

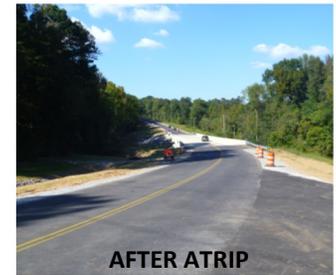
MORGAN COUNTY: MORE ROAD WORK AHEAD?

ATRIP: Positive Impacts in Morgan Communities

The ATRIP investment in Morgan County has produced the replacement of 7 deficient bridge structures and over 6 miles of road improvements. **The \$14.4 million in improvements delivered over a 3-year period is the equivalent to over 27 years of normal federal allocations received by Morgan County.** The road and bridge projects have directly impacted over 2,800 residents living along ATRIP funded routes. The ATRIP investments have improved the mobility of over 18 school buses carrying 1,180 students each school day. ATRIP investments have also resulted in sustaining or creating jobs for 21 contractors and 5 consulting firms, including 4 local contractors from within the County. It is estimated that citizens of Morgan County received a benefit of \$74.88 million as a result of ATRIP's investment in 8 county projects.

ATRIP Project: Danville Road Bridge

ATRIP invested \$3,350,409 (80% federal and 20% local) to build a new bridge that is 15 feet wider, as well as widen the approaching roadways where Danville Road crosses the West Fork of Flint Creek in Morgan County. The project benefitted more than 270 homes, 5 churches and 15 businesses located on the road — not to mention the surrounding communities of Decatur and Hartselle. It also improved travel for 8 school buses carrying more than 630 students. If the structure were closed, the 8.1 detour miles per trip for each vehicle would cost citizens \$10.7 million in out-of-pocket dollars each year. The project also improved access to around 3,000 acres of timber land and 8,000 acres of farm land — with combined property values exceeding \$32 million. These improvements have aided Morgan County in addressing problems that could not have been funded with the county's current revenue streams.



POPULATION: 119,607

COUNTY SEAT: Decatur, Alabama
LAND AREA: 579 mi²

A SILENT CRISIS IN MORGAN COUNTY:

A 2010 joint study by the Association of County Engineers of Ala. and the Ala. Department of Transportation indicated that Morgan County should be expending \$9.2 million per year to resurface its 1,010 mile paved road network on a 15-year cycle.

An additional \$1.3 million annual expenditure is needed to replace and rehabilitate the 117 county-owned bridge structures on a 50-year cycle.

The combined annual investment needed in Morgan County to preserve and improve the existing paved roads and bridge structures is **\$10.5 million — or more than half of the entire ATRIP investment.**

The needed investments to improve and preserve the county's road and bridge network represent a **192% increase** in the amount available for Morgan County to perform basic maintenance activities.