

SUMMARY DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
For The Updated Fiscal Years 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program
(TIP)

**Prepared December 1, 2006 by the MPO Transportation Planning Staff
For the Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Montgomery Area MPO Transportation Planning Staff held a two week public comment period from November 18, 2006 through December 1, 2006 to solicit comments from the general public regarding the Updated 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). One public involvement meeting was held on November 30, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the City of Montgomery, City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

- **Comments Received**

One (1) comment was received from a member of the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Chairman. An MPO Staff response will be listed in the section titled **COMMENT RECEIVED AND MPO STAFF RESPONSE/ACTION**.

- **Publicity**

The MPO Transportation Planning Staff placed advertisements in the following local newspapers in the Transportation Study Area: Montgomery Advertiser, Millbrook Independent, Prattville Progress and Wetumpka Herald.

The updated TIP document, advertisement, technical summary and comments forms were placed at locations listed below for public viewing and comment from November 18, 2006 through December 1, 2006:

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COMMENTS RECEIVED ON UPDATED TIP

*David W. Sikes
550 Haggerty Road
Wetumpka, AL 36093
November 30, 2006*

RE: Comment on FY-2006-2008 TIP-Public Involvement

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MPO Staff Response/Actions: The response given to CAC Chairman Mr. Davis Sikes was correct. The ALDOT does not have the Federal Funds to construct the Montgomery Outer Loop Road. Due to a lack of funding certain segments of the project were moved into future years (outside of the 2006-2008 time frame). However, the Montgomery Outer Loop Road still remains a priority with the ALDOT and the MPO as a whole. When the appropriate total funding is available, (Federal funds or private funds) the project will be moved back up for construction).

In response to the Birmingham News article about Corridor X (I-22 in the future). The funds for this projects completion are not available also. Projects of the same magnitude such as the Montgomery Outer Loop Road and Corridor X do seem to be competing for Federal Funds that come from the same funding pot. One difference that the Birmingham area has as far as geography is that they are

apart of the Appalachian Mountain chain, which makes them eligible for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds which can be used for economic development. The MPO Staff is in agreement that improved communications and relationships with the ALDOT and Washington, D.C. delegates is key to getting projects completed.

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MONTGOMERY AREA MPO COMMENT FORM
UPDATED FY 2006-2008 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

NAME

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**1. Please list all comments you have regarding the Updated FY 2006-2008
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):**

2. Please list comments about this public involvement procedure:_____

Please return by Friday - December 1, 2006, to the front desk here or mail to the address below. Telephone comments may be made by calling 241-2249. All comments will be provided for MPO members review. Thank you for your involvement.

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P.O. Box 1111, 27 Madison Ave Second Floor, Planning and Development Department,
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Sign-In Sheet

Public Involvement Meeting

For: Fiscal Years 2006-2008 Updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Day: Thursday – November 30, 2006

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: City of Montgomery – City Hall-City Council Chambers

Please Sign In:

	NAME	AGENCY or ADDRESS
1.	Kevin Miller	MATS
2.	Diana Drummond	MPO Staff
3.	Carol Hall	ALDOT
4.	David W. Sikes	MPO CAL
5.	Robert [Signature]	MPO Staff
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PRESENTATION GIVEN AT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Montgomery Study Area
Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP) Fiscal Years
2006-2008

Montgomery Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization (MPO)

What is a Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP)?

- A TIP is a short-range plan-Covers 4 year period.
- List of Priority projects in an area.
- TIP is financially balanced against existing and expected dollars.
- The focus is on federally funded highway and transit projects.

Why a Transportation Improvement
Program is developed?

- Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code and Section 5303 of Title 49 of the United States Code.
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) as Title 23, Chapter 1, Part 450, Subpart C- specifically Sections 450.324 to 450.332.

Who is responsible for
developing the Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP)?

- In the tri-county area, the Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- The Policy Committee and two advisory committees with input and involvement from the public.
- MPO Transportation Planning Staff is housed at the City of Montgomery. MPO Staff is responsible for compiling the TIP document with input from participating Jurisdictions, ALDOT and FHWA and FTA.

What area is covered by the
Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP) ?

- The Montgomery Area MPO's Transportation Study Area covers portions of Montgomery, Elmore and Autauga counties.
- The urbanized area (as defined by 2000 Census) has 196,892 persons in it.
- The MPO Study Area (as of 2000 Census) has about 299,180 people in it.

When is the Transportation
Improvement Program (TIP)
developed ?

- Required to develop a TIP biennially.
- TIP covers three (4) fiscal years. TIP to be adopted covers FY 2006-2008.
- TIP contains a priority list of projects and strategies for four (4) years, a financial plan, and descriptions such as (type of work, termini, length, etc) of each project.

How was the Transportation
Improvement Program
Developed ?

- The MPO Transportation Planning Staff and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) working with the MPO Technical Coordinating Committee.
- The methodology section of the TIP gives more detail about the development of the updated FY 2006-2008 TIP.

Public Involvement

Public Involvement Regulations for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

- Adequate opportunities for public involvement (before approval).
- Early and continued involvement of the general public.
- Publication of the TIP (draft and final documents)
- One formal public meeting (non-attainment areas only)

This Public Involvement Meeting

- Formal opportunity for public review of the updated TIP.
- MPO Transportation Planning Staff, ALDOT Representatives, and other local and county government staffs available for questions and answers.
- Opportunity for comments orally and in writing. All comments documented comment will be forwarded to the MPO to consider before approval of final document.
- Comments will be put in a public involvement summary document.

How can someone comment on the draft TIP ?

- Comment Forms
- Letters
- Telephone Calls
- Emails
- Next Round of MPO, TCC, and CAC meetings.

Contact Information

- Robert E. Smith Jr.
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- City of Montgomery/MPO
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- Transportation Planning Division
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Wetumpka Weekend

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Bush to

By Terence Hunt
 The Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam greeted by world leaders in Vietnam, President Bush drew a different reaction at his upcoming stop in Indonesia. Thousands angrily protested American policy in the Middle East and wars in Afghanistan.

The White House said it was about security precautions for Bush today despite police warnings of a increased threat of attack by al-Qaida groups.

The president was to spend just a day in Indonesia, most of it at Bogor, a presidential retreat outside the capital Jakarta and far from the scene of yesterday where Bush was denounced as a "criminal" and "terrorist."

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- City of Prattville/Autauga County
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- Prattville City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Room J62, 101 West Main Street
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- Millbrook Library, 3650 Grandview Road
- Millbrook City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 3390 Main Street
- Coosada Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 5800 Coosada Road
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The TIP document is also available on the internet at <http://www.montgomerymipo.org>. once on the website click on the TIP link button and look for the updated TIP. For more information or to comment by telephone, call the Montgomery MPO at (334) 241-2249 by December 1, 2006. MPO Staff Offices are located at the City of Montgomery's Planning and Development Department, Transportation Planning Division at 27 Madison Ave, Second Floor. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The comment period will last for 14 calendar days, from November 18, 2006 through December 1, 2006. Comments can be emailed to rsmith@montgomeryal.gov or sent by mail to:

Attention: Mr. Robert E. Smith Jr.,
Transportation Planner, Division Head
Montgomery Area MPO
Transportation Planning Division
P.O. Box 1111, Second Floor
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Transportation Public Involvement For Updated FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 3 Year Short Range Transportation Plan

The Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a public involvement meeting to gather input for the Updated Fiscal Years 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MPO is seeking public comment on the updated TIP which includes a listing of specific transportation projects for the next three fiscal years. A public involvement meeting will be held in an open house type format with displays and the Updated TIP document will be available for public review. The MPO Transportation Planning Staff and Alabama Department of Transportation Staff will also be available to discuss the updated TIP and answer questions related to the TIP. A short presentation will be done to explain the TIP process and the requirement of having a TIP, then the open house session will begin shortly after. The TIP public involvement meeting is scheduled as follows:

Day and Time: Thursday, November 30, 2006, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Place: City of Montgomery-City Hall, City Council Chambers
103 North Perry Street, 1st Floor, Montgomery, AL 36104**

The updated TIP document will be available for review on site and comment forms will be provided for the use of commenting. A short presentation will be done to explain the TIP process and the requirement of having a TIP, then the open house session will begin at about 5:15 p.m.

In addition to the public involvement meeting the updated Fiscal Years 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and comment forms are available through Friday December 1, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Montgomery City/County

- Montgomery City/County Library, Main Branch, 245 High Street
- City of Montgomery, Planning and Development Department, 27 Madison Ave, 2nd Floor
- Montgomery Area Transit System, 2318 West Fairview Ave
- 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

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