

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF THREE HISTORIC BRIDGES

The Department of Transportation is planning to replace three bridges that have been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. For various reasons preservation of these structures in place is not feasible. Bridges to be replaced are the Woolsey Finnell Bridge over the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County on McFarland Blvd (SR-6/US-82); the Gilbert's Ferry Bridge over the Coosa River on SR-77 in Rainbow City/Southside, AL in Etowah County and the Bridge over Cornhouse Creek on SR-1(US-431) in Roanoke, Randolph County Alabama.

The Woolsey Finnell Bridge is a concrete stringer/girder bridge built in 1960 as one of the ten bridges built by the Alabama Bureau of Bridges between 1950 and 1961. The Gilbert's Ferry Bridge over the Coosa River on SR-77 in Etowah County is a steel Warren Thru-Truss bridge built in 1939. The Bridge over Cornhouse Creek on SR-1 in Roanoke, AL is a concrete arch-deck spandrel bridge built in 1928.

As stipulated in Section 123(f)(4) of the Surface Transportation Act of 1987 and the Memorandum of Agreement with the Alabama Historical Commission and the Federal Highway Administration, the Alabama Department of Transportation is officially announcing the availability of these three bridges to qualified individuals or organizations. The structures will be donated to appropriate recipients and the Department of Transportation will pay the expense to move the bridges or selected bridge sections thereof and associated re-establishment costs up to the expense of the bridge or bridge section demolition. For this service the receiver will agree to preserve the historical integrity of the bridge(s) and to properly maintain the structure(s).

Agencies, individuals or groups interested in further information concerning the acquisition of these bridges, or wishing to be considered for donation of additional bridges to be offered in the future, please contact:

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