

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> special order for Tuesday, Feb. 26:

## Please support HB 213 by Rep. McCutcheon

HB 213 will provide funding for the RAMP (Rural Assistance Match Program) part of ATRIP (Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program).

Local governments participating in RAMP will receive up to \$1 million in state funds to pay the match needed to secure an additional \$4 million in federal funds for road and bridge projects.

22 RAMP counties: Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Crenshaw, Dale, Fayette, Geneva, Hale, Henry, Lawrence, Lowndes, Marengo, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Randolph, Wilcox, Winston

### **How do non-RAMP counties benefit?**

1. RAMP counties are no longer competing for ATRIP dollars in round three.
2. The ATRIP committee made the decision that a county that decided against RAMP would receive a minimum of \$10 million in ATRIP funding. Until RAMP was organized, counties had no guarantee of funding.

### *Questions?*

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# ATRIP Fact Sheet

As of February 14, 2013

- The goal of the **Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP)** is to address critical needs projects that will rehabilitate and improve current facilities and in some cases provide new facilities across the state.
- ATRIP, administered by ALDOT, is a federal aid highway program that funds up to 80 percent of the construction of important roadway projects.
- Local sponsors of eligible ATRIP projects are expected to provide at least 20 percent project construction costs.
- ATRIP is funded through the use of GARVEE bonds which utilize the State's future Federal Aid funds as collateral to issue low interest bonds.
- Over a three-year period, up to \$1 billion in Federal Highway funds will be distributed through ATRIP to address eligible road and bridge projects.
- Any roadway or bridge construction or maintenance project that is eligible for federal assistance is eligible under the ATRIP program.
- Project applications are accepted, reviewed, and analyzed by ALDOT. Eligible projects are presented to a committee appointed by the Governor. The committee, in conjunction with the Governor, will make final project funding decisions.
- Over 15,000 jobs are expected to be generated through ATRIP projects.
- As of Feb. 4, 2013, more than \$613 million in ATRIP projects (439) have been approved. (61 of Alabama's 67 counties have received ATRIP funding.)
- Alabama's remaining six counties (Fayette, Hale, Lawrence, Marengo, Wilcox and Winston) may participate in ATRIP through RAMP.

## RAMP

- The **Rural Assistance Match Program (RAMP)** assists counties, unable to provide the 20 percent matching funding, to participate in ATRIP to meet the transportation needs in their local areas.
- Participation in RAMP is decided by each county commission. All cities within the county will fall under the county's decision to participate and will become partners in the program and can submit projects for review and consideration.
- Local governments participating in RAMP will receive up to \$1 million in state funds to meet the matching requirements necessary to receive an additional \$4 million in federal funds. (Total of \$5 million.)
- 22 counties have elected to participate in RAMP.
- First priority for RAMP funds will be bridge replacement of county and/or city bridges eligible for replacement AND posted for school bus traffic. Once addressed, any project meeting federal requirements and program guidelines becomes eligible.
- Eligible projects can be addressed until the \$5 million is expended.

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