



# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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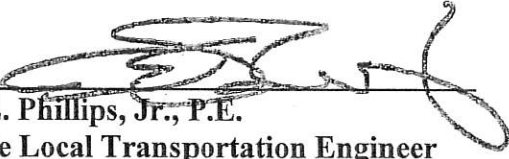
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### MEMORANDUM 2018-12

**TO: COUNTY ENGINEERS  
ALDOT AREA LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS**

**FROM:**

  
D. E. Phillips, Jr., P.E.  
State Local Transportation Engineer

**RE: 2018 Bridge Inspection Program Compliance Review Schedule  
2018 Bridge Maintenance Related Training Schedule**

Please find the attached letter from Mr. Eric Christie, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer. Included is a schedule for the 2018 Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews and all other 2018 bridge maintenance related training.

2018 Bridge Inspection Compliance Reviews will include:

- Troy Area Counties
- Grove Hill Area Counties
- Mobile Area Counties

2018 Bridge Maintenance Related Training includes:

- Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges Class (Two Week School)
- Bridge Inspection Refresher Training Class (Two Day School)
- Element Inspection / BrM User Training Class

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**To:** Region Engineers  
 Mr. Curtis Vincent, 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. Steve Graben, Southeast Region Engineer

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

**From:** Eric Christie  
 Eric Christie, Deputy State Maintenance Engineer

**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 2018.

**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/bridgeMaintenance.html>

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

Troy Area	May 2, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Houston County	May 2, 2018	1:30 p.m.
City of Dothan	May 2, 2018	2:00 p.m.
Henry County	May 3, 2018	8:30 a.m.
Crenshaw County	May 3, 2018	9:30 a.m.
City of Luverne	May 3, 2018	1:00 p.m.
Barbour County	May 3, 2018	1:30 p.m.
Grove Hill Area	June 13, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Washington County	June 13, 2018	1:30 p.m.
City of Jackson	June 13, 2018	1:30 p.m.
Wilcox County	June 14, 2018	9:00 a.m.
City of Demopolis	June 14, 2018	9:00 a.m.
Mobile Area	July 11, 2018	9:00 a.m.
City of Prichard	July 11, 2018	1:30 p.m.
Baldwin County	July 11, 2018	1:30 p.m.
City of Satsuma	July 11, 2018	1:30 p.m.
City of Saraland	July 12, 2018	8:30 a.m.
City of Foley	July 12, 2018	8:30 a.m.
Conecuh County	July 12, 2018	9:00 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:** By copy of this letter, we are requesting that the **Local Transportation Bureau notify all counties and each municipality**. 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/managementAndTraining.html>

Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges

Montgomery Area Office      Sept 24 – Oct 5, 2018      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 Bryson Moultry at 334-242-6014.

**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. These classes have now been combined into one class, and all inspectors are expected to have attended this class or both of the previous classes. If you have not yet attended, or would like a refresher, the course is being offered again this year on the following date:

Element Inspection & BrM User Training Class

Central Office      April 18 – 19, 2018      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 17 - 18, 2018	Begins 8:30 am
Tuscaloosa, AL	McDonald Hughes Center	Oct 30 - 31, 2018	Begins 8:30 am
Huntsville, AL	Jaycee Building	Nov 14 - 15, 2018	Begins 8:30 am
Mobile, AL	Mobile Area Office	Nov 28 - 29, 2018	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 Ben Yates at 334-242-6277.

**Cc:** Mr. Stacey Glass, State Maintenance Engineer  
Mr. Tim Colquett, State Bridge Engineer  
Mr. Daniel Jones, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Bridge Maintenance  
Mr. Paul Carter, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Hydraulics  
Mr. Ben Yates, Assistant State Maintenance Engineer, Management and Training  
Mr. James Boyer, Assistant State Local Transportation Engineer, Maintenance  
Ms. Maxine Wheeler, Training Director, Training Bureau  
Ms. Cheryl Klein, Training Bureau  
Mr. Lewis Harden, Federal Highway Administration  
Maintenance Training File: 2018 Events