



# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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### MEMORANDUM 2016-07

**TO: ALL COUNTY ENGINEERS  
AREA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

**FROM:**



**D. E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.**  
**State County Transportation Engineer**

**RE: 2016 Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Reviews  
2016 Bridge Maintenance Related Training Schedule**

Please find the attached letter from Mr. Paul Carter, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Management & Training. Included in this letter is the 2016 schedule for the Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews, the Bridge Inspection Refresher Classes (2 Day Schools), and other bridge related training.

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**To:** Region Engineers  
Mr. Johnny Harris, North Region Engineer  
Mr. James D. Brown, West Central Region Engineer  
Mr. DeJarvis Leonard, East Central Region Engineer  
Mr. Vince Calametti, Southwest Region Engineer  
Mr. George Conner, Southeast Region Engineer

**Attn:** Region Maintenance Engineers  
Area Chief Bridge Inspectors

**From:**   
Paul Carter, Asst. St. Maint. Engr., Management & Training

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

Dear Region Engineers:

Please find listed below the scheduled Maintenance-related events for calendar year 2016.

**Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review**

The State of Alabama's bridge inspection program is a Federal compliance program administered by FHWA. In an effort to comply with FHWA Guidelines to review the bridge inspection procedures for all public bridge owners, 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 more fully understand the acceptable standard for a bridge inspection program in the state of Alabama. An integral part of the review process is that each governmental entity is required to complete a Bridge Inspection Program Review Questionnaire. An updated copy of this questionnaire can be found on ALDOT's website at:

[http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/bridge\\_maintenance.htm](http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/bridge_maintenance.htm)

Listed below are the dates of this year's reviews.

Guntersville Area	April 20, 2016	9:00 a.m.
City of Collinsville	April 20, 2016	1:30 p.m.
Jackson County	April 20, 2016	1:30 p.m.
Cullman County	April 20, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Scottsboro	April 21, 2016	9:00 a.m.
DeKalb County	April 21, 2016	9:30 a.m.
City of Fort Payne	April 21, 2016	9:30 a.m.
City of Henagar	April 21, 2016	1:00 p.m.
Cherokee County	April 21, 2016	1:30 p.m.
Tuscumbia Area	June 8, 2016	9:00 a.m.
Lauderdale County	June 8, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Florence	June 8, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Town Creek	June 8, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Decatur	June 9, 2016	9:00 a.m.
City of Russellville	June 9, 2016	9:00 a.m.
Lawrence County	June 9, 2016	9:30 a.m.
Morgan County	June 9, 2016	1:30 p.m.
Birmingham Area	July 13, 2016	9:00 a.m.
St. Clair County	July 13, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Mountain Brook	July 13, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Homewood	July 13, 2016	1:30 p.m.
City of Pelham	June 14, 2016	9:00 a.m.
Shelby County	June 14, 2016	9:30 a.m.
City of Helena	June 14, 2016	9:30 a.m.

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 a completed updated 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:** We request that each **ALDOT Area notify each municipality** within their jurisdiction of these events. By copy of this letter, we are requesting that the **County Transportation Bureau notify all counties** of these events as well. This office will be contacting consultants and other interested parties on our mailing list.

## NHI Training

This office acts as a host for several training courses sponsored by the National Highway Institute (NHI) and taught by consultants under contract with the NHI. Attendance in any ALDOT hosted NHI Course is offered at no charge to any employee of an Alabama governmental agency or individual under contract to an Alabama governmental agency to provide services relating to the training topic in question. Anyone interested in attending the referenced training course must complete the Training Course Enrollment Request and mail the form to 1409 Coliseum Blvd. Montgomery, AL 36110 or fax it to the Maintenance Bureau at 334-242-6378. Course enrollment preference is granted to “in state” applicants on a first-come-first serve basis. Enrollment requests may be obtained off the ALDOT Website or from the Maintenance Bureau directly at:

[http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/management\\_and\\_training.htm](http://www.dot.state.al.us/maweb/management_and_training.htm)

### Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges

Birmingham Area Office      August 22 – September 2, 2016      Begins 8:30 a.m.

**Please Note:** In March 2012 NHI changed the requirements to attend the Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges course. Anyone wanting to attend this course must successfully complete the prerequisite course with a grade of 70 or better. The prerequisite course is a 14 hour web based training class called, FHWA-NHI-130101 – Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges. This course can be found on NHI’s website. If you have any questions concerning this class, you can call this office at 334-242-6284.

## Refresher Training

In January of 2015, ALDOT’s Maintenance Bureau went live with a new bridge inspection database, ALDOT BrM. At that time, the Maintenance Bureau also began requiring all NBI Inspections to include an Element-Level Inspection. In preparation for these changes, this office hosted Element-Level Inspection classes in 2013 and BrM User Training classes in 2014. Both classes were mandatory for anyone wishing to obtain or keep an active Alabama CBI status. At this time, all inspectors are expected to have attended both of these classes. If you have not yet attended, or would like a refresher, they are being offered again this year on the following dates:

### BrM User Training Class

Central Office      May 24 – 25, 2016      Begins 8:30 a.m.

### Element-Level Inspection Class

Central Office      September 13 – 14, 2016      Begins 8:30 a.m.

## Bridge Inspection Refresher Training

This office conducts multiple sessions of this 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 Bridge Inspection Refresher Training sessions last year, it is mandatory that they attend one of the sessions this year in order 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, as well as various other pertinent topics.

The location and dates for each session are as follows:

Opelika, AL	Southern Union	Oct 19-20, 2016	Begins 8:30 AM
Tuscaloosa, AL	County Extension	Nov 2-3, 2016	Begins 8:30 AM
Huntsville, AL	Jaycee Building	Nov 16-17, 2016	Begins 8:30 AM
Mobile, AL	Mobile Area Office	Nov 30-Dec 1, 2016	Begins 8:30 AM

If you should have any problems with this schedule or have other questions or comments concerning these matters please feel free to contact this office at 334-242-6284.

**Cc:** Mr. Stacey Glass, State Maintenance Engineer  
 Mr. Buddy Black, State Bridge Engineer  
 Mr. Eric Christie, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Maintenance  
 Mr. Jim Bearrentine, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Hydraulics  
 Mr. Paul Carter, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Management and Training  
 Mr. James Boyer, Assistant State County Transportation Engineer, Maintenance  
 Ms. Maxine Wheeler, Training Director, Training Bureau  
 Ms. Cheryl Klein, Training Bureau  
 Mr. Lewis Harden, Federal Highway Administration  
 Maintenance Training File: 2016 Events