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Dear Coffee County Commission Members,

I am writing to formally submit the Fiscal Year 2025 Report from the County Engineer's office. This report reviews our office's activities over the past year, highlighting major infrastructure improvement projects, maintenance of our existing infrastructure, and subdivision growth within Coffee County.

Fiscal Year 2025 was a year of significant execution and strategic advancement for the Coffee County Engineer's Office and Highway Department. We successfully managed a substantial maintenance workload and completed several high-impact special projects. Most notably, we formally commenced the implementation of the new departmental Strategic Plan, a roadmap designed to bring systematic, data-driven improvements to our entire road and bridge network for the long-term benefit of Coffee County citizens. The core mission of this effort is "To strategically manage, maintain, and improve Coffee County's transportation infrastructure... ensuring a safe, reliable, and sustainable network that supports the well-being and economic vitality of our community...".

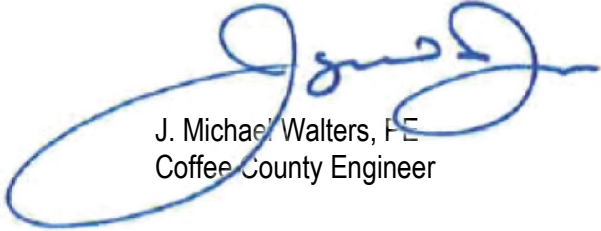
Funding is vital to our department's success and comes primarily from three sources. The first primary revenue source for the Coffee County Highway Department is the 7-cent gas tax. This tax can be used for the construction, improvement, maintenance, and supervision of County roadways and bridges. This tax covers our daily operational expenses. In Fiscal Year 2025, Coffee County received **\$1,124,295** in 7-cent gas tax funds. The second primary revenue source is the RRR Gas Taxes. This combination of gas taxes is for the sole use of resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of paved County roadways and bridges. In Fiscal Year 2025, Coffee County received **\$1,333,197** in RRR Gas Taxes. Our final primary revenue source is the Rebuild Alabama Gas Taxes. These taxes were established as part of Act 2019-02, and all spending must be in accordance with this Act. These funds shall be solely spent on transportation infrastructure improvements, preservation, and maintenance projects. They cannot be spent on salaries, wages, or equipment. In Fiscal Year 2025, Coffee County received **\$1,229,992** in Rebuild Alabama Funds.

This past year also brought about a very optimistic future for this office. Coffee County is currently in a 36.08-year paving cycle, which is financially and structurally unsustainable for long-term asset health. To combat this long cycle and improve service to our citizens, a key strategic initiative is underway. With the invaluable help and support of you, the County Commission, we are in the process of purchasing and putting in place specialized paving and pavement preservation equipment for the Highway Department. This new equipment will allow county forces to efficiently address the pavement on our significant inventory of low-volume, local roads by applying cost-effective resurfacing and roadway preservation treatments, including Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) of roadways, in-house. This proactive investment will significantly enhance the department's efficiency, with the ultimate goal of reducing our overall effective paving cycle to an aggressive 20-year target across the entire county network.

The Engineer's Office remains committed to leveraging all available resources to continue the systematic repair and upgrade of our county's road and bridge network. Our primary focus will be on aggressively pursuing the short-term milestones set out in the Strategic Plan, particularly the implementation of our new data-driven management systems and the successful integration of our new in-house FDR/paving program.

I personally appreciate the continued support of the County Commissioners, the Highway and Engineering Department staff, and the citizens of Coffee County, all of whom contribute to the success of our infrastructure programs. I look forward to what 2026 has in store for Coffee County.

Respectfully Submitted,

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J. Michael Walters, P.E.  
Coffee County Engineer

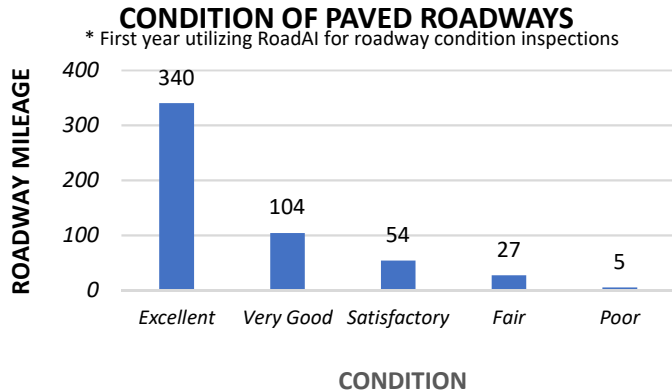
## ROAD & BRIDGE SUMMARY FY2025

ROAD INVENTORY	
<u>TYPE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MILES</u>
PAVED ROADS	530.91
UNPAVED ROADS (DIRT/GRAVEL)	225.12
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE</b>	<b>756.03</b>


RESURFACING PROJECTS		
<u>ROAD</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
CR-514/515	6.50	\$904,818.65
CR-617	1.25	\$149,693.40
CR-342	2.00	\$440,886.99
CR-228	6.94	\$749,456.85
<b>TOTAL MILEAGE</b>	<b>16.69</b>	<b>\$2,244,855.89</b>
<i>*COST PER MILE = \$134503.05</i>		

**CONDITION OF PAVED ROADWAYS**

\* First year utilizing RoadAI for roadway condition inspections



CONDITION	ROADWAY MILEAGE
Excellent	340
Very Good	104
Satisfactory	54
Fair	27
Poor	5



BRIDGE INVENTORY		BRIDGE PROJECTS	
<u>TYPE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL NO.</u>	<u>TYPE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
BRIDGES	54	COATING OF EXPOSED METAL ON THE	
BRIDGE CULVERTS	98	CR-107 BRIDGE OVER PEA RIVER	\$212,348.00
<b>TOTAL STRUCTURES</b>	<b>152</b>		
BRIDGE INSPECTIONS			
<u>TYPE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL NO.</u>		
INTERIM - POSTED BRIDGES	21		
SCOUR CRITICAL (EVERY STORM EVENT)	6		

**WORK ORDERS COMPLETED**

<u>TYPE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL NO.</u>
ROAD MAINTENANCE & PATCHING	52
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	2
RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE	233
ROADWAY PIPE MAINTENANCE	19
DRIVEWAY MAINTENANCE	168
NEW DRIVEWAY PIPES	122

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>596</b>
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<u>NEW DRIVEWAY INSTALLS</u>	<u>TOTAL NO.</u>
INSTALLED BY COUNTY FORCES	86
INSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR	36

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>
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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/SPECIAL PROJECTS**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Elba Fire Department Training Site	\$54,904.29
Coffee County Sheriff's Office Training Site	\$89,268.75
New Brockton High School Parking Lot	\$122,732.70
New Brockton High School Practice Fields	\$58,590.86

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,496.60</b>
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**NEW SUBDIVISIONS**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOTS</u>	<u>ROAD MILEAGE</u>
Major	Bridlewood Manor Phase IV	22	0.24
Minor	Cool Springs Subdivision	3	
Minor	The Carroll Place	6	
Minor	Stokes Place	1	
Minor	Sardis Landing	2	
Minor	A Subdivision	1	
Minor	James Grayson Subdivision	4	

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.24</b>
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**GRANT FUNDS AWARDED**

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALDOT	Federal Aid Funding 514/515	\$957,298.14

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$957,298.14</b>
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