

# **Public Involvement Report and Documentation**

**for the  
2023 Air Quality Determination Report  
FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program  
2050 Regional Transportation Plan**

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# **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT REPORT**

This report is a summary of the public involvement that was conducted to discuss, solicit, and document comments and questions on the 2023 Air Quality Conformity Determination Report, FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, and 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

Supporting documentation is found in the Appendix. This report is available to the public and posted online at [www.rpcgb.org/transportation-planning/public-involvement/](http://www.rpcgb.org/transportation-planning/public-involvement/).

## **SURVEY**

To kick off the start of the plan updates, a 5-question survey was open from March 9, 2022 to July 5, 2022 to solicit opinions regarding transportation problems and preferred investments. Hard copies and online versions were available. 2,627 responses were received and all 87 zip codes in the MPA were represented. Results were shared with the MPO committees.

## **MEETING NOTICES**

Notices for public meetings and an opportunity for comment were distributed/posted as follows:

- Flyers were mailed to:
  - Libraries
  - Senior Centers
  - Housing Authorities
- Postcards were mailed to everyone in the MPA database (approximately 1,400 people), including media, organizations serving individuals who are disadvantaged,
- Email notices were sent to everyone in the MPA database (over 1,000 people)
- Mailchimp email blasts were sent to approximately 3,000 people. This distribution list was derived from past public involvement activities.
- Flyer posted on bulletin board in the lobby of the RPCGB offices
- Posted online at the following locations, with draft reports available for review prior to the meeting and a link for submitting comments:
  - [www.rpcgb.org/](http://www.rpcgb.org/)
  - [www.rpcgb.org/regional-transportation-plan](http://www.rpcgb.org/regional-transportation-plan)
  - [www.rpcgb.org/air-quality-conformity](http://www.rpcgb.org/air-quality-conformity)
  - [www.rpcgb.org/transportation-improvement-program-tip](http://www.rpcgb.org/transportation-improvement-program-tip)
  - [www.rpcgb.org/public-involvement](http://www.rpcgb.org/public-involvement)
- RPCGB Facebook and Instagram pages
- CommuteSmart Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn pages
- Alabama Partners for Clean Air (APCA) Facebook page

## **MEETINGS**

Public meetings were held on April 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, Two 20<sup>th</sup> Street N, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Birmingham, Alabama. The meetings were conducted in an open house format. A total of 36 people attended the two meetings.

- A brief PowerPoint presentation (attached in the Appendix) was given to explain the documents
- Poster-sized graphics were displayed around the room to highlight aspects and promote discussion
- Hard copies of the draft documents were available for review
- Upon request, interested parties were given a copy of the draft documents
- Attendees were encouraged to submit comment cards available at the meetings
- Comments could also be submitted online via Survey Monkey

- RPCGB staff was available to discuss the documents and respond to questions and comments
- A recording of the presentation was posted online after the public meetings
- The comment period was open for 21 days, from April 19, 2023 – May 10, 2023

## **COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

All comments and responses are included in the following table. Some comments have been incorporated into the final plan document(s), as noted.

# **APPENDIX**

