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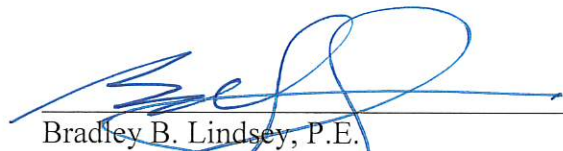
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February 23, 2021

### MEMORANDUM 2021-5

TO: Local Agency Bridge Owners  
Troy, Grove Hill and Mobile Areas

FROM:

  
Bradley B. Lindsey, P.E.  
State Local Transportation Engineer

RE: **2021 Bridge Inspection Compliance Review Schedule**  
**2021 Bridge Maintenance Related Training Schedule**

Please find the attached letter from Mr. Eric Christie, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer. Included is a schedule for the 2021 Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews and all other 2021 bridge maintenance related training.

Please note that if you received this memo, your county or municipality is scheduled for a 2021 Bridge Inspection Compliance Review (See attached schedule). All local agency bridge owners are required to comply with the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) outlined in CFR 650.305 Subpart C. ALDOT conducts the Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews to ensure that all local agencies are complying with the NBIS requirements.

The 2021 bridge inspection compliance reviews will include all the local agency bridge owners in the following ALDOT Areas:

- Troy Area
- Grove Hill Area
- Mobile Area

Each local agency bridge owner in the above referenced ALDOT Areas are required to do the following:

- Attend the ALDOT area review meeting (see attached schedule)
- Submit a Bridge Inspection Program Questionnaire (see attached link)

In addition to the ALDOT area review meeting, a select few local agencies will also be required to have a bridge inspection file review (see attached schedule). These file reviews will take place in the local agency's office where the bridge files are located.

ALDOT will also host several bridge maintenance related training courses throughout the year. These courses are free for any employee of a local agency bridge owner or any individual under contract to a local agency to provide services related to the course topic. Sign-up for these courses are on a first-come first-serve basis.

2021 Bridge Maintenance Related Training includes:

- **Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges (Two Week School)**
- **Bridge Inspection Refresher Training (Two Day School)**
- **Element Inspection / BrM User Training**

If you have any questions regarding the scheduled reviews, please feel free to contact James Boyer at (334-242-6619).



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**To:** Region Engineers  
 Mr. Curtis Vincent, North Region Engineer  
 Mr. James D. Brown, West Central Region Engineer  
 Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, East Central Region Engineer  
 Mr. Matthew Ericksen, Southwest Region Engineer  
 Mr. Steve Graben, Southeast Region Engineer



**Attn:** Area Maintenance Engineers  
 Area Chief Bridge Inspectors

**From:** Eric Christie  
 Eric Christie, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer

**Reference:** Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review  
 Bridge Maintenance Related Training

Dear Region Engineers:

Please find listed below the scheduled Maintenance-related events for calendar year 2021.

**Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review**

The State of Alabama's bridge inspection program is a Federal compliance program administered by FHWA. In an effort to comply with FHWA Guidelines to review the bridge inspection procedures for all public bridge owners, 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 that each governmental entity is required to complete a Bridge Inspection Program Review Questionnaire. An **updated** copy of this questionnaire can be found on ALDOT's website at:

<http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/bridgeMaintenance.html>

Listed below are the dates of this year's reviews.

Troy Area	April 7, 2021	9:00 AM
Pike County	April 7, 2021	1:00 PM
Coffee County	April 7, 2021	2:00 PM
Dale County	April 8, 2021	9:00 AM
Geneva County	April 8, 2021	9:00 AM
City of Troy	April 8, 2021	1:00 PM
Covington County	April 8, 2021	1:30 PM
Grove Hill Area	May 5, 2021	9:00 AM
Clarke County	May 5, 2021	1:30 PM
Marengo County	May 5, 2021	1:30 PM
Choctaw County	May 6, 2021	9:00 AM
Monroe County	May 6, 2021	9:30 AM
Mobile Area	July 21, 2021	9:00 AM
Mobile County	July 21, 2021	1:30 PM
City of Bayou La Batre	July 21, 2021	1:30 PM
City of Mobile	July 22, 2021	9:00 AM
Escambia County	July 22, 2021	9:30 AM
City of Daphne	July 22, 2021	1:00 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 a completed updated 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.** This office will be contacting consultants and other interested parties on our mailing list.

### **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 individual under contract to an Alabama governmental agency to provide services relating to the training topic in question. Anyone interested in attending the referenced training course must complete the Training Course Enrollment Request form on ALDOT's website. Course enrollment preference is granted to "in state" applicants on a first-come-first serve basis. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 class in response to our COVID-19 policies the 2021 class is currently full with participants from the 2020 class. If you would like to get on a waiting list or registered for the next class in 2022, please contact Bryson Moultry at 334-242-6014. A notification will be sent once the date is confirmed for the 2022 class.

Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges

Montgomery Area Office Auditorium      September 13 – 24, 2021      Begins 8:30 a.m.

**Please Note:** In March 2012, NHI changed the requirements to attend the Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges course. Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is a 14-hour web-based training class called, FHWA-NHI-130101 – Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges. This course can be found on NHI's website. If you have any questions concerning this class, you can call Bryson Moultry at 334-242-6014.

**BrM and Element Training**

In January of 2015, ALDOT's Maintenance Bureau went live with a new bridge inspection database, ALDOT BrM. At that time, the Maintenance Bureau also began requiring all NBI Inspections to include an Element-Level Inspection. In preparation for these changes, this office hosted Element-Level Inspection classes in 2013 and BrM User Training classes in 2014. Both classes were mandatory for anyone wishing to obtain or keep an active Alabama CBI status. These classes have now been combined into one class, and all inspectors are expected to have attended this class or both of the previous classes. If you have not yet attended, or would like a refresher, the course is being offered again this year on the following date:

Element Inspection & BrM User Training Class

Central Office      March 24 – 25, 2021      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 in order 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, as well as various other pertinent topics.

The location and dates for each session are as follows:

Alex City, AL	Alex City Area Office	Oct 13 - 14, 2021	Begins 8:30 am
Mobile, AL	Mobile Area Office	Oct 20 - 21, 2021	Begins 8:30 am
Huntsville, AL	Jaycee Building	Nov 17 - 18, 2021	Begins 8:30 am
Tuscaloosa, AL	McDonald Hughes Center	Dec 1 - 2, 2021	Begins 8:30 am

If you should have any problems with this schedule or have other questions or comments concerning these matters, please feel free to contact Ben Yates at 334-242-6277.

**Cc:** Mr. Stacey Glass, State Maintenance Engineer  
Mr. Tim Colquett, State Bridge Engineer  
Mr. Daniel Jones, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Maintenance  
Mr. Paul Carter, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Hydraulics  
Mr. Ben Yates, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Management and Training  
Mr. James Boyer, Deputy State Local Transportation Engineer, Maintenance  
Ms. Bridget Jones, Training Director, Training Bureau  
Ms. Angela Bennett, Training Bureau  
Ms. Katie Lee, Federal Highway Administration  
Maintenance Training File: 2021 Events