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MEDIA ADVISORY

PROGRESS 20 Announces Lane Closures in Cleburne County

CLEBURNE COUNTY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Transportation’s Progress 20 project to construct additional lanes on Interstate 20 from State Route 46 (mile marker 205) in Heflin to west of the Tallapoosa River continues to move forward.

Weather permitting, beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, I-20 East and West traffic, between mile markers 206 and 209, will be reduced to one lane. The outside lane will be closed for workers to perform repairs on the outside lane and shoulder. This outside lane closure will remain in place until 8 a.m. Thursday, May 9.

This operation will be in place in the same location from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., daily until May 20. Additionally, I-20 West traffic may be reduced to one (outside) lane from mile marker 210.7 to 210.0 intermittently over the next few weeks.

A reduced speed limit of 55 mph is in effect in the work zone. Motorists can expect delays during the lane shifts and are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area.

The Progress 20 Web site, along with posters, brochures and signage, are part of the Alabama Department of Transportation’s Progress on Alabama Roadways campaign to keep travelers informed of the progress being made to improve the state’s interstates. Additional ongoing projects include Progress 20 in Calhoun, St. Clair and Talladega counties and Progress 59 in DeKalb County.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Lane Closures Necessary on I-20 West in Cleburne County Thursday

CLEBURNE COUNTY – Weather permitting, the outside lane of I-20 West and Weigh Station between mile markers 210 and 208 will be closed beginning at 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 until 10 p.m. Thursday, May 16 for bridge deck repairs.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sinkhole Repair on SR-21 near Talladega to Begin in July

TALLADEGA – The Alabama Department of Transportation is making plans to repair a sinkhole on State Route 21 at mile marker 225 near the County Road 238 intersection in the Mardisville Community near Talladega.

ALDOT officials expect the sinkhole repair to begin sometime in mid-to late-July. Work is expected to take three to four weeks, and will require all four lanes of State Route 21 to be closed. There will be a signed detour route for regional through-traffic. Local traffic may use county roads to bypass the closure.

Crews will work around the clock to excavate the unstable material and rebuild the roadway across all four lanes. ALDOT has monitored this sinkhole for several years. The sinkhole started as a small, recurring problem requiring periodic repairs, but worsened as a result of recent heavy rains.

The roadway is currently stable and monitored daily. This portion of State Route 21 carries about 10,000 vehicles daily.

A start date for repairs will be announced about a week before work begins.

The signed detour for regional through-traffic from Talladega going south will be County Road 203 (Plant Road) to State Route 235 to U.S. 280 to State Route 21 south of Sylacauga. Northbound traffic on State Route 21 would take U.S. 280 to Childersburg to State Route 235 to County Road 203 to Talladega. ALDOT will prescribe a detour route for oversize loads as part of its permitting process.

Roadway construction and variable message boards will provide detour information in the affected area.

Motorists must use alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Sinkhole Repair on SR-21 near Talladega to Begin August 12

TALLADEGA – The Alabama Department of Transportation will begin making repairs to a sinkhole on State Route 21 at mile marker 225 near the County Road 238 intersection in the Mardisville Community near Talladega on Monday, Aug. 12, weather permitting.

Work is expected to take approximately 21 days, weather permitting, and will require all four lanes of State Route 21, between County Road 203 and State Route 76, to be closed beginning Aug. 12. There will be a signed detour route for regional through-traffic. Local traffic may use county roads to bypass the closure. Crews from Newell Roadbuilders Inc., of Hope Hull, Ala., will work around the clock to excavate the unstable material and rebuild the roadway across all four lanes.

ALDOT has monitored this sinkhole for several years. The sinkhole started as a small, recurring problem requiring periodic repairs, but worsened as a result of recent heavy rains. This portion of State Route 21 carries about 10,000 vehicles daily. Repairs are expected to cost around $9.5 million.

The signed detour for regional through-traffic from Talladega going south will be County Road 203 (Plant Road) to State Route 235 to U.S. 280 to State Route 21 south of Sylacauga. Northbound traffic on State Route 21 would take U.S. 280 to Childersburg to State Route 235 to County Road 203 to Talladega.

Roadway construction and variable message boards will provide detour information in the affected area.

Motorists must use alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Planned Road Closure for Pipe Replacement, in Anniston

ANNISTON – Weather permitting, on Monday, December 9, beginning at approximately 8 a.m. the City of Anniston in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Transportation will be closing Summerrall Gate Road from Belair Road to Ossington Avenue for a pipe replacement.

Detour routes will be in place for approximately two weeks as follows:

- If traveling on State Route 21, turn onto Baltzell Gate Road, then right on Ossington Avenue to Summerrall Gate Road.
- If traveling west on Summerrall Gate Road, turn onto Ossington Avenue, then left on Baltzell Gate Road to State Route 21.

Motorists are also requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this Maintenance Operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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Construction to Begin Final Phase of Veterans Memorial Parkway

ANNISTON – A groundbreaking ceremony was held today to officially mark the beginning of a project to complete the new Veterans Memorial Parkway, previously known as the Anniston Eastern Bypass.

During today’s groundbreaking, Gov. Robert Bentley was joined by federal, state and local officials for the groundbreaking ceremony at the north end of the new Parkway near its eventual intersection with U.S. Highway 431.

“This new Parkway will help economic growth throughout Calhoun County and northeast Alabama,” Governor Robert Bentley said. “Alabama’s transportation dollars are scarce, but this project is a wise investment in the future growth of the Anniston area. I join with local officials in a shared optimism that this project will be a significant part of local economic development efforts and redeveloping the Fort McClellan property.”

Under a $12.2 million contract awarded by the Alabama Department of Transportation, Gadsden-based McCartney Construction Co. will complete final paving and complete the intersection with U.S. 431. ALDOT officials expect the final phase of the new Veterans Memorial Parkway to open by summer of 2015.

The seven-mile long Parkway has been under construction for more than 10 years at a total cost of about $150 million. The Parkway begins in Oxford at Interstate 20, and travels through southeast Anniston through the former Fort McClellan property to U.S. 431 in north Anniston.

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