

Principal Transportation Planner Position

The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), which is the regional transportation policy, planning, and programming agency for the six-county greater Birmingham region, is looking for a planning professional to fill the position of Principal Transportation Planner and will work in the Planning Department. The planning department is staff for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which develops regional and community-based plans, oversees the requirement to be a direct recipient of FTA 5310, manages other federal funding programs and manages the rural planning organization.

As a Principal Transportation Planner for the RPCGB, your duties may include the following activities:

- Assisting RPCGB/Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization staff in data collection, mapping and written documents for items such as the Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Regional Active Transportation Plan, and the Congestion Management Program.
- Oversee the development of the Unified Planning Work Program and the annual reporting requirements
- Manage multiple FTA grants, including the Area of Persistent Poverty (AOPP) and Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grants
- Expand partnerships with Alabama Universities
- Manage the UAB TRIP lab that performs outreach activities to educate young drivers on distracted driving
- Manage all the requirements and reporting as an FTA 5310 Designated Recipient
- Program the FTA 5310 funds
- Assist with the Heart of Alabama Rural Planning Organization
- Manage grants and reports in TRAMS
- Tracking Title VI reporting
- Communicate effectively and clearly with project staff, clients, and stakeholders throughout the planning process in order to manage relations and keep project participants informed and engaged.

The ideal candidate will possess a wide range of analytical and interpersonal skills and demonstrate the following: excellent written and verbal skills; work successfully with members of the public, Alabama Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration; prepare reports; perform technical analysis and manage studies; make presentations; and solve problems. Extensive knowledge and understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations is required. The individual will also need to have experience coordinating with local, state and federal agencies. Experience in an MPO or transit agency is highly desirable.

Additionally, candidates should be able to communicate using advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) skills and have project management experience. The ideal candidate will need to understand the procurement process when using federal funds. Finally, the ideal candidate will understand the principles of regional transportation planning, travel demand models, active transportation planning (bike/ped planning), access management, and congestion management.

The ideal candidates for the Principal Transportation Planner position will have credentials and experience as follows:

Education: A Bachelor's Degree in City/Urban Planning. Equivalent experience will be considered if a bachelor's degree in Business, English or related fields.

Experience: Candidates should have at least 7 years of experience acquired through employment in the planning domain.

There is flexibility regarding remote versus in-person work schedule and will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

Salary: \$77,000 to \$110,000

If you are a dynamic individual ready to contribute to the Birmingham region's future, please send your cover letter and resume (email preferred) to:

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Position open until filled.