

Plan Stakeholder Involvement



Moving 14 & 44....Forward





No community in Southwest Georgia is an island. While many of our communities are self-sufficient and could very well operate without the assistance of surrounding communities, they remain linked through long-standing familial, industrial and agricultural ties.

So if there's going to be a discussion of where we, as a region, go from here (either up, down or shimmy from side to side), it's a dialogue that must be had with all the regional players; whether they be local government or constituent, wearing a suit or overalls, driving a luxury vehicle or a tractor, living in a subdivision or in the sticks. If we're not moving together, then we're really not moving; since we're only moving as fast as our slowest passenger car.

In preparation for our inevitable transition into the future, now is the time to take stock of what elements will aid us in the journey ahead and what will weigh us down. We can't board the train to "Tomorrow" if our luggage is over the weight limit. By means of various outreach activities, the staff of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission will begin to frame the direction the region is looking to go and what tools can be implemented that will ensure all of us reach our destination safely and on time.

The Regional Commission has coined this effort as "Moving 14 & 44...*FORWARD*". This phrase embodies the journey ahead as one all of our communities (from the smallest to the largest) will need to take if we hope to grow and improve beyond where we are now. This document will detail what participation techniques will be employed to maximize the amount of public input received on the future direction of the region. It also includes a timeline of events, so that the region will know where, when and how they will be able to voice their opinions.

The train heading for "Tomorrow" is pulling away from the station. With the feedback and input we receive in the coming months, we hope to ensure Southwest Georgia's bags are fully packed and ready for the journey ahead.

Let's enjoy the ride!

Stakeholders

In order to have an enjoyable and successful journey on the train bound for “Tomorrow”, it’s important to travel with the right people. Below is a listing of the individuals and agencies we look forward to engaging in the development of the Regional Agenda for Southwest Georgia. This listing is by no means exhaustive but is suggestive of the passengers we can’t leave at the station. It just wouldn’t be a worthwhile journey if these organizations weren’t on the train.

Baker

Christi Dixon Baker County Family Connection Collaborative, Baker County Health Department
 Edgar Duskin Joint Development Authority of Baker, Dougherty, Terrell and Lee Counties
 Evelyn Phillips Baker County, Manager
 Gary Coker City of Newton, Mayor
 Jessica Jennings Baker County Collaborative Inc.
 Pat Hart City of Newton Clerk
 Penny Eure Baker County, Clerk
 Sandra Clayton Baker/Mitchell Counties Department of Labor Career Center
 Scott Mithen Baker & Mitchell Counties Departments of Family and Children Services
 T.E. Moye, Jr. Baker County Board of Commissioners, Chair
 Thomas Rogers Baker County Schools, Superintendent

Calhoun

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 Barbara Lewis Calhoun County Library, Manager
 Calvin Cox City of Leary, Mayor
 Cathy Simpson Calhoun County Health Department, Director
 Earl Whiteley Hospital Authority of Calhoun County
 Harvey Causey Calhoun County Schools, Superintendent
 Helen H. Manry Calhoun County Library, Chairman
 Mary King City of Arlington, Clerk
 Marvin King City of Arlington, Mayor
 Mike Stuart Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, Chair
 Mikell Fryer Calhoun, Dougherty, Lee, Terrell Counties Department of Labor Career Center
 Nancy Mock Calhoun & Early Counties Department of Family and Children Services
 Peggy Simpson City of Edison, Clerk
 Reeves Lane City of Edison, Mayor
 Richard Martin City of Morgan, Mayor
 Tami Fincher Downtown Development Authority of the City of Arlington
 Tamika Williams City of Leary, Clerk
 Tommy Coleman Economic Development Authority of Arlington
 Toni Griffin Calhoun County, Clerk
 Veronica Waters City of Morgan, Clerk
 Walter Mattox Housing Authority of the City of Edison

Colquitt

Amy Allegood City of Doerun, Clerk
 Ann Barrow Colquitt County Department of Labor Career Center
 Bryan Shuler Colquitt County, Manager
 Candice Ruis City of Funston, Clerk
 Charles King City of Riverside, Clerk
 Dale Williams City of Berlin, Mayor
 Daniel Parrish City of Moultrie, Planning Director
 Darrell Moore Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce, Moultrie-Colquitt County Development Authority
 Deborah Cox Colquitt County, Clerk
 Denise Linnenkohn Colquitt County Health Department, Director
 Doug Strange Moultrie-Colquitt County Library, Chairman
 Dwain Walden The Moultrie Observer, News Editor
 Ella Fast City of Moultrie, Clerk
 Emily Watson Archway
 Ferrell Ruis City of Funston, Mayor
 Heather Green Moultrie-Colquitt County Development Authority/Joint Development Authority of Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell and Thomas Counties
 Kay Moore Housing Authority of the City of Moultrie
 John B. Alderman Colquitt County Board of Commissioners, Chair
 Leonard McCoy Colquitt County Schools, Superintendent
 Lori Glenn Colquitt County Family Connection Collaborative on Children and Families
 Melody S. Jenkins Moultrie-Colquitt County Library, Director
 Mike Scott City of Moultrie, Manager
 Sandy Hurst City of Norman Park, Mayor
 Susan Pyles City of Berlin, Clerk
 Tabitha Nix City of Norman Park, Clerk
 Theresa Barr Colquitt County Department of Family and Children Services
 Thomas Harlow City of Riverside, Mayor
 Tina Lowery City of Ellenton, Clerk
 Tony Brock City of Moultrie-Colquitt Airport Authority
 Voncile Kearce City of Ellenton, Mayor
 W. Larry Sims Hospital Authority of Colquitt County
 Wade Ethridge City of Doerun, Mayor
 William M. McIntosh City of Moultrie, Mayor



Decatur

Amanda Glover Downtown Development Authority of Bainbridge
Ronnie Burke Decatur County Family Connection
Beverly King Decatur County, Clerk
Blake Sharpton Decatur County Schools Building Authority
Carol Akridge Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, Decatur County, Manager
Carol Hurt The Bainbridge Post Searchlight
Charles Hadsock City of Climax, Mayor
Chris Hobby City of Bainbridge, Manager
Debbie McIntyre Literacy Is For Everyone (LIFE)
Earl Perry Decatur County Board of Commissioners, Chair
Edward Reynolds City of Bainbridge, Mayor
Evelyn Clay Bainbridge-Decatur Chamber of Commerce
Hal Brannen Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, Decatur County, Chairman
James Earp City of Brinson, Mayor
James Peak Hospital Authority of the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County
Johnny Medley City of Attapulcus, Mayor
Karen Toole City of Climax, Clerk
Lisa Taylor City of Bainbridge, Clerk
Mr. John F. Lott Housing Authority of the City of Bainbridge
Paul Soudi Decatur County, Planning Director
Ralph Jones Decatur County Schools, Superintendent
Rebecca Martin Development Authority of Bainbridge & Decatur County
Renee Boyett City of Attapulcus, Clerk
Rick McCaskill Bainbridge-Decatur County Industrial Development Authority/Bainbridge-Decatur Development Authority
Shelley Sudderth Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, Decatur County, Manager
Sherrie Bowers City of Brinson, Clerk
Sherry Hutchins Decatur County Health Department
Tom Patton Decatur County, Manager
William Palmer Decatur, Early Miller, Seminole Counties Department of Labor Career Center

Dougherty

Alfred D. Lott City of Albany, Manager
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Barbara Engram Dougherty County, Clerk
Catherine Glover Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Cheryl Henley Dougherty County Health Department, Director
James Taylor Albany-Dougherty Inner City Authority/DDA of Albany, Georgia
Jay Reynolds /Hospital Authority of Albany-Dougherty County, GA
Jeff Sinyard Dougherty County Board of Commissioners, Chair
Jim Hendricks The Albany Herald, News Editor
Marsha Skinner Housing Authority of the City of Albany, Executive Secretary
Mary Teter City of Albany, Interim Planning Director
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Joshua Murfree Dougherty County Schools, Superintendent
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Teresa Cole
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Early

Alida Ward
Brenda Wall
Cecilia Dixon

Gwen Houston
Kathy Howard
Kenneth Hall
Linda Collins
Melinda Crook
Michelle Miller
Nancy Wright
Olin Thompson
Ric Hall
Richard Ward III
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Grady

Alan L. Kaye
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Carolyn B. Lee
Carolyn Lee
Carrie Kines
Chris Adleton
Jimmie Lang
Joey Ferrell
John Marria
John White
Lisa Calhoun
Nola Daughtry
Peggy Connell
Randolph Wind
Richard D. VanLandingham
Rusty Moye
Tommy Pharis

City of Albany, Clerk
Dougherty County Development Authority
Flint River Habitat for Humanity
Dougherty County Library, Director
City of Albany, Mayor

Early County and Miller County Health Departments, Director
The Early County News, News Editor
City of Jakin, Clerk
City of Damascus, Clerk
Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce
Family Connection FACES
Early County, Manager
Early County School Superintendant
Early County 2055
City of Blakely, Clerk
Hospital Authority of Early County, Georgia
Early County Community Development Corporation
Blakely-Early County Development Authority
City of Blakely, Mayor
Early County Board of Commissioners, Chair
City of Jakin, Mayor
Early County Development Authority

Roddenberry Memorial Library, Director
Grady County Board of Commissioners, Chair
Grady County Joint Development Authority
Grady County Hospital Authority
City of Cairo, Clerk
City of Cairo Downtown Development Authority
Grady County, Clerk
City of Cairo, Manager/ City of Cairo Development Authority
City of Whigham, Mayor
Grady County Department of Labor Career Center
Housing Authority of the City of Cairo, Georgia, Executive Director
Grady County Department of Family and Children Services
City of Whigham, Clerk
Grady County Children & Youth Coordinating Council, Inc.
Grady County Health Department, Director
The Cairo Messenger, News Editor
City of Cairo, Mayor
Grady County, Manager
Grady County School Superintendant



Lee

Casey Moore Lee County, Manager
Cassandra Durham City of Leesburg, Clerk
Christi Dockery City of Smithville, Clerk
Claire Leavy Lee County, Clerk
Dana Hagar Lee County Library, Director
Ed Duffy Lee County Health Department, Director
Greg Crowder Lee County Board of Commissioners, Chair
Jean Turn Lee County Development Authority
Jerry Myrick Kinchafoonee Regional Library, Director
Jim Quinn City of Smithville, Mayor
John Ward The Lee County Ledger
Lawrence Walters Downtown Development Authority of the City of Smithville
Patsy Shirley Lee County Schools, Superintendent
Sidney Johnson Lee County Family Connection
Tricia Quinn City of Leesburg, Mayor
Vicki Bell Lee County Utilities Authority
Winston Oxford Lee County Department of Family and Children Services
Authority Lee County Chamber of Commerce, Lee County Economic Development

Miller

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Cory Thomas City of Colquitt, Manager
Danny Shepard Miller County Development Authority
Deborah Pierce Miller County, Clerk
Dr. Howard Small Miller County Industrial Authority
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Jerry Chapman City of Colquitt, Mayor
Kesha C. Lavette City of Colquitt, Clerk
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Mary C. Culbreth Housing Authority of Miller County
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Robbie Phillips Miller County Schools, Superintendent
Robin Rau Hospital Authority of Miller County
Terry Toole The Miller County Liberal
Veryl Garland Cockey Colquitt-Miller County Chamber of Commerce/City of Colquitt Downtown
Development Authority

Mitchell

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Barbara A. Hilliard Housing Authority of the City of Camilla
Beauford Hicks Mitchell County School Board, Superintendent
Ben Haywood Mitchell County Board of Commissioners, Chair
Bennett Adams Mitchell County, Manager
Deborah Laufenverger Pelham Chamber of Commerce

Diana Bristow City of Sale City, Clerk
Doug Westberry City of Pelham Manager
Jennifer Burnum Camilla Chamber of Commerce
Jeri Barnes Mitchell County Health Department
Jessica Jennings Mitchell County Children and Youth Collaborative
John K. Pullen City of Sale City, Mayor
Jud Vann Camilla Downtown Development Authority
Kathy Baker City of Camilla, Clerk
Lisa Austin City of Pelham, Clerk
Lisa Rigsby DeSoto Trail Regional Library System-Mitchell County
Marilyn Royal Mitchell County Development Authority
Mark Kimball Hospital Authority of Mitchell County
Mary Jo Haywood City of Camilla, Mayor
Mike Larkin City of Camilla, Manager
Paul Fanning Pelham City Schools, Superintendent
Randy Chew Pelham City Economic Authority, Inc.
Reginald Garrard The Camilla Enterprise
Ruby Britt City of Baconton, Clerk
Shelia H. Cannon Mitchell County, Clerk
Steven W. Turner City of Pelham, Mayor
Suzanne Anderson Joint Development Authority of Mitchell County and Pelham
W. D. Palmer, III City of Camilla Development Authority

Seminole

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Beth Capuson Seminole County Family Connection Collaborative
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Bobbie Hornsby Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, Seminole County,
Chairman
Brenda Broome Donalsonville-Seminole County Chamber of Commerce/Donalsonville-
Seminole County Development Authority/Joint Southwest Georgia
Development Authority
Donna Jones Seminole County, Clerk
Dottie Brown Seminole County Health Department
H. M. (Marty) Shingler City of Donalsonville Manager
Joe Burke City of Donalsonville, Mayor
Linda Faye Gray City of Donalsonville, Clerk
Monroe Bonner Seminole County School Superintendent
Ronnie Ingram City of Iron City, Mayor
Sara McCalvin City of Iron City, Clerk
Tommy Rogers Seminole County Board of Commissioners



Terrell

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Gina Webb
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Jim Carroll
John Heath
Margaret Halbrook
Mavis Moore
Nancy Riegle
Owen W. Parnacott Jr.
Pearlie Bishop
Rebecca Sapp
Reuben Hawkins
Robert Aaron
Robert Albritten
Sheri L. Howard
Tommy Rountree
W.E. Wade Jr.
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City of Sasser, Clerk
Terrell County Airport Authority
Terrell County, Clerk
Terrell County Health Department, Director
Terrell County Chamber of Commerce
Housing Authority of the City of Dawson, Executive Director
City of Sasser, Mayor
Terrell County Library, Chairman
Terrell County Family Connection, Inc.
Terrell County Department of Family and Children Services
City of Parrott, Clerk
City of Dawson, Manager
Terrell County Library, Manager
City of Bronwood, Clerk
City of Bronwood, Mayor
Terrell County Schools, Superintendent
City of Dawson, Mayor
City of Dawson, Clerk
The Dawson News
City of Parrott, Mayor
Terrell County Board of Commissioners

Thomas

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Don Sims
Doris Kornegay
Dr. Jean Quigg
Graham Bell
Glenn Deibert
Karen Smith
Kathleen Vinson
Kathy Megahee
Ken Law
Ken Manwaring
Kha McDonald
Johnny Reichert
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City of Meigs, Mayor
Boston Downtown Development Authority
City of Thomasville, Mayor
Thomas County Health Department
City of Boston, Manager
City of Boston, Clerk
Thomas County Department of Labor Career Center
City of Boston, Mayor
City of Meigs Clerk
City of Coolidge, Mayor
Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce
City of Ochlocknee, Clerk
Thomas County School Superintendent
Redemption Ministries
Thomas County Family Connection
Downtown Development Authority Of The City Of Thomasville
City of Thomasville, Clerk
Thomas County Family Connection
Thomas County Department of Family and Children Services
Habitat for Humanity
City of Thomasville – Assistant City Manager
Thomas County, Planning & Zoning
Housing Authority of Thomas County, Executive Director

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Michael J. Stephenson
Nancy Tillinghast
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Steve Sykes
Wade Coleman
Wanda Parramore

Thomas County, Clerk
The Thomasville Times Enterprise, News Editor
Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Thomas County, Manager
Thomas County Public Library, Director
City of Ochlocknee, Mayor
Thomasville City School Superintendent
City of Thomasville Manager
Hospital Authority of the City of Thomasville
City of Coolidge, Clerk

Worth

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Brian Marlowe

Kellie Parton
Deborah Bridges

Felicia Smith
Gina Connell
Ginny Pike
Greg Sellars
Hollie Jones
Jessica Jones
Babs Thomas
Judy Martin
Judy Hall
Kathy Wise
Leigh Wiley
Meredith Yancey
Glenn Parkman
Steve Bennett

Worth County Department of Labor Career Center
City of Sumner Clerk
Joint Development Authority of Tift, Turner, Worth and Cook Counties
The Sylvester Local, News Editor
City of Sylvester Manager/ Sylvester Development Authority/ Worth County Family Connection Partnership
Worth County Clerk
Worth County Health Department, Director
Worth County Family Connection Partnership
Worth County Development Authority
Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce
City of Poulan Clerk
Worth County School Superintendent
City of Warwick Clerk
Family Visions Outreach Inc.
City of Sylvester Clerk
Worth County Library System, Director
Worth County Department of Family and Children Services
City of Sylvester DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Sylvester Housing Authority, Executive Director

Other Agencies

Claire Coleman
Doug Everett
Doug Porter
Dr. Larry Green
Leon Conner
Myrtis Mulkey-Ndawala
Council
Ronald Rentz
Tammy Storey

Southern Georgia Regional Commission
River Valley Regional Commission
Lower Chattahoochee Regional Airport Authority
Georgia Public Service Commission
Chehaw Park Authority
Southwest Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency
Development Authority-SGRITA
Southwest Georgia Community Action

South Georgia Hospital Authority
Family Connection FACES



Participation Techniques

Before the train pulls away from the station on our way to “Tomorrow”, we want to ensure that as many passengers as possible have a chance to express their feelings regarding our travel route. Their input will help us avoid making unnecessary stops along the way; as well as ensure our end destination is in harmony with their travel plans. The following list of participation techniques will be employed to 1) create awareness of the plan, 2) gather input on future issues and opportunities facing the region, and 3) receive feedback on potential performance standards and other initiatives that could be employed to achieve the shared vision for the region.

Informational

Regional Plan Website

This website will be an addition to the Regional Commissions current website and would serve as an online clearinghouse for all Regional Plan information. Elements to be included on the website are:

- PDF copies of all draft Regional Plan documents
- Listings of upcoming Stakeholder Involvement activities (including date, time, location and purpose of the meeting)
- Blog & Message Board

By means of the Blog, we will post a “Question of the Week” each Wednesday in order to continue discussion on aspects of the Regional Agenda or some issue that directly affects its development. This will also give those who are not able to participate in one of the Performance Standards Feedback sessions an opportunity to have their opinions taken into consideration before a final recommendation is made on any Regional Agenda item.

Display Boards in Government Buildings

Small exhibits will be put up in high traffic government buildings throughout the region highlighting different elements of the regional plan requiring community feedback. Possible display information includes proposed issues and opportunities, performance standards, and guiding principles.

Participation

Performance Standards Feedback Sessions

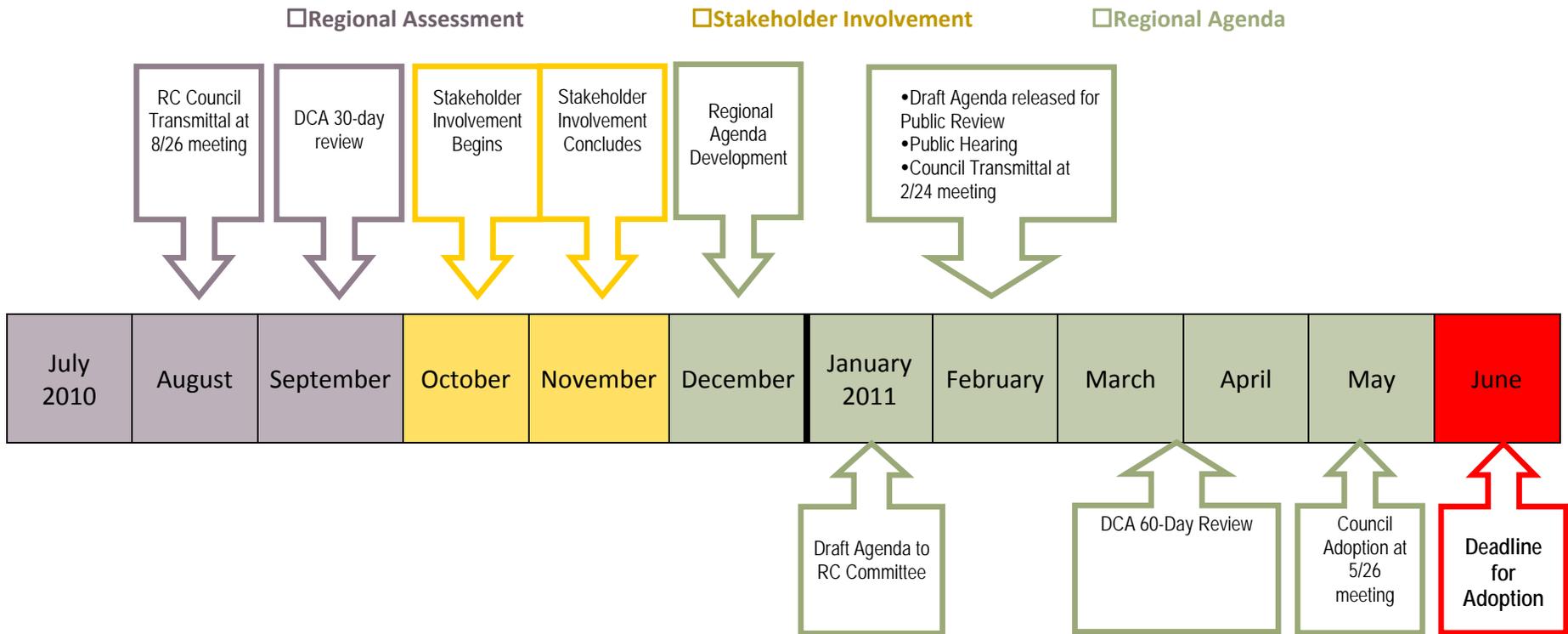
In order to ensure that the Performance Standards developed will be attainable while still moving the region towards a higher development standard, potential Performance Standards will be presented to existing regional committees for input. The Regional Commission currently hosts monthly meetings of 1) City/County Managers 2) City/County Clerks and 3) The Regional Partners Network. The Regional Partners Network is a region wide group of individuals who are engaged in various social service activities. These groups will be sent potential performance standards and their feedback will be received during each of their monthly meetings being held in October and November. There will also be a committee of the Regional Commission Council that will review and provide feedback on the performance standards proposed by RC staff.

Cover Art Photography Contest

This contest will be open to professional and amateur artists of all ages. The winner will have their composition featured on the front page of the Regional Plan. Other noteworthy submissions will also be included in the Regional Agenda. Of the photographs submitted, Regional Commission staff will choose 3-5 finalists. The finalists’ submission will be posted on the Regional Plan website for the community to vote on.



Regional Plan Completion Schedule



Schedule of Involvement Activities

October 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Performance Standards Feedback Sessions 11:00 a.m. City and County Managers	2
3	4 Cover Art Contest opens for submissions	5 Display Boards go up in 14 counties	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Update Display Boards	20 Performance Standards Feedback Sessions 10:00 a.m. Regional Partners Network 11:30 a.m. City and County Clerks	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Performance Standards Feedback Sessions 5:30 p.m. RC Council	29	30
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November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Update Display Boards	3	4 Cover Art Contest closed for submissions	5 Performance Standards Feedback Sessions 11:00 a.m. City and County Managers	6
7	8	9	10	11 Cover Art Contest finalist posted to website	12	13
14	15	16 Update Display Boards	17 Performance Standards Feedback Sessions 10:00 a.m. Regional Partners Network 11:30 a.m. City and County Clerks	18 Performance Standards Feedback Sessions 5:30 p.m. RC Council	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Cover Art Contest winner announced Display Boards come down				

