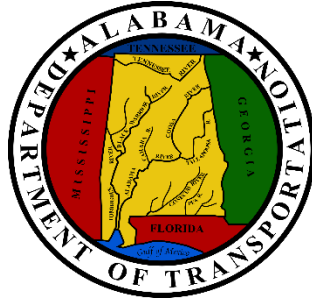


# Alabama State Rail Plan



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## Chapter 1: Overview

### 1.1 Plan Vision, Mission and Goals

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT, <https://www.dot.state.al.us/>) is the designated state agency responsible for preparing, maintaining, coordinating and administering the Alabama State Rail Plan (AL SRP). The Rail Programs Administrator of the Design Bureau within ALDOT coordinated this 2023 update of the 2013 AL SRP. The ALDOT Transportation Director is responsible for AL SRP review, and is the state official responsible for Plan approval.



**Alabama State Rail Plan Vision:** The Alabama State Rail Plan 20-year vision is facilitated through the SRP goals, policies, standard practices, and procedures to guide rail transportation planning activities and project development. The intent is to meet requirements established by the Federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) and encourage and promote a system that will be a catalyst for growth, is competitive in the global economy, and decrease rail-highway crashes and fatalities.

The Vision, Mission and broad Goals were developed from ALDOT’s Vision, Mission and Goals (<https://www.dot.state.al.us/about.html>) and the 2016 Alabama Statewide Freight Plan Mission Statement. ALDOT’s Vision is “Enriching lives in Alabama through excellence in transportation.” The ALDOT Mission is “To provide a safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation