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# TRANSPORTATION QUARTERLY REVIEW

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## MPO Seeks Public Comment for Year 2040 Transportation Plan

The Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be holding a series of public involvement meetings to seek comment on the Draft Year 2040 Transportation Plan. The plan is required by federal regulations to be written every five years. The document lists various transportation projects that are planned to be constructed from the years 2015 through 2040. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- MPO Citizens Advisory Committee meeting– January 5, Huntsville City Hall 7th floor, 308 Fountain Circle, Huntsville Alabama at 5 pm.
- Year 2040 Transportation Plan public involvement meeting (open house format)– Showers Center, 4600 Blue Springs Road, Huntsville, Alabama, Tuesday January 6, from 5 pm until 7 pm
- Year 2040 Transportation Plan public involvement meeting (open house format) – Madison City Hall, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama, Thursday January 8, from 5 pm until 7 pm
- Year 2040 Transportation Plan public involvement meeting (open house format) – Owens Cross Roads Town Hall, 9032 Highway 431 South, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, Tuesday January 13, from 5 pm until 7 pm
- Year 2040 Transportation Plan public involvement meeting (open house format) –Monrovia Community Center, 254 Allen Drake Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35806, Thursday January 15, from 5 pm until 7 pm
- MPO meeting with presentation and call for vote of approval of the Year 2040 Transportation Plan – January 21 at 4:00 pm at Huntsville City Hall.

The plan is available on the MPO's website at <http://www.huntsvillempo.org>. Persons can also submit their comments via e-mail at [longrangeplanning@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:longrangeplanning@huntsvilleal.gov).

For additional information, please visit the Huntsville Metropolitan Planning Organization's website at: <http://www.huntsvillempo.org> or call the City of Huntsville Planning Division at 427-5100.

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**Federal-Aid Projects Obligated in FY 14**  
(October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014)

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Phase</u></b>	<b><u>TIP Requested Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Obligated Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsoring Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Planned Future Funding</u></b>
Resurface and Safety Widening SR-255 from Redstone Arsenal Gate 9 to .5 mile south of US-72	FM	\$2,800,000	\$1,464,126	ALDOT	N/A
Resurface US-72 from east of Enterprise Way to SR-255 southbound ramp	FM	\$500,000	\$353,251	ALDOT	N/A
Resurface and 2' Safety Widen US-72 eastbound only from east of Moores Mill Rd to west of Brock Rd	FM	\$1,865,000	\$2,435,806	ALDOT	N/A
Resurface and Traffic Striping on US-72 from McCulley Mill Rd to County Line Rd	FM	\$2,480,869	\$2,753,803	ALDOT	N/A
Resurface and Widening US-431 from south of Victorian Lane to south of intersection with Old Big Cove Rd	FM	\$3,650,000	\$4,362,100	ALDOT	N/A
Access Management and Intersection Improvements on US-231 from Hobbs Rd to south of Weatherly	PE	\$950,000	\$950,000	State of Alabama	RW – FY2016 UT – FY2016 CN – FY2017
Additional Lanes US-72 from County Line Rd to Providence Main Rd	PE	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	State of Alabama	RW – FY2015 UT – FY2016 CN – FY2016
US 72 East/Corridor V, additional lane (westbound only) and Intersection Improvements from Maysville Rd to Shields Rd	RW UT CN	\$480,769 \$50,000 \$4,728,949	\$400,000 \$444,384 \$11,454,325	ALDOT	N/A
Jeff Rd from south of Capshaw Rd to AL Highway 53	PE	\$800,000	\$800,000	Madison County	RW – FY2025 UT – FY2025 CN – FY2026
Intersection Improvements at East Limestone Rd and Capshaw Rd	PE	\$56,943	\$56,943	Limestone County	CN – FY2015
Bridge Replacement on Holmes Ave to Pinhook Creek in Huntsville	UT CN	\$250,000 \$864,915	\$160,142 \$2,317,499	City of Huntsville ATRIP Program HPP	N/A
Winchester Rd Bridge at Flint River and add lanes	CN	\$8,414,341	\$8,203,492	Madison County ATRIP Program	N/A
Bridge Replacement on Wall Triana Hwy over Mill Creek in the City of Madison	CN	\$566,744	\$1,137,455	City of Madison ATRIP Program	N/A
Resurface and Stripe Nick Davis Rd from Mooresville Rd to Sanderson Rd	CN	\$869,000	\$826,599	Limestone County ATRIP Program	N/A
Add Lanes on East Limestone Rd from Elkins Rd to East Limestone School	PE	\$36,355	\$36,355	Limestone County ATRIP Program	CN - FY2015
Curb and Ramp Installation Only on State Routes at Various Locations in Madison Co	PE	\$44,000	\$45,760	ALDOT	CN - FY2017
Huntsville Area Commuter Route Traffic Study	PE	\$151,590	\$151,560	ALDOT	N/A

### **Federal-Aid Projects Obligated in FY 14 (Continued)**

(October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014)

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Phase</u></b>	<b><u>TIP Requested Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Obligated Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsoring Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Planned Future Funding – Current TIP</u></b>
Bridge Replacement on Thach Rd over Unnamed Creek BIN #4132	PE	\$35,532	\$35,532	Limestone County ATRIP Program	CN – FY2015
Bridge Replacement on Liberty Way over Limestone Creek BIN #9162	PE	\$56,611	\$56,611	Limestone County ATRIP Program	CN – FY2016
Litter Collection and Roadside Mowing I-565 and SR-2 in District Two	MC	\$96,620	\$136,985	ALDOT	N/A
Stabilize Piles on 4, I-565 Bridges in Limestone County	MC	\$0	\$400,000	State of Alabama	N/A
Constructing New Three Lane Roadway from Intergraph Way to Wall Triana Highway to Bennefit Intergraph Corporation in Madison County	CN	\$740,500	\$788,500	ALDOT State of Alabama	N/A
Transit Madison County Capital Vehicle FY 2014	TR	\$62,500	\$100,079	Madison County	N/A
Transit Madison County Operating Assistance FY 2014	TR	\$249,174	\$256,570	Madison County	N/A
Transit Madison County Administration	TR	\$48,780	\$64,312	Madison County	N/A
ARRA Stimulus Transit University of Alabama Huntsville Capital Bus Support	TR	\$1,300,000	\$1,193,622	University of Alabama - Huntsville	N/A
Transit Huntsville Madison County Mental Health Capital Vehicle	TR	\$42,285	\$42,487	Huntsville Transit	N/A
Transit ARC of Madison County Capital Vehicle	TR	\$262,524	\$216,077	ARC of Madison County	N/A

PE – Preliminary Engineering  
 RW – Right of Way Acquisition  
 CN – Construction  
 FM - Maintenance  
 TR – Transit Program

## **MAP-21 Legislation Extended; GROW America Act to Be Considered**

*By: Jeremy McNeil*

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) expired September 30, 2014; however, Congress approved its' extension until May 31, 2015.

MAP-21 was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012. Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005. The extension insures that highway programs are continued until Congress can approve new legislation for the highway trust fund.

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## Status of Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Projects

### NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM (NHS)/INTERSTATE MAINTENANCE/NHS BRIDGE PROJECTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
Additional Lanes US 72 from County Line Rd to Providence Main Rd in the City of Huntsville	RW	\$9,306,000	5/15	
Resurfacing AL Highway 53 from just south of I-565 to just south of the Intersection with Mastin Lake Rd	FM	\$2,350,000	3/15	
Huntsville Northern Bypass from 1.2 miles east of Pulaski Pike to 1500' east of US 231/431 Intersection	RW	\$5,000,000	6/15	
Memorial Pkwy north of Whitesburg Dr to south of Golf Rd – Service Road and Slip Ramps	CN	\$29,157,578	5/15	Frontage Roads
Memorial Pkwy from north of Whitesburg Dr to south of Golf Rd – Mainline on Memorial Pkwy	CN	\$24,573,688	5/15	Mainline Road
<b>NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$70,387,266</b>		

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ATTRIBUTABLE PROJECTS PROGRAM (STP HSV)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
Widening & Realignment of Church St (Phase I) from Monroe St to Pratt Ave and Realignment of Pratt Ave including Bridge Replacement at Pinhook Creek	C&G	\$407,636	5/15	
Widening Zierdt Rd to Five Lane from south of Martin Rd to Madison Blvd	UT	\$35,090	A	
Winchester Add Lanes from Dominion Circle to Naugher Rd	RW	\$1,625,000	2/15	Funding also through HPP
Kellner Road Extension to Zierdt Rd	PE	\$850,000	2/15	
Old Highway 431 Four Bridge Replacements (BIN# 313, 558, 559, and 314)	PE	\$128,000	2/15	
<b>SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ATTRIBUTABLE PROGRAM (STP HSV) TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,045,726</b>		

### HIGH PRIORITY AND CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS PROGRAM (HPP)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
Bridge & Appro Church St Bridge over Big Spring at Big Spring Park	UT	\$263,186	2/15	
Winchester Rd add Lanes from Dominion Circle to Naugher Rd	RW	\$735,000	2/15	Funding also through STP HSV ATRIP Project
<b>HIGH PRIORITY AND CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$998,186</b>		

**OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS PROGRAM (OTHER STP)**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
Zierdt Rd Northbound lanes from Martin Rd to south of Madison Blvd	CN	\$6,572,744	A	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes and Intersection Improvements at Zierdt Rd and Martin Rd	CN	\$5,000,000	8/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes and Intersection Improvements at Zierdt Rd and Madison Blvd	CN	\$2,500,000	8/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes on Winchester Rd from Dominion Circle to Naugher Rd	CN	\$15,500,000	6/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes Martin Rd from Old Jim Williams Rd to Zierdt Rd	CN	\$12,000,000	5/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes on East Limestone Rd from Elkins Rd to East Limestone School	CN	\$184,000	3/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes on County Line Rd from Madison to US-72 Phase II	CN	\$9,298,371	A	ATRIP Project
Bridge Replacement on Thach Rd over an Unnamed Branch (BIN# 4132)	CN	\$289,000	5/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes on Winchester Rd from Flint River to .10 miles past Bell Factory Rd	CN	\$4,508,538	6/15	ATRIP Project
Resurface US-72 from Balch Rd to Hughes Rd	CN	\$6,567,000	6/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes on Winchester Rd from Naugher Rd to Riverton Rd	CN	\$9,357,062	6/15	ATRIP Project
Intersection Improvements at the Intersection of East Limestone Rd and Capshaw	CN	\$609,000	6/15	ATRIP Project
Additional Lanes on Jeff Rd from .8 miles south of Capshaw Rd to Douglas Rd	CN	\$13,500,000	7/15	ATRIP Project
Construct Interchange at Blake Bottom Rd overpass and Research Park Blvd	CN	\$7,000,000	8/15	ATRIP Project
<b>OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (OTHER STP) TOTAL</b>		<b>\$92,885,715</b>		

**BRIDGE PROJECTS (STATE AND FEDERAL) PROGRAM**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
No projects listed for FY 2015	N/A	\$0	N/A	
<b>BRIDGE PROGRAM (STATE AND FEDERAL) TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE AID PROJECTS PROGRAM**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
Construct Connector Road from Maysville Road to Epworth Dr	CN	\$5,200,000	2/15	
Construct Connector Road from Maysville Road to Epworth Dr (State Support Services Only)	PE	\$1	2/15	
<b>OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE AID PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,200,001</b>		

**SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
No projects listed for FY 2015	N/A	\$0	N/A	
<b>SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**STP SAFETY PROGRAM**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
No projects listed for FY 2015	N/A	\$0	N/A	
<b>STP SAFETY PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**STATE PROGRAM**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
No projects listed for FY 2015	N/A	\$0	N/A	
<b>STATE PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM/TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
Madison Downtown Streetscape – Phase III along Martin St between Sullivan St and One Block east of Garner St and along Garner St from Martin St to One Block south of Martin St in the City of Madison	CN	\$373,106	2/15	
<b>STATE PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$373,106</b>		

**APPALACHIAN HIGHWAY SYSTEM PROJECTS (APD)**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	COST	BID DATE*	COMMENTS
No projects listed for FY 2015	N/A	\$0	N/A	
<b>APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE CAPITAL PLAN**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COST	YR OF EXPENDITURE	COMMENTS
Downtown Gateway Rd from Harvard Dr to Lowe Ave	\$4,750,000	FY 2015	
Greenbrier Pkwy Phase 3 from 5000' North of Old Hwy 20 to Browns Ferry Rd	\$3,000,000	FY 2015	
Greenbrier Pkwy Phase 4 from Browns Ferry Rd to I-65 (Tanner Exit)	\$1,500,000	FY 2015	
Zierdt Rd Phase 2 from Martin Rd to Beadle Ln	\$3,500,000	FY 2015	
Wall Triana Highway Phase 1 from US-72 to Capshaw Rd	\$3,373,000	FY 2015	
Capshaw Rd Phase I from Indian Creek to Jeff Rd	\$1,000,000	FY 2015	
<b>CITY OF HUNTSVILLE CAPITAL PLAN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,123,000</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$190,013,000</b>		

CN - CONSTRUCTION

PE - PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING

A - AUTHORIZED

PS&amp;E - PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS &amp; ESTIMATES

UT - UTILITIES

RW - RIGHT-OF-WAY

SP - MISC. FEDERAL AID

FM - RESURFACING/MAINTENANCE

- Bid Dates are set by ALDOT, are very tentative, and are subject to change.

### ***MAP-21 Legislation Extended...(Continued from page 3)***

Earlier last year, DOT Secretary Foxx presented to Congress a multi-year \$302 billion surface transportation reauthorization proposal: The GROW AMERICA Act, or Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America. This act focuses on:

- Supporting a healthy environment
- Expanding our ability to move freight
- Growing investment in transportation
- Making critical investments in highways and bridges
- Promoting innovative financing
- Building ladders of opportunity
- Empowering local decision makers
- Creating more efficient project delivery
- Investing in rural America
- Improving transportation safety
- Supporting safe, reliable public transit
- Shaping a pathway to transportation careers

The Administration proposes to fund the GROW AMERICA Act through a pro-growth, business tax reform, without adding to the deficit. All of this must clear Congress, though. The Administration hopes that the Act can be approved before the MAP-21 Extension expires.

# House and Senate Appropriations Committees Approve \$1 Trillion FY '15 Funding Bill

By: *Jeremy McNeil*

By a vote of 56-40 late Saturday, December 13, 2014, the Senate cleared the FY 2015 Omnibus Appropriations Act for the President's signature. The \$1.1 trillion bill funds most federal agencies through the end of the fiscal year, with the exception of the Department of Homeland Security, which is funded through February 27. President Obama signed the bill on December 16, 2014.

The chart below shows the approved US DOT funding by program. Most programs are frozen at the FY'14 funding levels. The final bill restores most of the funding cuts that the House had proposed for discretionary programs, such as Amtrak, FTA Capital Improvement Grants and TIGER, that are funded with General Funds. Despite expected passage of a full-year appropriations bill, programs funded with Highway Trust Fund money, such as the highway and transit formula programs, will not be authorized to expend any funds as of May 31, 2015 when the short-term MAP-21 authorization bill expires, unless Congress passes another short-term extension or preferably, a multi-year bill.

## US DOT Program Funding

Program	FY'14 Funding	FY'15 US DOT Request -per the GROW AMERICA Act authorization	FY'15 House Approved Levels	FY'15 Senate Approved Levels	Final FY'15 Funding Level
Core Highway Program - Obligation Limit	\$40.25B	\$47.32B	\$40.25B	\$40.25B	\$40.25B
Transit Formula - including Bus and Bus Facilities	\$8.6B	\$13.91B	\$8.6B	\$8.6B	\$8.6B
Transit Capital Improvement Grants (New Starts/Small Starts/Core Capacity)	\$1.94B plus unused prior year funding = \$2.13B total	\$2.5B	\$1.69B	\$2.16B	\$2.12B
Airport Improvement (AIP) Grants	\$3.35B	\$2.90BB	\$3.35B	\$3.48B	\$3.35B
TIGER Discretionary Grants	\$600M	\$1.25B	\$100M	\$550M	\$500M
Amtrak Total	\$1.39B	\$2.45B	\$1.19B	\$1.39B	\$1.39B
High Speed Rail	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Mayor Tommy Battle - City of Huntsville, Chairman  
Mayor Troy Trulock - City of Madison  
Jennie Robinson - Huntsville City Council  
Dale Strong - Madison County Commission  
Mayor Tony Craig - Owens Cross Roads  
Mayor Mary Caudle - Town of Triana  
Johnny Harris - Alabama Department of Transportation  
Mark Bartlett - Federal Highway Administration (non-voting)  
Robert Jilla - ALDOT Bureau of Multimodal and Transportation Planning (non-voting)  
Nancy Robinson - Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments (non-voting)

**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)**

David Cousins - Huntsville	Curtis Potts - Madison
Russ McDonald - Huntsville	Bill Weaver (Chairman) - Madison
Jennifer Nelson - Huntsville	Scott Baker – Owens Cross Roads
John Offenlock - Huntsville	Larry Furlough – Owens Cross Roads
Todd Slyman - Huntsville	Bob Devlin - Madison County
Gary Whitley – Huntsville	Chris Robinson – Madison County
Trent Griffin - Huntsville	Jurlene Rogers - Triana
Tony Smith - Huntsville	Luis Ferrer - Triana

**Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)**

Shane Davis – Transportation Planning Coordinator  
Amy Sturdivant - City of Madison  
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Gary Chenowyeth - City of Madison Engineer  
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Allen Teague- Alabama Department of Transportation  
Lucas Blankenship - Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
Tom Richardson – Redstone Arsenal  
Stacy Cantrell – Huntsville Utilities  
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