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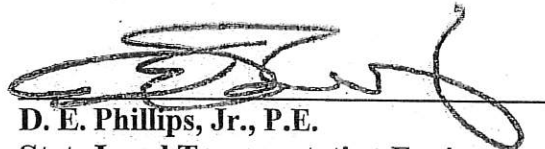
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March 23, 2018

MEMORANDUM 2018-13

**TO: LOCAL AGENCY BRIDGE OWNERS
TROY, GROVE HILL, AND MOBILE AREA MUNICIPALITIES**

FROM:


D. E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.
State Local Transportation Engineer

**RE: 2018 Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review Schedule
2018 Bridge Maintenance Related Training Schedule**

Please find the attached letter from Mr. Eric Christie, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer. Included is a schedule for the 2018 Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews and all other 2018 bridge maintenance related training.

Please note that if you received this memo, your municipality is scheduled for a 2018 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.

2018 Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews will include:

- Troy Area Local Agencies
- Grove Hill Area Local Agencies
- Mobile Area Local Agencies

Each local agency bridge owner is 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.

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. Vince Calametti, 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 2018.

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.

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| Troy Area | May 2, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Houston County | May 2, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| City of Dothan | May 2, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Henry County | May 3, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. |
| Crenshaw County | May 3, 2018 | 9:30 a.m. |
| City of Luverne | May 3, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. |
| Barbour County | May 3, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Grove Hill Area | June 13, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Washington County | June 13, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| City of Jackson | June 13, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Wilcox County | June 14, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. |
| City of Demopolis | June 14, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Mobile Area | July 11, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. |
| City of Prichard | July 11, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| Baldwin County | July 11, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| City of Satsuma | July 11, 2018 | 1:30 p.m. |
| City of Saraland | July 12, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. |
| City of Foley | July 12, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. |
| Conecuh County | July 12, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. |

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 and mail the form to 1409 Coliseum Blvd. Montgomery, AL 36110 or fax it to the Maintenance Bureau at 334-242-6378. Course enrollment preference is granted to "in state" applicants on a first-come-first serve basis. Enrollment requests may be obtained off the ALDOT Website or from the Maintenance Bureau directly at:

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

Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges

Montgomery Area Office Sept 24 – Oct 5, 2018 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.

Refresher 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 April 18 – 19, 2018 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:

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| Opelika, AL | Southern Union | Oct 17 - 18, 2018 | Begins 8:30 am |
| Tuscaloosa, AL | McDonald Hughes Center | Oct 30 - 31, 2018 | Begins 8:30 am |
| Huntsville, AL | Jaycee Building | Nov 14 - 15, 2018 | Begins 8:30 am |
| Mobile, AL | Mobile Area Office | Nov 28 - 29, 2018 | 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, Assistant State Local Transportation Engineer, Maintenance
Ms. Maxine Wheeler, Training Director, Training Bureau
Ms. Cheryl Klein, Training Bureau
Mr. Lewis Harden, Federal Highway Administration
Maintenance Training File: 2018 Events