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To: Region Engineers

Attn: Area Maintenance Engineers
Area Chief Bridge Inspectors

From: 

Daniel Jones, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Operations

Reference: Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review
Bridge Maintenance Related Training

Dear Region Engineers:

Please find listed below scheduled bridge maintenance related events for calendar year 2025.

Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review

The State of Alabama's bridge inspection program is a federal compliance program. To assure compliance with FHWA guidelines, ALDOT has agreed with FHWA to inspect each ALDOT Area once every three years. Furthermore, each local government entity is required to attend the area review so that they more fully understand the acceptable standard for a bridge inspection program in the state of Alabama. An integral part of the review process is the requirement that each governmental entity provide a completed Bridge Inspection Program Review Questionnaire.

Please see the following page for the list of dates for this year's Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews.

Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews

Location	Date	Time
Birmingham Area	April 16, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Birmingham	April 16, 2025	1:00 PM
Jefferson County	April 16, 2025	1:30 PM
City of Leeds	April 16, 2025	1:30 PM
Blount County	April 17, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Graysville	April 17, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Homewood	April 17, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Vestavia Hills	April 17, 2025	1:00 PM
Tuscumbia Area	June 11, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Florence	June 11, 2025	1:00 PM
Colbert County	June 11, 2025	1:30 PM
City of Decatur	June 11, 2025	1:30 PM
Franklin County	June 12, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Hartselle	June 12, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Athens	June 12, 2025	9:00 AM
Limestone County	June 12, 2025	2:00 PM
Guntersville Area	July 23, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Boaz	July 23, 2025	1:00 PM
Marshall County	July 23, 2025	1:30 PM
City of Fort Payne	July 23, 2025	1:30 PM
Madison County	July 24, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Gadsden	July 24, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Huntsville	July 24, 2025	9:00 AM
City of Attalla	July 24, 2025	1:00 PM
City of Madison	July 24, 2025	1:00 PM
Etowah County	July 24, 2025	2:00 PM

When a review is conducted at an Area office, each County and Municipality that owns bridges and is located within the geographic limits of that area is **required to attend the Area review and bring an updated and completed Bridge Inspection Program Questionnaire with them.** Counties and Municipalities that are scheduled for their own reviews are still required to attend the Area review.

Please Note: By copy of this letter, we are requesting that the **Local Transportation Bureau notify all counties and each municipality.**

NHI Training

This office acts as a host for several training courses sponsored by the National Highway Institute (NHI) and taught by consultants under contract with the NHI. Attendance in any ALDOT hosted NHI Course is offered at no charge to any employee of an Alabama governmental agency or any individual under contract to an Alabama governmental agency to provide services relating to the training topic in question. Course enrollment is on a first-come-first-served basis with preference granted to “in state” applicants. Anyone interested in requesting a seat for 2025 courses should contact Kim Biddick at biddickk@dot.state.al.us or 334-242-6304.

FHWA-NHI-130055 – Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges (10 Day)

Montgomery Area Auditorium September 2025 (Tentative) Begins 8:00 a.m.

Please Note: Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is FHWA-NHI-130101 – Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges, a 14-hour web-based training and assessment.

FHWA-NHI-130108 – Bridge Maintenance (4 Days)

Montgomery – Gunter Annex September/October 2025 (Tentative) Begins 8:00 a.m.

Please Note: Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is FHWA-NHI-130107A – Fundamentals of Bridge Maintenance, a 7-hour web-based training and assessment.

SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training

In the fall of 2024, the Bridge Inspection Refresher Training consisted of completely brand-new material related to the collection of items in the Specifications of the National Bridge Inventory (SNBI). Due to this major transition from the Coding Guide to the SNBI, attendance at one of the six Bridge Inspection Refresher Training sessions was mandatory for a State of Alabama certified bridge inspector to remain in active status. The Element Inspection & BrM User Training is being replaced with the SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training, as it incorporates the new material related to the specifications taught in the fall of 2024.

If you had an active status CBI and did not attend the Bridge Inspection Refresher Training in the fall of 2024, then you must attend to reactivate your certification otherwise you will remain in suspended status. If you have never attended the Element Inspection & BrM User Training, then you must attend to meet one of several training requirements to work towards obtaining an active CBI. This course is also open to any who desire to attend for further understanding.

This course will be offered once a year in the springtime months of March to June.

SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training Class

ALDOT Central Office

May 19-20, 2025

Begins 8:30 a.m.

Bridge Inspection Refresher Training

This office conducts multiple sessions of this training throughout the state. Participants associated in any facet of the state's bridge inspection program are highly encouraged to attend. Participants may attend any session they desire, and pre-registration is not required. If a certified bridge inspector in the State of Alabama did not attend one of the Bridge Inspection Refresher Training sessions last year, it is mandatory that they attend one of the sessions this year to remain in active status.

These training sessions will include recent changes in bridge inspection procedures, forms, documentation, bridge management, scour, underwater inspections, bridge ratings, and other pertinent topics.

The location and dates for each session are as follows:

Montgomery	ALDOT Central Office	Oct 15-16, 2025	Begins 8:30 am
Mobile	Mobile Area Training Building	Nov 5-6, 2025	Begins 8:30 am
Tuscaloosa	McDonald Hughes Community Center	Nov 19-20, 2025	Begins 8:30 am
Huntsville	Jaycee Building	Dec 10-11, 2025	Begins 8:30 am

If you have any concerns with this schedule or have other questions or comments concerning these events, please contact Asa Kirkus at kirkusa@dot.state.al.us or 334-242-6277.

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 Maintenance Training File: 2025 Events