

PERRY COUNTY: MORE ROAD WORK AHEAD?

ATRIP: Positive Impacts in Perry Communities

The ATRIP investment in Perry County has produced the replacement of 7 deficient bridge structures and over 9 miles of road improvements. **The \$10 million in improvements delivered over a 3-year period is equivalent to over 20 years of normal federal allocations received by Perry County.** The road and bridge projects have directly impacted over 1,250 residents living along ATRIP funded routes. The ATRIP investments have improved the mobility of over 18 school buses carrying 1,100 students each school day. ATRIP investments have also resulted in sustaining or creating jobs for 29 contractors and 12 consulting firms, including 2 local contractors from within the county. It is estimated that citizens of Perry County received a benefit of \$52 million as a result of ATRIP's investment in 9 county projects.



POPULATION: 9,826

COUNTY SEAT: Marion, Alabama
LAND AREA: 720 mi²

ATRIP Project: CR 20

ATRIP invested \$1,400,000 (80% federal and 20% local) to widen, resurface, replace guardrails and stripe a 5.25-mile section of County Road 20 between County Road 23 and the Hale County line. The project benefitted more than 109 homes, 4 churches and 5 businesses located on the road — not to mention the surrounding communities of Newbern and Scott Station. It also improved travel for 6 school buses carrying more than 290 students. In addition to the residential impacts, the project improved access to around 1,280 acres of timber land and 2,100 acres of farm land — with combined property values exceeding \$6.12 million. These improvements have aided Perry County in addressing problems that could not have been funded with the county's current revenue streams.



A SILENT CRISIS IN PERRY COUNTY:

A 2010 joint study by the Association of County Engineers of Ala. and the Ala. Department of Transportation indicated that Perry County should be expending \$3.119 million per year to resurface its 313 mile paved road network on a 15-year cycle.

An additional \$1.1 million annual expenditure is needed to replace and rehabilitate the 119 county-owned bridge structures on a 50-year cycle.

The combined annual investment needed in Perry County to preserve and improve the existing paved roads and bridge structures is **\$4.219 million — or a little less than half of the entire ATRIP investment.**

The needed investments to improve and preserve the county's road and bridge network represent a **210% increase** in the amount available for Perry County to perform basic maintenance activities.