

**EASTERN SHORE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

**Adopting the Public Participation Plan
for the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Area**

WHEREAS, Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of amended 23 USC 134 and 135 (SAFETEA-LU Section 6001 August 2005); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

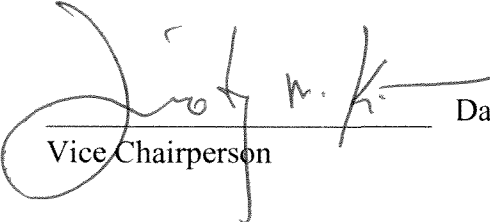
WHEREAS, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 450, Subpart C, Section 316(b)(1) states the metropolitan planning process shall, “include a proactive public participation process that provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing participation of the public in developing plans;” and

WHEREAS, Section 6001 of SAFETEA-LU, amends 23 USC 134(I)(5)(A)(B) and (C) to further expand the public participation process and that it “shall provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the transportation plan.” Parts (B) and (C) further specify the use of such methods as “visualization techniques” and “electronically accessible format and means” to afford “reasonable opportunity for consideration of public information,” and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR, Part 450, Subpart C, Section 316 (b)(1)(ix) requires that, “public participation processes shall be periodically reviewed by the MPO in terms of their effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all;” now,

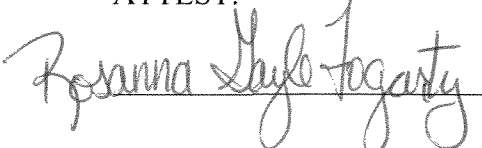
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Shore MPO has reviewed its public participation procedures, hereafter referred to as *Public Participation Plan (PPP)*, to assure that full and open access to the ESMPO decision making process is provided for all citizens, to maintain consistency with federal and state requirements and to improve and streamline the public participation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of project delivery, the Eastern Shore MPO authorizes its staff to make minor corrections in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the Alabama Department of Transportation as needed to ensure the timely submittal of the Draft Public Participation Plan.



Vice Chairperson Date: 1/25/13

ATTEST:



Date: 1/25/13

My Commission Expires 03/23/2016