

To: Parker Collins, Montgomery Area MPO
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Date: April 29, 2005
Subject: Montgomery Area Long Range Transportation Plan

The following is a summary of the public outreach activities and results for:

Event: Public Open House Meetings

Dates/Locations/Times:

| Prattville | Wetumpka | Montgomery |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday, April 12th | Tuesday, April 12th | Wednesday, April 13 th |
| City Hall | Post Office | Business Incubator |
| (Address) | (Address) | (Address) |
| 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | 4 – 6 p.m. | 11 – 1:00 p.m. |
| | | 4 – 6 p.m. |

Media Outreach:

Press Release: Approved for release March 31st, 2005 (see attached)
Newspapers: Released by Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to local media.
Display Ads: Approved for release March 31st, 2005 (see attached)
Newspapers: *Montgomery Independent, Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery-Tuskegee Times, Prattville Progress, Millbrook Independent, and the Wetumpka Herald*
Radio: Press release and public service announcement sent by Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to local media. **(Parker would you like to add the radio stations here?)**

Stakeholder Outreach:

Notification letters were sent to over 170 citizens and stakeholders, as well as federal, state and local agencies on the study mailing list.

Public Meeting Results:

A total of 17 people signed in for the meetings (see attached sign-in sheets).

| Location | No. of Participants |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Montgomery (AM) | 10 |
| Montgomery (PM) | 3 |
| Prattville | 5 |
| Wetumpka | 2 |

- To date, 18 comment forms have been submitted and 46 comments have been submitted by groups and individuals by email.

A letter has been prepared to respond to all comments and a summary of public comments is also underway. Copies of the comment forms received to date are attached. Copies of the responses and comment forms will also be forwarded to the Montgomery Area MPO once the letters are finalized.

Information Presented:

Attendees were provided an overview of the study. Display information also included potential transportation goals, study area demographics, travel patterns, existing transportation system conditions and future congestion levels, and recommended projects. Study fact sheets and comment forms were distributed to attendees (see attached).

Project Team Comments:

Public and media response to the outreach efforts has been positive and very helpful to supplement the technical analysis. Overall, the overwhelming majority of comments concerned community opposition to the widening of Woodley Rd., Mulberry Rd. and Fairview Ave.. The MPO responded to this opposition by reconsidering this proposal and is currently proposing several traffic and operational improvement projects. Specific comments included:

Do the 2030 LRTP recommendations adequately address identified transportation needs?

- For the most part, participants felt that the 2030 LRTP recommendations adequately address identified transportation needs
- Recommendations to change the logical termini of the Outer loop to the existing CR18 (Snowdown Chambers Road) rather than the proposed new road to save money.

Transportation needs that have not been addressed in the Plan

- Congestion and truck traffic on Snowdown Chambers Road
- Increased traffic in rural areas
- The flood plain in the proposed plan for the Outer Loop is much larger than it would be if a connection to CR 18 were used as an alternative



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- Lanark and Main St. in Millbrook – need for sidewalks from Stanhope-Elmore High School to Robinson Springs Elementary on Main St.
- Create more overpasses like the intersection of Atlanta Hwy and East Blvd.
- Alleviate congestion around Maxwell AFB by resurfacing Foshee Rd. between Air Base Blvd. and West Blvd.
- Consider the issue of HAZMAT movement or the integration of shipping on navigable waterways
- Widen US 231 south of Montgomery, or any other roadways that are needed in support of Hyundai-related suppliers

Most important projects

- Four lane 82 west from 31 westward
- Widening of Atlanta Highway to 6 lanes from East Blvd. to Taylor
- Widening of US 231
- Other than Project #57 need to incorporate more bikeways into our communities
- Outer Loop is the most important project
- Planned widening of US 331
- Woodley Road, Mulberry Street and Fairview Avenue widening proposal – oppose widening and recommend operational and traffic improvement projects
- Need for sidewalks in Montgomery area
- Need for noise barriers along I-85
- Need for more bicycle trails and paths
- A master land use and transportation plan with appropriate codes and ordinances. Get the Transect Codes to offer positive alternatives to current development.

Other comments

- Thanks for getting the word out through the media. This is the first time that such an extensive public outreach effort has been made.
- Really appreciate the meetings and being kept informed
- Excellent
- Pleased to see the Montgomery MPO receptive to reconsideration of the Woodley Road widening proposal.
- The Envision process is always available to assist with the public process for comment, education or any other way