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**To:** Region Engineers

**Attn:** Area Maintenance Engineers  
Area Bridge Operations  
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**From:** 

Daniel Jones, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Operations

**Reference:** Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review  
Bridge Maintenance Related Training

Dear Region Engineers:

Please find listed below scheduled bridge maintenance related events for calendar year 2026.

**Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review**

The State of Alabama's bridge inspection program is a federal compliance program. To ensure compliance with FHWA guidelines, ALDOT has agreed with FHWA to inspect each ALDOT Area once every three years. Furthermore, each local government entity is required to attend the area review so that they fully understand the acceptable standard for a bridge inspection program in the state of Alabama. An integral part of the review process is the requirement that each governmental entity provide a completed Bridge Inspection Program Review Questionnaire.

Please see the following page for the list of dates for this year's Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews.

## Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews

When a review is conducted at an Area office, **each County and Municipality that owns bridges and is located within the geographic limits of that area is required to attend the Area review and bring an updated and completed Bridge Inspection Program Questionnaire with them.** Counties and Municipalities that are scheduled for their own reviews are still required to attend the Area review.

**Please Note:** By copy of this letter, we are requesting that the **Local Transportation Bureau notify all counties and each municipality.**

| Location                   | Date           | Time           |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Fayette Area</b>        | <b>4/8/26</b>  | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| City of Kennedy            | 4/8/26         | 1:30 PM        |
| Pickens County             | 4/8/26         | 1:30 PM        |
| City of Jasper             | 4/9/26         | 9:00 AM        |
| Walker County              | 4/9/26         | 9:30 AM        |
| City of Dora               | 4/9/26         | 1:00 PM        |
| Winston County             | 4/9/26         | 1:30 PM        |
| <b>Tuscaloosa Area</b>     | <b>6/10/26</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| City of Tuscaloosa         | 6/10/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| Sumter County              | 6/10/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| Bibb County                | 6/11/26        | 9:00 AM        |
| Hale County                | 6/11/26        | 9:00 AM        |
| Chilton County             | 6/11/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| City of Marion             | 6/11/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| <b>Montgomery Area</b>     | <b>6/24/26</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| City of Montgomery         | 6/24/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| Butler County              | 6/24/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| Macon County               | 6/25/26        | 9:00 AM        |
| Montgomery County          | 6/25/26        | 9:00 AM        |
| Russell County             | 6/25/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| Bullock County             | 6/25/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| <b>Alexander City Area</b> | <b>7/15/26</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| Randolph County            | 7/15/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| City of Talladega          | 7/15/26        | 2:00 PM        |
| Clay County                | 7/16/26        | 9:00 AM        |
| Cleburne County            | 7/16/26        | 9:30 AM        |
| City of Oxford             | 7/16/26        | 1:30 PM        |
| Coosa County               | 7/16/26        | 1:30 PM        |

## NHI Training

This office acts as a host for several National Highway Institute (NHI) courses. **The ALDOT hosted NHI courses below are offered at no charge to employees of Alabama governmental agencies and to consultants providing inspection services to Alabama governmental agencies.** Course enrollment is on a first-come-first-served basis with preference granted to “in state” applicants. Anyone interested in requesting a seat for 2026 courses should contact Kim Biddick at [biddickk@dot.state.al.us](mailto:biddickk@dot.state.al.us) or 334-242-6304.

### **FHWA-NHI-130055 – Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges** (10 Days)

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| Montgomery Area Auditorium | September 14 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | Begins - 8:00 a.m. |
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**Please Note:** Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is **FHWA-NHI-130101 – Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges**, a 14-hour web-based training and assessment.

### **FHWA-NHI-130108 – Bridge Maintenance** (4 Days)

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| Montgomery – Gunter Annex | September 14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | Begins - 8:00 a.m. |
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**Please Note:** Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is **FHWA-NHI-130107A – Fundamentals of Bridge Maintenance**, a 7-hour web-based training and assessment.

### **FHWA-NHI-130110 – Tunnel Safety Inspection** (5 Days)

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| Mobile Area Training Facility | August 31 <sup>st</sup> – September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | Begins - 8:00 a.m. |
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**Please Note:** Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is **FHWA-NHI-130101 – Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges**, a 14-hour web-based training and assessment. Completion of FHWA-NHI-130055 – Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges will satisfy the prerequisite requirement.

## SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training

In the fall of 2024, the Bridge Inspection Refresher Training consisted of completely brand-new material related to the collection of items in the Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory (SNBI). Due to this major transition from the Coding Guide to the SNBI, attendance at one of the six Bridge Inspection Refresher Training sessions was mandatory for a State of Alabama certified bridge inspector to remain in active status. The Element Inspection & BrM User Training is being replaced with the SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training, as it incorporates the new material related to the specifications taught in the fall of 2024.

If you had an active status CBI and did not attend the SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training in the fall of 2024, then you must attend the training to reactivate your certification; otherwise, you will remain in suspended status. If you have never attended the SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training, you must attend to meet one of several training requirements to obtain an active CBI. This course is also open to any who desires to attend for further understanding.

**SNBI / Element Inspection & BrM User Training Class**

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| ALDOT Central Office –<br>Conference Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8 | April 29 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | Begins 8:30 a.m. |
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**Bridge Inspection Refresher Training**

This office conducts multiple sessions of Bridge Inspection Refresher Training throughout the state. Participants associated in any facet of the state’s bridge inspection program are highly encouraged to attend. Participants may attend any session they desire, and **pre-registration is not required**. If a certified bridge inspector in the State of Alabama did not attend one of the sessions last year, it is mandatory that they attend one this year to remain in active status.

These training sessions will include recent changes in bridge inspection procedures, forms, documentation, bridge management, scour, underwater inspections, bridge ratings, and other pertinent topics.

The location and dates for each session are as follows:

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|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Tuscaloosa | McDonald Hughes Community Center | Oct. 7 - 8, 2026  | Begins 8:30 am |
| Montgomery | ALDOT Central Office             | Oct. 21- 22, 2026 | Begins 8:30 am |
| Mobile     | Mobile Area Training Building    | Nov 18 -19, 2026  | Begins 8:30 am |
| Huntsville | Jaycee Building                  | Dec 9 - 10, 2026  | Begins 8:30 am |

If you have any concerns with this schedule or have other questions or comments concerning these events, please contact Asa Kirkus at [kirkusa@dot.state.al.us](mailto:kirkusa@dot.state.al.us) or 334-242-6277.

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