

# The Rebuild Alabama Act: Covington County to gain \$851,962

(Upon Full Implementation)

## **New County Revenue through Fuel Tax Increase and Electric Vehicle Registration Fees**

- The initial 6-cent increase in gasoline and diesel fuel taxes will take effect Sept. 1, 2019, with an additional 2-cent increase effective Oct. 1, 2020, and Oct. 1, 2021.
- The \$200 battery electric vehicle and \$100 plug-in hybrid electric vehicle registration fees will begin Jan. 1, 2020.
- The distribution of proceeds to counties will begin no later than Jan. 2020.
- Counties will receive 25% of the new revenues directly.
- Indexing calculations will begin Oct. 1, 2023, and are limited to a 1 cent increase or decrease every two years based on the National Highway Construction Cost Index.

## **County funds may be used for:**

Preservation, improvement or maintenance of transportation infrastructure; matching funds for federal road or bridge projects; payment of debt for road and bridge projects; and joint projects with one or more adjoining counties, or with cities, or with cities and counties.

## **County funds may NOT be used for:**

Salaries, benefits, or any other form of compensation for employees or contractors; equipment; or vertical construction.

- An annual plan must be adopted by Aug. 31, 2019, and each Aug. 31 thereafter and include a detailed list of projects the county anticipates completing.
- An annual report must be provided to the County Commission during the first meeting in January of each year, beginning in Jan. of 2021, detailing the projects from the previous fiscal year that were performed.
- A certificate of compliance verifying at least 50% of the funding for the previous fiscal year was let to contract must be submitted by the county to the Joint Transportation Committee, President Pro Tem of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

## **New County Federal Aid Exchange Opportunity**

- Beginning Oct. 1, 2019, counties will receive \$400,000 in lieu of annual federal funding.
- Funds may be used on minor collectors and above or on bridges on the National Bridge Inventory.

## **\$10-Million Annual Local Government Road and Bridge Grant Program**

- Counties may apply for this program for use on any classified system of roads and bridges.
- All approved projects are let to contract at the local level following procedures approved by the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).
- Program proceeds will be allocated from ALDOT's portion of the new revenues.

## **ATRIP-II Program**

- Counties may apply for this program, which will be annually allocated between \$30 million and \$50 million.
- Eligible projects will be those of local interest on the state-maintained highway system, which may include local roads and bridges essential to such projects, with an emphasis on economic growth, public safety and stability.
- Program proceeds will be allocated from ALDOT's portion of the new revenues.

## **Mandatory County Engineering Salary Subsidy with Increased Participation**

- The County Engineer salary subsidy will now be 70% of the top step of the Professional Civil Engineer II, Senior classification.
- The Assistant County Engineer salary subsidy will now be 50% of the Professional Civil Engineer I classification.

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