

News Release



Coliseum Boulevard Plume Investigation Project Communications

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For Immediate Release:

ALDOT Extends Call for Nominations For Community Representatives to Join the Coliseum Boulevard Plume Community Outreach Group

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is seeking to fill two open positions to serve on the Coliseum Boulevard Plume Community Outreach Group (COG) panel.

The nine to 12 member COG is generally made up of representatives from the Vista View, Chisholm, Highland Gardens, and Eastern Meadows neighborhoods along with three at-large members. Currently two neighborhood openings exist; one each to represent the Vista View and Chisholm neighborhoods. Nominations for these positions remain open now to January 2009.

The COG was formed as part of ALDOT's commitment to keep the local community involved and knowledgeable concerning the investigation, remediation and management process for the Coliseum Boulevard Plume project.

Established in early 2002, the COG provides a link between the community and ALDOT and assists in keeping the local community informed about the project activities.

All COG members come from a nominated voluntary pool of Coliseum Boulevard area residents or those who have specific interests in the area. All nominations received are reviewed and prioritized for service by an independent panel. In the past, that panel included representatives from Region IV, US EPA; the Office of the Mayor; and the Montgomery City Council.

Background: The COG was established to fulfill the role of an ongoing link between the CBP communities and ALDOT and assist in keeping these local communities informed about the activities in the project area and gaining their insights from the neighborhoods' perspective.

To that end COG representatives regularly meet with personnel on the project to learn about the ongoing project work and serve as community representatives by providing comments and questions from the community's point of view.

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