program

The RPO collects a list of safety observations at the quarterly committee meetings. In general, the safety observations are low-cost projects that have the potential to reduce traffic crashes. The observations are forwarded to the county engineers, the ALDOT West Central Region District Engineers, the ALDOT West Central Region Engineer, and other relevant agencies. At the end of each fiscal year, the quarterly safety observations are compiled into a final report. The final report will describe any action taken to address the suggestion. The report will also be provided to the appropriate departments and agencies.

Long-Range Transportation Plan

The RPO adopted the original long-range transportation plan in 2006 and revised it in 2011 and 2016. The plan established goals, strategies, and a region-wide transportation vision. The plan includes a prioritized project list for each county and a prioritized list of regional projects. The purpose of the plan is to document the long-range transportation needs of West Alabama, as identified by the elected and appointed officials in the area. The plan is intended to help local governments address and prioritize transportation needs. The plan should also help ALDOT develop the statewide plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and schedule the construction of transportation projects based on their limited budget. However, the plan is strictly advisory. No funds have been set aside to undertake any of the strategies or projects included in the plan.

Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) allows state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) to develop a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has chosen not to re-designate the current Alabama RPOs as RTPOs. However, ALDOT has decided to allow the RPOs to develop nonbinding Rural TIPs.

Committees

The West Alabama Rural Planning Organization (RPO) manages the West Alabama Rural Transportation Planning Process. The RPO is composed of three committees. The Policy Committee is the official decision-making body of the process. The Policy Committee is served by two advisory committees: the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). These committees meet four times a year; January/February, April/May, July/August and have one Combined Committee meeting in November.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee serves as the official decision-making body for the West Alabama Rural Transportation Planning Process. In this capacity, the Policy Committee determines the content of documents and recommendations provided to the Alabama Department of Transportation. The responsibilities of the Policy Committee include providing overall guidance to the planning process, review and approval of all process plans and programs, and appointing TCC and CTAC members.

The Policy Committee is composed of nineteen members, fourteen voting and five nonvoting. Each county commission in the six rural west Alabama counties has a voting representative on the Policy Committee. In addition, the mayors from each rural county choose a voting representative to serve on the Policy Committee. The ALDOT West Central Region Engineer and the Executive Director of the WARC are the other two voting members. The five nonvoting members are Federal Highway Administration Division Administrator, the ALDOT Local Transportation Engineer, the chairman of the RPO TCC, the chairman of the RPO CTAC, and the chairman of the Tuscaloosa Area MPO Policy Committee.

Technical Coordinating Committee

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) provides technical support to the Policy Committee. The TCC reviews RPO documents, studies, reports, plans, and programs and provides the Policy Committee with recommendations concerning these items. The TCC members evaluate the planning process products from a technical perspective, making sure that all relevant concerns are addressed, including local planning issues, engineering details, environmental questions, and future growth, among many others. The TCC also has the ability to make alternative recommendations for any of the products.

The TCC coordinates the work of the various departments and agencies involved in the transportation planning process. The local governments, the State DOT, and selected other transportation interests are represented on the TCC. The TCC members share information and data that builds and improves the planning processes and products.

Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee

The Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) is made up of twenty-four citizens from the West Alabama area. The county commission and the mayoral representatives on the Policy Committee each appoint two members to the CTAC. Each county has four representatives on the CTAC.

The CTAC was established to provide active public participation in the transportation planning process. The CTAC provides the RPO with a standing committee of citizens who have a good knowledge of the planning process and can pass on public concerns related to transportation in

a structured fashion. The CTAC reviews RPO documents, studies, reports, plans, and programs and provides the Policy Committee with recommendations concerning these items. The CTAC also informs the Policy Committee of public concerns related to transportation projects and issues.

The CTAC is scheduled to meet four times a year. The full CTAC meets once a year, usually in the first quarter of the fiscal year, in conjunction with the TCC and Policy committees. For the other three meetings, the CTAC holds six subcommittee meetings in each of the rural counties. Each subcommittee is composed of the four representatives from the respective county. This method of meeting provides local residents a better opportunity to participate in the planning process.

The CTAC is just one of the strategies included in the public involvement plan adopted by the RPO. The plan describes the RPO public participation goals and lists strategies to encourage public participation in the transportation planning process. The RPO staff reviews participation performance measures annually to judge the effectiveness of the plan.