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Our mission is to serve as a catalyst for regional leadership, cooperation, and sustainability in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, and Walker counties.

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2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW

MEDICAID WAIVER

- Secured \$30,000 in grant funds through the Lucille Beeson Foundation to provide emergency assistance to clients
- Served 882 disabled or elderly individuals throughout the metropolitan area, saving the state \$65 million in funding

ABOUT RPCGB:

Our agency provides planning, economic development, and other technical assistance to the 84 municipalities in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby and Walker counties.

Visit our website to learn more about how we can help your community!

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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Completed 5 safety studies, which identified potential improvements and allowed municipalities to apply for federal safety funds
- Completed 5 roadway studies, including:
 - US-31 Traffic Operations Analysis from Pelham to Alabaster
 - Birmingham Area Roadway Ownership/ Maintenance Study
 - SR-70/West College Street Feasibility
 Study
 - Chalkville Road/Chalkville Mountain Road Corridor Study
 - Alabaster New Trails and Sidewalks Study

COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Completed citywide plans for Calera, Harpersville, Irondale and Mulga
- Initiated the development of new plans for Argo, Fairfield, Helena, Morris, and Shelby County
- Completed the Southern Area Framework Plan, which was the last of the nine City of Birmingham Framework Plans
- Provided zoning consultations and updates, GIS mapping, and additional technical assistance for 43 projects within the region



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Provided project development support to 15 state and federal grant applications from across the region
- Issued 42 loans totaling over \$1.5 million through the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program
- Continued development of the region's Pandemic Analysis Report to determine how the regional economy was impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic

AGENCY INITIATIVES

CommuteSmart

- Added 524 new participants in the program and maintained an average of 24 vanpools per month
- Reduced more than 9.6 million commuter miles and saved participants \$5.2 million in commuter costs
- Gained 3 new corporate partners and attended 15 outreach events to promote the program

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the CommuteSmart Program will pay you for taking alternative modes of travel to and from work, including teleworking?

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To learn how, visit their website: www.commutesmart.org

Alabama Partners for Clean Air (APCA)

- Reduced traffic emissions by over **136** pounds per day through partnership initiatives
- Increased alternative fuel usage in the metropolitan area by 4,443,036 gallons
- Tested 238 cars for emissions standards, and 25 of those cars were repaired to decrease emissions
- Gained pledges from **4,140** residents agreeing to promote air quality and reduce emissions