

2006 Regional Legislative Priorities Agenda

A Legislative Agenda for the Birmingham Region

UAB

Support UAB's request for \$50 million in state of Alabama funds (one time dollars) for capital projects. Support UAB's request for the ongoing commitment of state funds designated for recruiting and retention of key research staff. These resources will allow UAB to remain a dominant leader in carefully selected platform technologies that are foreseen as the force behind twenty-first century research /medicine and ultimately Alabama's economy.

Transportation/Traffic Congestion

Support legislation to identify permanent, dedicated funding sources for regional mass transit.

Historic Building Tax Credits

Provide state income tax credits to developers or homeowners who rehabilitate historic structures in certified areas of the state. This applies to both commercial and residential properties, whether income-producing or not. The state tax credits would be in addition to existing federal income tax credits.

The Regional Legislative Priorities Group is made up of government leaders and non-profit economic development agency heads from the seven-county region. The group includes: Alabama Sports Foundation, Bibb County Commission, Birmingham Airport Authority, Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority, Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce, City of Birmingham, Chilton County Commission, Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Birmingham, Jefferson County Commission, Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College, Metropolitan Development Board, Operation New Birmingham, Region 2020, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, St. Clair County Commission, Shelby County Commission, The University of Alabama at Birmingham and Walker County Commission.