

## **FACT SHEET FOR LEE & RUSSELL COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)**

### **General Information**

- The Alabama Department of Transportation has established Rural Planning Organizations (RPO) across the State of Alabama.
- The Lee and Russell County RPO study area includes all areas of Lee County outside of the Auburn, Opelika and Smiths Station city limits and all areas of Russell County outside of the Phenix City Limits.
- The Lee & Russell County RPO Planning Process is open to the public.

### **Lee & Russell County RPO Goals**

- To involve the rural areas of Lee and Russell County in the State of Alabama Transportation planning process and the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).
- To identify transportation needs and issues in Lee and Russell County through a variety of public involvement and awareness efforts.
- To support local efforts to ensure safe and efficient transportation of people and goods.

### **The Structure of the Lee & Russell County RPO**

- LRCOG maintains a list of stakeholders by county that includes any person who has expressed an interest in rural transportation. LRCOG uses these stakeholder lists for notification of rural transportation meetings to assist in the identification of rural transportation needs and issues in the region.
- RPO Committee membership is open to interested elected officials from the RPO study area (Lee County Commission, Russell County Commission, Loachapoka and Hurtsboro), transportation experts from Lee and Russell County Engineering offices, Public Transit officials, and citizens living in the rural areas of Lee and Russell County.
- Lee-Russell Council of Governments will facilitate public meetings in each county, attend town hall and county commission meetings, and maintain information related to rural transportation on the LRCOG website and social media.

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