



## **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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### **ALDOT to close Covered Bridge Road, I-20/59 lanes for bridge repair**

**TUSCALOOSA** – The Alabama Department of Transportation plans to close Covered Bridge Road and two lanes on Interstate 20/59 in Tuscaloosa County after a bridge inspection revealed a structural issue.

The inspection took place after a large piece of equipment being hauled by a rental truck struck the overpass for Covered Bridge Road on I-20/59 westbound at Exit 86 on September 28.

Covered Bridge Road over the interstate will close Monday, October 17 until Friday, November 18.

The I-20/59 westbound center and right lanes will be closed from Sunday, October 23 until Friday, November 18.

The contractor will place temporary supports beneath the bridge to allow workers to repair rebar, place concrete and to partially remove and repair one girder. Motorists should expect delays and are encouraged to take US-11, Highway 216 or other alternate routes during this period.

“Although the bridge poses no immediate danger to the traveling public, it’s important that we repair it before it could potentially worsen,” said Wallace McAdory III, West Central Region Engineer. “We recognize that these repairs will impact traffic, so please make sure to leave early to reach your destination on time.”

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