

# JEFFERSON COUNTY: MORE ROAD WORK AHEAD?

## ATRIP: Positive Impacts in Jefferson Communities

The ATRIP investment in unincorporated areas of Jefferson County will produce the replacement of 2 deficient bridge structures and has already produced 4.8 miles of road improvements. **The \$8.02 million in improvements delivered over a 5-year period is equivalent to over 10 years of normal federal allocations received by Jefferson County.** The road and bridge projects will directly impact over 16,000 residents living along these routes and improve the mobility of over 40 school buses carrying approximately 1,920 students daily. ATRIP investments have also resulted in sustaining or creating jobs for 16 contractors and 7 consulting firms. It is estimated that citizens of Jefferson County will receive a benefit of \$40 million as a result of ATRIP's investment on the Jefferson County projects.



**POPULATION: 660,793**

**COUNTY SEAT:** Birmingham, Ala.  
**LAND AREA:** 1,111 mi<sup>2</sup>

## ATRIP Project: CR 126

ATRIP is investing \$4.50 million (80% federal and 20% local) to provide a bridge replacement on CR 126/Springdale Road at Five Mile Creek. The bridge replacement and improved approaches will benefit over 15 homes, 1 church, 1 ballpark and 17 businesses located on the road, not to mention the benefit to the surrounding communities of Ketona and Tarrant. In addition to residential impacts in the area, the project will improve access to industrial properties that are currently negatively impacted by the existing weight-restricted bridge and required detour. The project will aid Jefferson County in addressing needed improvements that could not be funded with



## A SILENT CRISIS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY:

A 2010 joint study by the Association of County Engineers of Ala. and the Ala. Department of Transportation indicated that Jefferson County should be expending \$18.15 million per year to resurface its 2,045 mile paved road network on a 15-year cycle.

An additional \$3.98 million annual expenditure is needed to replace and rehabilitate the 315 county-owned bridge structures on a 50-year cycle.

The combined annual investment needed in Jefferson County to preserve and improve the existing paved roads and bridge structures is **\$22.13 million — or almost 3 times the entire ATRIP investment.**

The needed investments to improve and preserve the county's road and bridge network represent a **significant increase** in the amount available for Jefferson County to perform basic maintenance activities.