

**SUMMARY DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT  
for amendment number two (2) to the 2030 Long Range Transportation  
Plan (LRTP), for the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization  
(MPO)**

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For the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

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## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

The City of Montgomery/MPO Transportation Planning Staff held a two week public involvement comment period from March 17, 2009 through March 30, 2009 to solicit comments from the general public regarding the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment number two (2). In addition, the City of Montgomery Transportation Planning Staff held a public hearing to solicit comments from the general public concerning the project.

### • **Comments Received**

One hundred twenty one (121) comments were received via a combination of U.S. mail, fax, email and hand delivery to MPO Staff. In addition, oral comments were heard by MPO Staff at the public involvement meeting held on March 30, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the City of Montgomery City Hall in the Council Chamber. **Twenty five (25) public comments were “for” a new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road and one hundred fifty three (153) comments were “opposed” to a new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road.** A petition with fifty (50) signatures was also received for the construction and continued progress of building the Proposed Outer Loop Roadway, as well as some of the overall comments suggested that the Outer Loop construction be restarted and completed to fulfill a previous commitment to do the project. No comments were received from the public involvement sites in the City of Montgomery, Montgomery County, City of Prattville-Autauga County or Elmore County. See the written comments that were received in the next section titled “Public Involvement Comments Received”.

### • **Publicity**

The City of Montgomery/MPO Transportation Planning Staff placed a public notice in the Montgomery Advertiser, Millbrook Independent, Prattville Progress, and Wetumpka Herald newspapers that ran several times to notify the public regarding the public involvement period, sites to see the information regarding the amendment and public involvement meeting regarding the 2030 LRTP amendment two. Also, the 2030 LRTP amendment documents, public notice and comment form were placed on the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) website for access the internet at [http://www.montgomerympo.org/public\\_involvement.html](http://www.montgomerympo.org/public_involvement.html).

The 2030 LRTP amendment number two (2) documents, advertisement, and comment forms were placed at locations listed below for public viewing and comment from March 17, 2009 through March 30, 2009:

### **Montgomery City/County**

- Montgomery City/County Library, Main Branch, 245 High Street
- Montgomery Planning and Development Department, 27 Madison Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Montgomery Intermodal Transportation Facility, 495 Molton Street
- Montgomery Housing Authority, Main Office, 1020 Bell Street
- Rufus Lewis Library, 3095 Mobile Highway
- Rosa L. Parks Library, 1276 Rosa L. Parks Ave

- ALDOT Sixth Division Office, 1525 Coliseum Blvd
- E.L. Lowder Library, 2590 Bell Road

**City of Prattville/Autauga County**

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

**Elmore County/City of Millbrook/City of Wetumpka/Town of Coosada**

- Millbrook Library, 3650 Grandview Road
- Millbrook City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 3390 Main St.
- Coosada Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 5800 Coosada Rd.
- Wetumpka City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 408 S. Main St.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT COMMENTS RECEIVED

**1. Coleman Hufham:** 7030 Fain Park Dr. Suite 11, Montgomery, AL 36117.

**Comment:** I feel this interchange will accomplish multiple objectives that will benefit the City of Montgomery. 1). Relieve congestion at Mitylene 2). Continue growth and development in East Montgomery. 3). Attract more businesses to the East side of Montgomery with easier access to the new industrial park and undeveloped land.

**2. Randy McRae, Jr.:** 9209 Bradford Place, Montgomery, AL. **Comment:** As an east Montgomery resident, I feel that the proposed interchange would benefit commerce and offer another traffic option for an area already congested at Chantilly Parkway. With the outer loop on hold, this is a good option. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

**3. Thomas C. Tankersley:** 602 South Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. **Comment:** Please consider this letter as my comments regarding the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment No. 2 to add a proposed new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road. I represent several developers and contractors in Montgomery County. I have talked to several of them about the proposed amendment to add a new interchange at Wares Ferry Road. I believe that this interchange would benefit this community by increasing development in the area, especially at and around the industrial park. The increased access to the businesses and residences will enhance the projects underway at this time and will increase other projects in the future. This community has needed better access to this area for some time and a new interchange will certainly be welcome. Thank you for your consideration. Please note my support for the new proposed interchange at I-85 and Wares Ferry Road.

**4. Michael Stroup:** 13384 Edna Brake Lucas Dr., Montgomery, AL. **Comment:** We are a landscape/irrigation contractor at the above address. We feel that the new interchange would allow our vendors and customers to more easily and quickly access our office. We also feel this interchange would bring more businesses to our areas subsequently creating additional jobs. We are please that this measure was implemented prior to construction in order to obtain feed back from the public.

**5. Jeff Gullede:** 8690 Wible Run, Montgomery, AL 36116. **Comment:** 1). Ease some of the congestion at Mitylene exit. 2). Encourage businesses to come to Montgomery industrial park. 3). Encourage growth east of the interchange. 4). Easier access to Wetumpka via interstate and toll road. The longer we wait the more expensive the project will cost.

**6. Brett Leary:** 772 Towne Lake Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** The traffic at the Mitylene intersection is a huge problem. I have two teenage drivers who have to negotiate that intersection several times a day. The traffic problem in that area is going to drive down local property values.

**7. Timothy W. Lee:** 8467 Harbinger Court, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** I believe we should have an interchange at Wares Ferry for several reasons. Most importantly is the tax revenue that would come from future development at the Industrial Park, which needs Interstate access. Also, the traffic flow improvement on Chantilly and Mitylene that would benefit from another interchange. It would also open up the growth for East Montgomery for future development and a new tax base. The longer the process is delayed, the greater the cost and greater displacement issues. Sooner than later!

**8. Joe Donaldson:** 106 Glynlakes Dr., Pike Road, AL 36064. **Comment:** I believe we should have an interchange at Wares Ferry for several reasons. Most importantly is the tax revenue that would come from future development at the Industrial Park, which needs Interstate access. Also, the traffic flow improvement on Chantilly and Mitylene that would benefit from another interchange. It would also open up the growth for East Montgomery for future development and a new tax base. The longer the process is delayed, the greater the cost and greater displacement issues. Sooner than later!

**9. E. H. Wilson:** P.O. Box 2148, Montgomery, AL 36102. **Comment:** Would increase economic development in this area which would create jobs and expand tax base. The access to the industrial park would be much improved. Traffic congestion at the Mitylene exit would be relieved.

**10. George W. Thomas:** 3136 Hathaway Place, Montgomery, AL 36111. **Comment:** The proposed new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road is needed for a number of reasons: 1. The County Industrial Park and users of the other properties near Wares Ferry which are likely to develop as industrial uses (both north and south of I-85) need to get on I-85 at Wares Ferry rather than Taylor Road. Even if the loop is built these industrial users will likely use the Taylor Road exit unless there is a Wares Ferry exit. 2. The Taylor Road exit is extremely busy with no industrial traffic. The Wares Ferry exit would reduce the traffic problems by providing access to Chantilly Boulevard, Vaughn Rd and Pike Rd at the Mount Meigs community instead of Taylor. 3. The area between Eastchase/Chantilly Blvd and the proposed loop is logically the next area which will be developed. This development will flood the service roads north or south of I-85 and Highway 80 North of I-85 unless the Wares Ferry exit is built.

**11. Gwen Lehnkuhl:** 607 Keeneland Way, Montgomery, AL 36109. **Comment:** We should continue closing the gap between Montgomery, Waugh, Mitylene and Auburn. By adding another interstate exchange, it would encourage business activity for all commuters between Montgomery and Auburn and hopefully keep some of the revenue in our county. All of Montgomery is moving east therefore we need more accessibility to the new areas of development.

**12. Joel H. Cohen:** 216 Foxchase Dr, Pike Road, AL 36064. **Comment:** This would relieve congestion at Mitylene and help to entire business at the industrial park. It seems that the amount of time that has progressed and doing nothing has definitely hindered development.

- 13. Al Crosby:** 14755 Highway 110, Fitzpatrick, AL 36029. **Comment:** This project would help those who live and commute from the east side of central Alabama.
- 14. Billy Eley:** 3121 Boxwood Drive, Montgomery, AL 36111. **Comment:** Benefits: Increase access to Count Industrial Park hopefully attracting employers. Allows access to business and residences in east Montgomery County, relieves traffic congestion on both Mitylene and Waugh exits. This is nice to allow input in this manner.
- 15. Darren Dillon:** 3190 Thomas Ave, Montgomery, AL. **Comment:** I feel strongly that this interchange will enhance the County Industrial Park in its ability to attract manufacturing plants that need interstate access. Will also open up east part of Montgomery County for business growth to help increase our tax base.
- 16. Art Steineker:** 2401 E. Cloverdale Park, Montgomery. **Comment:** The interchange is needed to open up the eastern part of Montgomery County to commercial and residential development. It is in the middle of the growth corridor for the city and will also give great access to Elmore County.
- 17. Hodgson Concrete:** P.O. Box 9868, Montgomery, AL 36108. **Comment:** We have a production plant just west of Wares Ferry on Highway 80. We have no objection to the interchange. We would benefit from having an access to I-85 so close.
- 18. Cindy McQueen:** 523 Hollwood Rd, Montgomery, AL. **Comment:** Increase access to business and residences in east Montgomery.
- 19. William Wallace:** 2074 Milly Branch Rd., Montgomery AL 36064. **Comment:** Much needed for congestion at Mitylene, (can you imagine what the traffic will be like in 5 years) and to give Montgomery more tax base opportunity with retail and commercial development. Anxious to see how it works out, not sure just yet.
- 20. Nim Frazer:** 4747 Woodmere Blvd, Montgomery, AL. **Comment:** I'm in favor of a proposed new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road to open up access from Montgomery Industrial Park without going down to Exit 11. There are many companies we have attracted to the new park, and hope to attract many more, that will benefit from this proposed new interchange. In addition it will open up other development opportunities across the interstate on US-80 to expand our tax base.
- 21. Mike Soloman:** 3856 Johnstown Dr., Montgomery, AL 36109. **Comment:** Needed to access a growth corridor to entire commercial and retail development for potential increases in the tax base. Provide direct access to the Montgomery Industrial Park which would attract additional industry creating job opportunities. Provide access to the Pike Road area south to US Hwy 82. Recommend.

- 22. William B. Crum, Jr.**, Montgomery Landscape Contractor: P.O. Box 122 (13099 Wares Ferry Rd), Mt. Meigs, AL 36057. **Comment:** Relieves traffic congestion at Mitylene and Waugh exits. Gives Montgomery County Sheriffs office better response time to crime victims. We have had 12 burglaries this year (2009) already. Public opinion always helps committee members see both sides before voting.
- 23. Julia Wallace:** 2074 Milly Branch Rd., Pike Road, AL 36064. **Comment:** Need interstate access at Wares Ferry Rd for several reasons: 1. Chantilly to crowded and will only get worse overtime, 2. Additional access would allow more development in the Pike Road area, increasing tax base for new schools, etc. Commercial and residential. 3. Montgomery County needs increased businesses instead of the businesses locating in Prattville and Auburn. This process seems to work effectively.
- 24. Barbara Duke and Shirley Sandy:** 11250 Hwy 80 E (Dawsons at Rosehill), Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** This interchange is sorely needed. We travel Hwy 80 every day and the Chantilly intersection is almost impossible to maneuver because of increasing traffic from East Chase and the eighteen wheeler traffic from US-231 down Old Carter Hill Rd to Pike Rd to US-80 Ease. The corner of Wares Ferry and Hwy 80 is an eye sore to our community now. A well maintained interchange would be a welcomed sight. We support this project 100%. Please do not displace historical sites. Please develop route to Vaughn Rd through least densely populated areas.
- 25. Eric Higgins:** 2564 Aimee Dr. Montgomery, AL 36106. **Comment:** The proposed interchange is imperative to allow the City to continue to achieve its smart growth polices, i.e. by taking the burden off Taylor Rd from the dangerous tractor trailers. By allowing the interstate industrial park at I-85 to maintain and recruit businesses.
- 26. John Wesley Summers: Comment:** We are a community of ninety homes called Knollwood and our community has been in existence since 1970. Please note that the proposed exchange for Wares Ferry will greatly impact our Community. It will create a significant traffic problem for our community. It will bring additional traffic through our community. It will create an undue issue for seniors abiding within our community. Thanking you in advance for your consideration. I Remain, John Wesley Summers.
- 27. J.R. Brown:** PO Box 63, Mt. Meigs, AL 36057. **Comment:** Sent by email for immediate delivery and receipt. RE: Opposition to Wares Ferry Road Interchange being placed back into Long Range Transportation Plan and Plan being amended to accommodate such.

As you know, my family owns a significant amount of property on both the north and south sides of I-85 at Wares Ferry Road and will be significantly and adversely affected by such an interchange in the area. As it is drawn, this interchange affects my family farm and livelihood in five distinct areas for inclusion.

This interchange affects a historic rural community of predominantly African American residents. They too will be adversely affected and harmed by this interchange. Harm caused by traffic congestion, air pollution, noise, and the loss of the quiet enjoyment of their homes, lifestyles, and environment.

This would be a repeat performance of the Outer Loop Project which primarily took the lifetime homes and land of poor African American people in this rural community east of Montgomery nearly 10 years ago. This insufficiently funded project displaced a large number of residents and was never finished to this day. The funding was just enough to take their land and homes, place utilities and then abandon it. With the budget structure of the Wares Ferry Road Interchange Project, this scenario would happen again.

According to conversations with Don Vaughn at ALDOT and Commissioner Reid Ingram, it appears that new federal funds and private funds will be used for the Outer Loop Project to be completed southward to US 231. This would eliminate much of the traffic congestion coming from many of the surrounding communities such as Pike Rd, Chantilly Parkway and the Mitylene exits, and the new developments at Waugh. So why do another interchange, barely a mile away from Mitylene, the Outer Loop, or the Waugh exits? More waste of tax payer dollars and resources on duplicitous roads, interchanges and highways obviously for the benefit of just a few. Three exits seems more than adequate without creating more traffic congestion on the interstate with people trying to get on and off in this small area of roadway.

An alternative consideration to the interchange could be to straighten out and widen Wares Ferry Road all the way through to US 80 and beyond, which would include going through my family property on the south side of the I-85 at Wares Ferry Road.

Please discuss my opposition to the Wares Ferry Road Interchange and alternative considerations at the MPO meeting this evening March 30, 2009 at 5pm CST. You may contact me at either of the address or phone numbers listed above. Sincerely, JR Brown. Copied to all MPO members.

**27. Fitz Hudson:** 4171 Pike Road, Montgomery, AL 36064. **Comment:** This is a bad idea. A bad public policy decision. This money can be better spent on working solutions out at Mitylene exit. I want to meet with the MPO with my planning staff which includes Dover Kohl and Associates-the City of Montgomery Planning Consultant. Base on comments made here tonight, public involvement has been convoluted and messy at the least.

- 28. Waugh-Mount Meigs Community Members** (23 residents with addresses). **Comment:** In response to Amendment Number Two (2) for the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Document and Travel Demand Model for the Montgomery Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). We the following members of the Waugh-Mount Meigs Community, provide our names with addresses in response to your comment form. 1. The Outer Loop was your original plan and displaced citizens of the Mount Meigs and Waugh Communities by eminent domain and/or condemnation. Over 15 years later, it is still not completed. 2. The interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry will not be needed if the Outer Loop is completed. 3. This interchange will affect citizens in the Mount Meigs and Waugh Communities again. Some will be displaced even though you say it will only affect one household. This is Not true. There will be an increase of traffic from I-85, noise, possibly an increase in crime on Wares Ferry and our quit neighborhood. Wares Ferry Road will eventually need to be widened which will require additional funds and displacement of homes and maybe churches and businesses. 4. It is unfair for the government to continue to use eminent domain and condemnation to take minority properties. Tour Mao 2 shows that 30-40% of the population in the area near the interchange is below the poverty level. Your Maps 6 and 8 show that this area is 60-72 percent black population. 5. During previous meetings last year, you admitted that your studies proved that the I-85/Wares Ferry Road interchange would not help the congestion on I-85. Because of this, we were told that this interchange would not take place. The public should be more involved before the decisions are made. Information should be advertised more effectively, not only by newspaper, but radio, local television stations, billboards, email and mailings.
- 29. A petition of 50 names and addresses** titled “Petition For Issues On Outer Loop”. No actual comments.
- 30. Dillorious Barnett:** 1140 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 31. Minnie Barnett:** 1140 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 32. Min. Albert Pearson:** 849 Pike Rd., Pike Rd, AL 36064. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 33. Beautisha Pearson:** 849 Pike Rd, Pike Rd, AL 36064. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 34. Johnny Trimble:** 1250 Sprott Drive, Montgomery, AL. 36117 Mt Olive Baptist Church. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.

- 35. Connie Rame:** 1250 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL. 36117. Mt Olive Baptist Church. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 36. Elizabeth Barnett:** 1230 Sprott Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 37. Brenda Barnett:** 1230 Sprott Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 38. Murdock Chapel AME Church:** 450 Antioch Ln (P.O. Box 640444), Pike Road, AL 36064. **Comment:** Murdock Chapel AME Church family is 100% against the Mt. Meigs/Wares Ferry Road interchange that is proposed. However, we are in favor of the completion of the Outer Loop. That was started 15 years ago, but has not been completed. 34 names signed on a form from the church (see actual comment and signatures).
- 39. Pastor James E. Jones:** New Home Missionary Baptist Church, 15015 Jones Rd. (Mt., Meigs), Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** We the undersigned of this petition-do agree on the following comments and suggestions. As agreed upon in a community meeting (4-4-09). 1. We do not agree with the proposal to place an interchange at I-85 and Wares ferry Road. 2. We do support the completion of the Outer Loop project. 57 names signed on a form from the church (see actual comment and signatures).
- 40. Deloris Williams:** 11242 Jones Rd., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Address only filled out, not comment written. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 41. Mamie V. Fairries:** 6550 Wares Ferry Rd, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Land owner and a member of the church that is located in the community. Therefore, I am very interested in the community. Assumed to be against proposed project.
- 42. Marium Lany Anderson:** 4100 Strathmore Dr. Montgomery, AL 36116. **Comment:** This is my home town and I would like to have a few words to what is going on. I am a land owner.
- 43. Annie Zeigler:** 4060 Brighton Rd, Montgomery, AL 36116. **Comment:** My family and relatives live out here and one day may want move back home. We would like to have a say so of any decision be made concerning anything go on.
- 44. Joshua Anderson:** 11935 Elizabeth Lane, Montgomery, AL. 36117. **Comment:** Land owner.

- 45. Glenda E. Anderson Brown:** 11935 Elizabeth Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** This is my home, I was raised on it. I still have family living on it, we still own land, some has already been taken for Outer Loop for a 1 cent. Sure not take place.
- 46. Abren E. Burton:** 558 Gibbs Road., Mt. Meigs, AL 36057. **Comment:** The land is family history.
- 47. Margaret Zeigler and Moody Jordon:** 4041 Valencia Lane, Montgomery, AL 36116. **Comment:** Land Owner.
- 48. Willie Lee Zeigler:** 12835 Ware Ferry Rd, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** We have land out here and will like to keep it. As for this interchange at Wares Ferry Rd, people live out here and don't want to move. We are praying to the lord that you will let people out here keep their land and not take it away. I pray and hope that the Outer Loop will be finished. Not good for all.
- 49. David S. Barley:** 3830 Strathmore Dr., Montgomery, AL 36116. **Comment:** This project appears to be discriminatory on its face (Race Discriminatory) as it selectively displaces a minority community when other options have been considered and are available for the Outer Loop – I-85 exchange. Why put one at Wares Ferry and I-85, except to displace the balance of a minority community. Local residents had little or no options to be involved in the selection of this community as an exchange point.
- 50. Mamie Green:** 7104 Eastern Shore Rd., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** The Outer Loop project should be number 1 on the agenda. It needs to be completed soon. Everyone should become involved in the action. I am very unhappy about the Montgomery Outer Loop project. I was involved and was moved out of my home. Where I am today, will never be home to me and my family.
- 51. Lizzie Mays:** 257 Elizabeth Ct., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** This plan is not needed and plans should be made to complete the Outer Loop which land has already been cleared of people and properties. Like to have been notified in writing not via newspaper or media.
- 52. Demetria Barnett:** 1144 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Use the funds for more important things like the fire station that's in Mt. Meigs can have real fire fighters instead of volunteers and well built building. Even though we live outside of the Montgomery area we are still human and require the same things. We have options to and we should be able to request and deny some of this nonsense.

- 53. Rachel Barnett:** 1146 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** I feel it's a scam just like on the other side of the interstate. Why start one job and don't finish it and now trying to work on another. It's all a scam. Use funds for something that makes a difference. Why don't you help small communities that don't have sewage instead of septic tanks?
- 54. Joseph McMillan:** 1146 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. Just do right among us (Mt. Meigs Community). Seek Jesus for the decisions.
- 55. Nelson Moye:** 1158 Sprott Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** I disagree with your plans for Wares Ferry Road. Finish Hwy 80 in Waugh, AL Outer Loop.
- 56. Elizabeth Barnett:** 1230 Sprott Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** Finish Outer Loop you started in Waugh. No!
- 57. Dorothy Moye:** 1150 Sprott Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** This plan causes disruption for family and homes as it happened in Waugh, AL along Hwy 80 (I-85). Resulting in a pile of dirt. Why not use these new funds and finish the old unfinished project in Waugh Alabama and put your best foot forward. I disagree with your Wares Ferry Road Plans.
- 58. Kathy Smith:** 6554 McBryde Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** No for Wares Ferry Road. I was forced from my home in Waugh AL for Outer Loop. No! No! No!
- 59. Tommy Spencer:** 344 Pike Road, Mt. Meigs, AL 36057. **Comment:** Finish the Outer Loop. Put a light at the intersection of Pike Road and Wares Ferry Rd. With the money need to complete projects already designated.
- 60. Stephanie Burch:** 382 Sprott Dr. , Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** No! Finish the pile of dirt in Waugh where I was forced to move from.
- 61. Cleveland:** 1160 Sprott Dr. Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** No we don't need and Outer Loop on Wares Ferry Rd. People can't afford to lose their homes like the Outer Loop at the south side of I-85.
- 62. Icie Barnett:** 1160 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** No to the new plan for Wares Ferry Rd. We need public transportation in this area.
- 63. Lucious Barnett:** 1160 Sprott Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** I decline the plans for Wares Ferry Rd. Waiting on the completion for I-85 in Waugh.
- 64. Bessie N. Buts:** 192 Millers Crk Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** The displacement of property owners on the Wares Ferry Road bears a form of

injustice. New homes built and elderly persons don't need the headaches or heartaches associated with the whims of political figures to pursue personal agendas. Working together we hope we can "STOP" this interchange before it begins. We need to be kept well informed and involved on these situations. Working to nip in the bud before it begins to eliminate a need to clean up after a project starts.

- 65. James Woolfolk:** 386 Old Cambell Rd, Pike Rd, AL 36064. **Comment:** Why destroy other properties when nothing is being done with what they have. We do not support this interchange. Only black people communities are being interrupted and destroyed.
- 66. Rosa D. Leggett:** 212 Millers Creek Dr., Montgomery, AL . **Comment:** I am opposed to the proposed new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Rd. This project would entail uprooting more families who have been in the area for years. These persons have past active employment making it difficult to relocate. The proposed new interchange would not necessarily ease the traffic in the area. Families were uprooted for the Outer Loop which has not happened. There seems to be insensitivity toward people of color. We are human like every person in this county. We would like for all of people to do the right thing for all people.
- 67. Fannie Marie Kitt:** 134 Truett Dr. Montgomery, AL 36105. **Comment:** I do not won't the new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Rd. I did not get to read about this in the newspaper. My eyes are not so good.
- 68. Bennie Carter:** 13336 Hwy 80 E., Pike road, AL 36064. **Comment:** Please consider my means of transportation for seniors and citizens. We are in need of transportation to and from the clinic for Dr and etc. In response to the interchange, I am for the Outer Loop so use these properties for whatever. More involvement is needed. More opportunities for public awareness to involver community issues.
- 69. Portia W. Rutley:** 11169 Hwy 80 E., Montgomery, AL 36117. **Comment:** I am totally opposed to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan amendment number two (2) to add a proposed new interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Rd because: 1. It makes no sense to put an interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Road when there is already easy on and off access to I-85 N. and I-85 S 2 miles south of the proposed interchange and 3 miles north of the proposed interchange. Finish the Outer Loop. 2. By ALDOT's own admission the proposed interchange would do nothing to alleviate traffic on Chantilly Parkway. Living in Mt. Meigs, I travel the specific areas of Hwy 80 E, Chantilly Parkway and Wares Ferry Road, and can in no ways see traffic congestion alleviated on Chantilly Parkway by putting in the proposed interchange. I have traveled Chantilly all hours of the days, night and cannot see the congestion that is complained about. Finish the Outer Loop, has not been completed. Finish the one started, named the Outer Loop. 4. When

the Outer Loop project was started, many people were displaced in the Mt. Meigs community. Those people displaced were minority, Black. Now there is a proposal for a new interchange on I-85 and Wares Ferry Road that would once again displace minority, Black, low income and senior citizens. That is totally unacceptable and plain wrong. The growth of Montgomery may be moving east, but those of us in Mt Meigs and Waugh communities have been here many years and want to live in peace like we always have. We do not want our lives interrupted by an unnecessary interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Rd. Finish the Outer Loop. We are opposed to an interchange on I-85 at Wares Ferry Rd  
signed: Portia W. Rutley 1160 Hwy 80 E, Mt Meigs, AL 36117, Maude Williams 1160 Hwy 80 E, Mt Meigs, AL 36117, Maurice Rutley, 1160 Hwy 80 E, Mt Meigs, AL 36117 and Tommy Spencer, 344 Pike Road, Mt. Meigs, AL 36057.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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**RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DOCUMENT AND**  
**TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL FOR THE MONTGOMERY**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

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## Sign In Sheet from Public Hearing



MONTGOMERY AREA METROPOLITAN  
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### Public Hearing Meeting

Amendment #2 for the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Document and Travel  
Demand Model

City Council Chambers

### Sign-In Sheet – Guests

(March 30, 2009 5 – 7 p.m.)

NAME (please print)	AGENCY (if associated) or Address
1. Robert Smith	City of Montgomery/MPO Staff
2. Kindell Anderson	" " " "
3. April Delchamps	" " " "
4. Barbara & Bob Oude	11250 Hwy 80, E, Mtg. AL 36117
5. BRENDA SAVAGE	137 Ash Dr., Montg. 36117
6. George Savage	137 Ash Dr. Montg, 36117
7. Coleman Hutham	7030 Fair Park Dr. Suite 11 36117
8. Joe Donaldson	106 Glynalakes Dr Pike Road 36064
9. <del>Mr. WALTER</del>	2074 Willy Branch Rd 36064
10. Cous Townes	5887 Bride Path Ln. 36116
11. Maudie Williams	1160 Hwy 80 E 36117
12. Portia Rutley	1160 Hwy 80 E 36117
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14. Charles Casner	3105 Honor Rd 36106
15. ART STEINER	2401 E Cloverdale Pk 36105
16. Pastor James E. Jones	Mt. Meigs - Wauh
17. Jann Wasky Summers	Khollewood
18. LEO ALLEN	KNOLLWOOD
19. FITZ HUDSON	HUDSON LAND CO
20. CHAD ADAMS	URBAN VILLAGES, INC.
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22. State Representative Thad McClenny	State Legislature 36057
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