



## **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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### **ALDOT to Perform I-65 Evacuation Exercise May 4**

**MONTGOMERY** – On Wednesday, May 4, representatives from the Alabama Department of Transportation, the Emergency Management Agency and local agencies will conduct a hurricane preparation lane-reversal simulation on I-65 from Mobile to Montgomery.

There should be no traffic impacts, but motorists may see activity from these agencies along the I-65 corridor. When personnel are present along the road, drivers should use caution and keep a safe distance.

Interstate lane reversal, or “contraflow,” requires extensive communication from all agencies involved. This annual exercise provides agencies a dress rehearsal opportunity which helps ensure an actual contraflow event will be executed safely.

In the event of an evacuation situation, ALDOT would convert all lanes on I-65 to the northbound direction from Mobile to Montgomery.

ALDOT’s mission is to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally and economically sound transportation network across Alabama.

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