

# Connections

A MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE FROM THE  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM

March 2014

## Birmingham Framework Planning Process Underway...

The Framework Planning Process is being conducted by the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, operating under contract to the City of Birmingham. Framework Plans are future planning documents that provide a clear vision of the kind of place the community wants to be in the future! This provides a more detailed, local approach of the Birmingham Comprehensive Plan. Developed using sound planning principles, Framework Plans provides a course of action to build the community that residents and business owners envision. The Framework Plans currently focus on three areas in the Birmingham-Metro area including: North Birmingham, the Titusville neighborhood and the Western Area Communities. Visit [imaginebham.com](http://imaginebham.com) for meeting information and more details about the plan. Additional areas will be added to the site as the Framework Planning progresses.



### MPO Transportation Citizens Committee

March 19, 2014  
12:00 p.m.  
Juster Conference Room

### Board of Directors

March 19, 2014  
10:30 a.m.  
CANCELED

### Five Points West Community Meeting

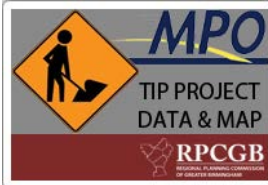
March 25, 2014  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Five Points West Library

Smithfield Community  
Meeting

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## Interactive Mapping System Offers New Ways to Stay Updated on Federal Road Projects

It is now easier for the residents of Jefferson and Shelby Counties to identify federally-funded road projects that are part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP, prepared by RPCGB on behalf of the MPO, is a four-year list of federally-funded transportation projects that have been scheduled through 2015. The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) allows anyone to click on the map and see the various TIP projects currently underway. The map provides a project description, total cost and target start date. Furthermore, the public can utilize other featured maps for census data, air quality monitoring, road classification information, legislative districts, and additional MPO projects. [Click here to view the GIS Interactive Mapping page.](#)



March 26, 2014  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
JCCEO

**West End Community Meeting**  
March 27, 2014  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Harrison Park Rec Center

**MPO Transportation Technical Committee**  
March 26, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
Juster Conference Room

**MPO Transportation Advisory Committee**  
March 27, 2014  
1:30 p.m.  
Juster Conference Room

For additional meeting information, visit [RPCGB's website.](#)

## Medicaid Waiver Program receives Lucille Beeson Trust Grant

The RPCGB Medicaid Waiver program was once again awarded a Lucille Beeson Trust grant for services to elderly citizens. The funds, which are awarded competitively through the Canterbury United Methodist Church, serve elderly citizens in Jefferson County who are in poor health, in need of relief, or lack access to resources. The Medicaid Waiver program utilizes these funds to serve emergency needs of its clients such as sanitary items, utilities, food, and medical equipment. This year the program received \$15,000, as a result of the generosity of the Beeson Trust team. For additional information regarding the Medicaid Waiver program and its services, please contact Bridget Phillips at [BPhillips@rpcgb.org](mailto:BPhillips@rpcgb.org) or (205)623-3551.



## **RPCGB Success Corner**

Renato Ghizoni, Community Planner, received his AICP certification. Congratulations, Renato!

Alabama Partners for Clean Air kicks off its free emissions testing this month!

[Click here for testing times and locations.](#)

## Main Street Alabama New Cities Application Workshop & Alabama Trails Commission 2014 Conference



Creating Jobs. Keeping Character.

The New Cities Workshops will provide communities with the criteria for becoming a Main Street Alabama Designated Community and explore the assistance Main Street Alabama can offer in making their revitalization program successful. [Click here to register for the March 18 workshop in Montgomery.](#)

The 2014 Alabama Trails Conference, "Celebrating 75 Years of Service of Alabama State Parks" will be held April 10 - 11, 2014 at the beautiful Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge located in Guntersville, Alabama. [Click here to learn more and register online.](#)



## **RPCGB Links**

[CommuteSmart](#)

[Alabama Partners for Clean Air](#)

[Safe Routes to School of Central Alabama](#)

[Birmingham Bikeshare](#)

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