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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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COMMUNITY PLANNING

- Completed citywide Comprehensive Plans for **Fairfield, Helena,** and **Morris** and initiated new plans for **Fultondale** and **Moody**.
- Developed a new **Shelby County** Comprehensive Plan (the first since 2004).
- Won an outstanding planning award from the AL Chapter of the APA for the **Downtown Calera Rezoning Project**.
- Provided mapping and technical assistance to **14 projects** throughout the region.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Received a **\$500,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment** grant to initiate Regional Brownfields Assessment Program.
- Awarded a **\$250,000 USDA Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge** to conduct Economic Strategic Plans for three communities in Walker County.
- Published the 5-Year Update for the regional **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**.
- Issued **83 loans** totalling over **\$3.5 million** through partnership with Sabre Finance.

MEDICAID WAIVER

- Secured **\$20,000** in grant funds through the Lucille Beeson Foundation to provide emergency assistance to members. These funds have been used to fulfill more than **100 emergent requests** for our most at risk aging population.
- Served **1,067** elderly or disabled individuals throughout the metropolitan area, saving the state approximately **\$75 million** in funding.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Initiated a **Safety Program** to analyze crash data for all six RPCGB counties.
- Completed or initiated **7 roadway (APPLE) studies**, including:
 - Chalkville Road/Chalkville Mountain Road Corridor Study, Trussville
 - Helena Old Town Pedestrian Improvements Study, Helena
 - New Trails and Sidewalks Study, Alabaster
 - US-280 Traffic Operations Study, Chelsea
 - 16th Street North Pedestrian Improvements Study, Birmingham
 - US-411 Intersections Study, Moody
 - US-31 Pedestrian Improvement, Access Management and Operations Study, Homewood

AGENCY INITIATIVES

CommuteSmart

- Added **572 new participants** in the program and maintained an average of 25 vanpools per month.
- Reduced more than **9.1 million commuter miles** and saved participants over \$5 million in commuter costs.
- Gained two new corporate partners and attended **17 outreach events** to promote the program.

Alabama Partners for Clean Air (APCA)

- Reduced traffic emissions by over **119 pounds per day** through partnership initiatives.
- Increased alternative fuel usage in the metropolitan area by **2,951,540 gallons**.
- Gained pledges from **6,037 residents** agreeing to promote air quality and reduce emissions.

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.

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