

Presentation Narrative

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This is the online public involvement presentation for ALDOT Project Number: ATRP2-59-2024-59

Slide 2: WELCOME

Welcome and thank you for participating in the on-line public involvement for the proposed bridge replacement on AL-25 in Shelby County, Alabama. We want to provide an opportunity for you to review and comment on the proposed project. Your input is crucial to the advancement of this project. The information provided within this presentation is preliminary and subject to change.

Slide 3: PROJECT INTRODUCTION/LOCATION

The proposed project is located on AL-25 is between the Cities of Calera and Columbiana in southern Shelby County. It is an east/west route classified as a Minor Arterial. The project area is sparsely developed and includes flat wooded and cleared areas with a few residential facilities.

Slide 4: PURPOSE AND NEED

The existing bridge over Camp Branch Creek was built during the early 1930's. The bridge railing has been damaged, the deck is deteriorating and it is too narrow to accommodate current vehicles.

A new bridge is proposed to address the condition of the bridge and preserve a safer and more efficient transportation system.

Slide 5: PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK

AL-25 is a two-lane roadway within the project limits. The existing bridge over Camp Branch Creek is approximately 160 ft long and 21 ft wide. The proposed replacement bridge would be approximately 240 ft long and 38.5 ft wide. The width would accommodate 2 – 12' travel lanes and 2 – 6' paved shoulders. The roadway approaches to the bridge would have 2 – 12' lanes and guardrails.

Slide 6: PROJECT SCHEDULE

Right of Way acquisition will be required for the construction of this project. Acquisition is projected to begin Fall 2026. Utility Relocation will also be required and will be initiated after right of way is complete. Construction of this project is anticipated to begin in early 2027.

The bridge will be closed during construction. Local traffic will have access to AL-25, through traffic will be detoured. The proposed detour is along AL-3(US-31) and AL-70 and I-65.

Construction is anticipated to be completed in approximately 9 – 12 months.

Slide 7: PROJECT DETOUR

The proposed detour uses I-65, AL-3(US-31) and AL-70.

Traveling Eastbound: the detour begins at I-65 Exit #231 to AL-3(US-31) continues north along AL-3(US-31) to AL-70, then proceeds east to AL-25 in Columbiana.

Traveling Westbound on AL-25 (from Columbiana) – the detour begins on AL-70, proceeds west to the intersection with AL-3(US-31); continues south on AL-3(US-31) to I-65.

Slide 8: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PUBLIC OUTREACH

This project will not have an in-person public involvement meeting. You are encouraged to make inquiries and provide your comments regarding this project by voice mail, email or US mail as noted. We ask that you provide your comments by July 24, 2026.

Slide 9: CONTACT INFORMATION/THANK YOU

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, Jon Paepcke.

We appreciate your interest and participation. Thank you.