ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

3rd Division Road Advisories: April 2012

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 3, 2012

MEDIA ADVISORY

Rolling Roadblock on I-65 Northbound
Blasting Operation Continues between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange and Walkers Chapel Road

BIRMINGHAM – Work continues on Interstate 65 as part of the Alabama Department of Transportation’s project to build an interchange to connect I-65 to Corridor X in Jefferson County.

Weather permitting Wednesday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m., blasting operations will continue on I-65 between Daniel Payne Drive (Exit 264) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267).

A rolling roadblock by Alabama State Troopers and the City of Fultondale police will slow I-65 traffic northbound between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange (Exit 261) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267). The operation will also be affecting US-31 southbound and northbound traffic from Ellard Road to the US-31 southbound on ramp to I-65 until blasting is complete. This will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

In the event of inclement weather, blasting will not take place.

Once completed, Corridor X will be an interstate highway between Birmingham and Memphis, TN. The scheduled completion date on the project is 2014.

A reduced speed limit of 45 mph is in effect throughout the work zone. Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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April 4, 2012

MEDIA ADVISORY

ALDOT Announces Planned Lane Closures for Bridge Rail Repairs on US 31 NB over Turkey Creek (MP 291.2) in Morris

MORRIS – On Thursday, April 5, weather conditions permitting, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will begin repairs to the bridge rail located on the northbound outside (right) shoulder of US 31 northbound bridge over Turkey Creek (milepost 291.2) in Morris. This work will require the outside (right) lane and shoulder to be closed in the area where repairs are being made.

This work may require intermittent lane closures for up to one week. All traffic lanes will be reopened to traffic no later than 3 p.m. each day.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this Maintenance Operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closure for Bridge Maintenance
I-59 NB Bridge over 63rd Street (Milepost 130.4) in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, Monday, April 9 at approximately 9 p.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will close the northbound inside (left) two lanes of I-59 for bridge maintenance, beginning just south of the bridge over 63rd Street (milepost 130.4) to just north of the same bridge. If the operation goes according to plan, ALDOT intends to switch the lane closure to the I-59 northbound outside (right) two lanes at approximately 1 a.m. This operation could take up to two (2) nights to complete.

The lanes will be closed in the area of repairs for the time needed to clean the bridge joints. All travel lanes will be reopened to traffic no later than 5 a.m., each morning until the work is completed.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this maintenance operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Blasting Operation Continues between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange and Walkers Chapel Road

BIRMINGHAM – Work continues on Interstate 65 as part of the Alabama Department of Transportation’s project to build an interchange to connect I-65 to Corridor X in Jefferson County.

Weather permitting Monday, April 9 and Tuesday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m., blasting operations will continue on I-65 between Daniel Payne Drive (Exit 264) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267).

A rolling roadblock by Alabama State Troopers and the City of Fultondale police will slow I-65 traffic northbound between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange (Exit 261) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267). The operation will also be affecting US-31 southbound and northbound traffic from Ellard Road to the US-31 southbound on ramp to I-65 until blasting is complete. This will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

In the event of inclement weather, blasting will not take place.

Once completed, Corridor X will be an interstate highway between Birmingham and Memphis, TN. The scheduled completion date on the project is 2014.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Utility Line Installation on US-280 between Grandview Parkway and Perimeter Park South

BIRMINGHAM - Weather permitting, on Monday, April 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m., a utility company will install a new water line in the turn lane on US 280 westbound, between the Grandview Parkway and Perimeter Park South.

This work will require the US 280 westbound outside (right) turn lane at Grandview Parkway to be closed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this Utility operation to improve Utility service to the area.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures for Geotechnical Investigation on City of Birmingham Streets, beginning Tuesday

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Weather permitting, beginning on Tuesday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m., ALDOT will perform Geotechnical Investigations on various City of Birmingham streets. The lane closures will be as follows:

- Lakeshore Parkway from Homewood city limits to Industrial Drive
- 6th Avenue south from MLK, Jr. Blvd to I-65
- Pearson Avenue from 22nd Street to 30th Street
- 1st Street Pratt from Avenue W to 2nd Street Pratt
- Jefferson State Pkwy from State Route 79 to entrance to new school
- Wenonah-Oxmoor Road from Sydney Drive to Cammack Road
- 12th Avenue W from Center Street to 3rd Street W
- 12th Avenue W from 4th Street W to Arkadelphia Road

Intermittent lane closures will be required in the direction of work, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., while the work is in progress. On 2-lane streets, a single lane closure will be required during the Geotechnical Operation. Flagmen will be used to alternate traffic while the lane is closed. All traffic lanes will be reopened to traffic no later than 3:00 p.m. each day.

The Geotechnical operation should be completed in 3 to 4 days, dependent on weather conditions and work progress.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this Geotechnical operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures on I-59 Southbound to Perform Paving Operations, in Jefferson County

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, the Alabama Department of Transportation announces lane closures on Interstate 59 southbound at various times to perform work in Jefferson County for the following:

- Monday, April 9 at 9 p.m. until Tuesday, April 10 at 6 a.m., paving operations will be done on the inside and outside lanes of I-59 southbound from the Allison/Bonnet Interchange (milepost 115) to one mile south of the 19th and 18th Street Interchange in Bessemer (milepost 111). The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

ALDOT Announces Lane Closures on US-78 (Bankhead Highway) from Finley Boulevard to Cherry Avenue, in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, beginning Tuesday night, April 10, at 7 p.m. until Wednesday morning, April 11, at 6 a.m. the eastbound and westbound inside lanes of US-78 (Bankhead Highway) from Pratt Highway (milepost 135.5) to Cherry Avenue (milepost 136.5) will be closed to allow for paving operations to be done at this location. The same procedure will be followed the following three nights.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust travel times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience while this paving operation is performed to improve Alabama’s highway system.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Rolling Roadblock on I-65 Northbound
Blasting Operation Continues between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange and Walkers Chapel Road

BIRMINGHAM – Work continues on Interstate 65 as part of the Alabama Department of Transportation’s project to build an interchange to connect I-65 to Corridor X in Jefferson County.

Weather permitting Wednesday, April 12 at 1:30 p.m., blasting operations will continue on I-65 between Daniel Payne Drive (Exit 264) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267).

A rolling roadblock by Alabama State Troopers and the City of Fultondale police will slow I-65 traffic northbound between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange (Exit 261) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267). The operation will also be affecting US-31 southbound and northbound traffic from Ellard Road to the US-31 southbound on ramp to I-65 until blasting is complete. This will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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MEDIA ADVISORY  

ALDOT Announces Planned Lane Closures for Bridge Inspections on I-59 NB & SB in Birmingham, Wednesday  

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, April 18, at 9 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will begin inspection of the bridges on I-59 over CSX Railroad (milepost 127.43). These bridges are located between the 31st Street Interchange (exit 126-B) and the Tallapoosa Street Interchange (exit 128). Inspections will occur as follows:  

Wednesday, April 18 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
• Inspection of the I-59 northbound bridge  

Wednesday, April 18 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
• Inspection of the I-59 southbound bridge  

These inspections will require the outside (right) lane and shoulder to be closed in the area of the inspection.  

All roadway travel lanes will be re-opened to traffic by 3:30 p.m.  

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MEDIA ADVISORY  

ALDOT Announces Planned Lane Closures for Bridge Inspections on I-59 SB & NB in Bessemer, Monday and Tuesday  

BESSEMER – Weather permitting, on Monday, April 16, at 9 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will begin inspection of the bridges on I-59 over Valley Creek (milepost 112.8) and CSX Railroad (milepost 112.1). These bridges are located between the 18th Avenue Interchange (exit 113) and the 18th/19th Street Interchange (exit 112). Inspections will occur as follows:  

Monday, April 16 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
  • Inspection of the I-59 southbound bridge over Valley Creek  

Monday, April 16 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
  • Inspection of the I-59 southbound bridge over CSX Railroad  

Tuesday, April 17 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
  • Inspection of the I-59 northbound bridge over CSX-Railroad  

Tuesday, April 17 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
  • Inspection of the I-59 northbound bridge over Valley Creek  

These inspections will require the outside (right) lane and shoulder to be closed in the area of the inspection. 

All roadway travel lanes will be re-opened to traffic by 3:30 p.m.  

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Planned Lane Closures on I-59 SB to Perform Paving Operations, in Jefferson County

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, the Alabama Department of Transportation announces lane closures on Interstate 59 southbound at various times to perform work in Jefferson County for the following:

- Sunday, April 15 at 9 p.m. until Monday, April 16 at 6 a.m., paving operations will be done on the outside lane and ramps on I-59 southbound from the Allison/Bonnet Interchange (milepost 115) to one mile south of the 19th and 18th Street Interchange in Bessemer (milepost 111). The same procedure will be followed the following five nights.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

ALDOT Announces Lane Closures on US-78 (Bankhead Highway) from Finley Boulevard to Cherry Avenue, in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, beginning Monday night, April 16, at 7 p.m. until Tuesday morning, April 17, at 6 a.m. at various times the eastbound and westbound inside and outside lanes of US-78 (Bankhead Highway) from Pratt Highway (milepost 135.5) to Cherry Avenue (milepost 136.5) will be closed to allow for paving operations to be done at this location. The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

ALDOT Announces Planned Lane Closures for Bridge Inspections on I-59 SB & NB in Bessemer, Thursday and Friday

BESSEMER – Weather permitting, on Thursday, April 19, at 9:00 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will resume inspection of the bridges on I-59 over Valley Creek (Milepost 112.8) and CSX Railroad (Milepost 112.1). These bridges are located between the 18th Avenue and the 18th/19th Street exits. Inspections will occur as follows:

Thursday, April 19 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
• Inspection of the I-59 southbound bridge over CSX Railroad.

Thursday, April 19, between 12:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
• Inspection of the I-59 northbound bridge over CSX-Railroad.

Friday, April 20 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
• Inspection of the I-59 northbound bridge over Valley Creek.

These inspections will require the outside (right) lane and shoulder to be closed in the area of the inspection.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

ALDOT Announces Lane Closures on US-31 (SR-3) from I-459/US-31 Interchange to Columbiana Road, in Hoover

Weather permitting, beginning Monday night, April 16, at 7 p.m. until Tuesday morning, April 17, at 6 a.m. at various times the northbound and southbound inside and outside lanes of US-31 from I-459/US-31 Interchange (milepost 264.28) to Columbiana Road (milepost 266.26) will be closed to allow for paving operations to be done at this location.

Weather permitting, beginning Tuesday night, April 17, at 7 p.m. until Wednesday morning, April 18, at 6 a.m. the northbound outside lane of US-31 from I-459/US-31 Interchange (milepost 264.28) to Columbiana Road (milepost 266.26) will be closed to allow for paving operations to be done at this location. The same procedure will be followed the following two nights.

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Weather permitting Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m., blasting operations will continue on I-65 between Daniel Payne Drive (Exit 264) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267).

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures on I-59 SB to Perform Paving Operations, in Jefferson County

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, the Alabama Department of Transportation announces lane closures on Interstate 59 southbound at various times to perform work in Jefferson County for the following:

- Sunday, April 22 at 9 p.m. until Monday, April 23 at 6 a.m., paving operations will be done on southbound ramps and service roads on I-59 from the Allison/Bonnet Interchange (milepost 115) to one mile south of the 19th and 18th Street Interchange in Bessemer (milepost 111). The same procedure will be followed the following five nights.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures on I-65 SB and NB from the US-31 Interchange in Hoover to the Valleydale Road Interchange in Jefferson and Shelby Counties

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, beginning Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. until Tuesday, April 24, at 6 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will be performing striping operations with moving lane closures on I-65 southbound and northbound from the US-31 Interchange (milepost 252.3) in Hoover to the Valleydale Road Interchange (milepost 247.0). When work is completed in the southbound lanes it will be switched to the northbound lanes. The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

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ALDOT Announces Lane Closures on US -78 (Bankhead Highway) from Finley Blvd to Cherry Avenue, in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, beginning Monday, April 23, at 7 p.m. until Tuesday, April 24, at 6 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will at various times close the eastbound and westbound inside and outside lanes of US-78 (Bankhead Highway) from Finley Boulevard (milepost 135.116) to Cherry Avenue (milepost 136.646) to allow for paving operations to be done at this location. The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Planned Moving Operation for installation of Raised Reflective Pavement Markers on U.S. 31 (Elton B. Stephens Expressway) NB and SB, begins Sunday night

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, on Sunday, April 22, beginning at 8 p.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will conduct a moving operation to place Raised Reflective Pavement Markers on U.S 31 (Elton B. Stephens Expressway) from the U.S 280 Interchange to the I-20/59 Interchange (exit 126-A) northbound and southbound and along segments of U.S. 280 from near the intersection of Hollywood Blvd., and from near the intersection of Cahaba Road as follows:

Beginning Sunday, April 22, 2012:
• U.S 31 (Elton B. Stephens Expressway) from the U.S 280 Interchange to the I-20/59 Interchange (Exit 126-A) northbound and southbound;
• U.S. 280 from near the intersection of Hollywood Blvd. to the U.S. 31 Interchange; and
• U.S. 280 from near the intersection of Cahaba Road to the tie to U.S. 280 near Hollywood Blvd.

Work to be performed: Installation of Raised Reflective Pavement Markers. This work will be completed in approximately two weeks dependent on weather conditions and work progress.

All travel lanes will be reopened to traffic no later than 5 a.m. each morning.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

I-59 NB in Bessemer Reopens to Traffic with Newly Resurfaced Lanes

JEFFERSON COUNTY – A project to improve Interstate 59 from Alabama Adventure Parkway (Exit 110) to north of the CSX railroad overpass in Bessemer is now halfway complete.

The northbound lanes of I-59, from Exit 110 to north of the CSX Railroad Overpass, will reopen Thursday, April 26 at 11 p.m., following lane reconstruction. The newly surfaced lanes will open in fewer than the 30 days originally anticipated.

Now that reconstruction of the northbound lanes is completed, the southbound lanes are expected to close for reconstruction in 2 to 3 weeks. The exact date will be announced 7 to 10 days in advance. A detour route will be used. SB lanes are expected to be closed for approximately 35 days. A $30,000 per day incentive/disincentive is included in the contract with the bonus or penalty to the contractor calculated upon completion.

The Alabama Department of Transportation’s $9.5 million project will rebuild 1.7 miles of the interstate in both directions. The project will use a construction method called rubblization to crush the original concrete roadway as a base for new asphalt lanes. The new grade of the roadway will actually be higher than before, requiring bridge decks to be raised and shoulders to be adjusted to the new roadway elevation.

The expected completion date for the entire project is early Summer 2012.

For additional road condition information, visit [www.Progress59.com](http://www.Progress59.com).

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Roadway Closure for Reworking Norfolk-Southern Railroad Crossing on U.S. 11 (1st Avenue North) in Birmingham, Saturday

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Beginning on Saturday morning, April 28, at approximately 7 a.m., weather permitting, the Norfolk-Southern Railroad will rework the railroad crossings surface on U.S. 11 (1st Avenue North) between 41st Street North and 50th Street North as follows:

APRIL 28: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
U.S. 11 (1st Avenue North) will be closed between 41st Street North and 50th Street North.

An alternate route detour will be available on Messer-Airport Highway, via 41st Street North and via 50th Street North.

Local traffic may also use the following connections between U.S 11(1st Avenue North) and Messer-Airport Highway:
- 45th Place North
- 47th Place North
- 48th Street North
- 49th Street North

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this Maintenance Operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

I-59 NB in Bessemer Reopens to Traffic with Newly Resurfaced Lanes

JEFFERSON COUNTY – A project to improve Interstate 59 from Alabama Adventure Parkway (Exit 110) to north of the CSX railroad overpass in Bessemer is now halfway complete.

The northbound lanes of I-59, from Exit 110 to north of the CSX Railroad Overpass reopened today following lane reconstruction. The newly surfaced lanes opened around 2 p.m. and in fewer than the 30 days originally anticipated.

Now that reconstruction of the northbound lanes is completed, the southbound lanes are expected to close for reconstruction in 2 to 3 weeks. The exact date will be announced 7 to 10 days in advance. A detour route will be used. SB lanes are expected to be closed for approximately 35 days. A $30,000 per day incentive/disincentive is included in the contract with the bonus or penalty to the contractor calculated upon completion.

The Alabama Department of Transportation’s $9.5 million project will rebuild 1.7 miles of the interstate in both directions. The project will use a construction method called rubblization to crush the original concrete roadway as a base for new asphalt lanes. The new grade of the roadway will actually be higher than before, requiring bridge decks to be raised and shoulders to be adjusted to the new roadway elevation.

The expected completion date for the entire project is early Summer 2012.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

ALDOT Announces Lane Closure on US-31 (SR- 3) from I-459/US-31 Interchange to Columbiana Road, in Hoover

Weather permitting, beginning Sunday, April 29, at 7 p.m. until Monday, April 30, at 6 a.m. at various times the northbound and southbound inside and outside lanes of US-31 from I-459/US-31 Interchange (milepost 264.28) to Columbiana Road (milepost 266.26) will be closed to allow for paving operations to be done at this location. The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust travel times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience while this paving operation is performed to improve Alabama’s highway system.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures on I-65 SB and NB from the US-31 Interchange in Hoover to the Valleydale Road Interchange in Jefferson and Shelby Counties

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, beginning Sunday, April 29, at 7 p.m. until Monday, April 30, at 6 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will be performing striping operations with moving lane closures on I-65 southbound and northbound from the US-31 Interchange (milepost 252.3) in Hoover to the Valleydale Road Interchange (milepost 247.0). When work is completed in the southbound lanes it will be switched to the northbound lanes. The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closure on I-459 NB, at the I-65 Interchange, in Hoover

HOOVER – Weather permitting at approximately 12 a.m., Sunday morning, April 29, the Alabama Department of Transportation will make concrete pavement repairs on the I-459 northbound outside (right) lane (just north of the Lorna Road Overpass), at the I-65 Interchange. The repairs will begin at the I-65 exit ramp (milepost 14.3) and proceed to the I-65 entrance ramp (milepost 16.0).

The acceleration lane from US 31 northbound and the outside (right) lane of I-459 northbound will be transitioned to the two (2) I-459 northbound inside (left) lanes, which will remain open to traffic. The exit to I-65 northbound/southbound will remain open; however, it will be narrowed to one (1) lane to allow adequate space for equipment and personnel to complete the work safely.

All travel lanes will be reopened to traffic no later than 5 a.m., Monday, April 30.

The lanes will be closed in the area of repairs for the time needed to remove and replace the damaged concrete and to allow a minimum of 14 hours of curing time after the repairs are made.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures on I-59 SB and NB to Perform Paving Operations, in Jefferson County

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, the Alabama Department of Transportation announces lane closures on Interstate 59 southbound and northbound at various times to perform work in Jefferson County for the following:

- Monday, April 30 at 9 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1 at 6 a.m., paving operations will be done on southbound and northbound ramps and service roads on I-59 from the Allison/Bonnet Interchange (milepost 115) to one mile south of the 19th and 18th Street Interchange in Bessemer (milepost 111). The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Planned Lane Closures on US -78 (Bankhead Highway) from Finley Blvd. to Cherry Avenue, in Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM – Weather permitting, beginning Monday, April 30, at 7 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1, at 6 a.m., the Alabama Department of Transportation will at various times close the eastbound and westbound inside and outside lanes of US-78 (Bankhead Highway) from Finley Boulevard (milepost 135.116) to Cherry Avenue (milepost 136.646) to allow for paving operations to be done at this location. The same procedure will be followed the following four nights.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Rolling Roadblock on I-65 Northbound
Blasting Operation Continues between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange and Walkers Chapel Road

BIRMINGHAM – Work continues on Interstate 65 as part of the Alabama Department of Transportation’s project to build an interchange to connect I-65 to Corridor X in Jefferson County.

Weather permitting **Tuesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 3 at 1:30 p.m.**, blasting operations will continue on I-65 between Daniel Payne Drive (Exit 264) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267).

A rolling roadblock by Alabama State Troopers and the City of Fultondale police will slow I-65 traffic northbound between the I-20/59 & I-65 Interchange (Exit 261) and Walkers Chapel Road (Exit 267). The operation will also be affecting US-31 southbound and northbound traffic from Ellard Road to the US-31 southbound on ramp to I-65 until blasting is complete. This will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

In the event of inclement weather, blasting will not take place.

Once completed, Corridor X will be an interstate highway between Birmingham and Memphis, TN. The scheduled completion date on the project is 2014.

A reduced speed limit of 45 mph is in effect throughout the work zone. Motorists are requested to consider using alternate routes, adjust arrival/departure times, observe work zone speed limits and other work zone signs, and use extreme caution in this area. ALDOT thanks motorists for their patience during this construction operation to improve Alabama’s roadways.

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