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Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in the Works for Alabama *ALDOT Studies Bicycle and Pedestrian Opportunities, Seeks Public Input*

(Montgomery, Ala.) – Today the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) announced that a Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is being developed to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility. To help shape the plan, ALDOT is seeking public input about bicycling and pedestrian needs.

“Safety of pedestrians and bicyclists is an important consideration from the time we begin designing a roadway and the adjacent area,” said ALDOT Chief Engineer Ronnie Baldwin. “We are looking at new ways to enhance the day to day safety and overall experience for those out walking and bicycling in Alabama.”

The purpose of the plan is to establish a vision for integrating bicycling and walking into the state of Alabama transportation system. The plan will also help guide investment in bicycle and pedestrian facilities that maximize use of the limited available funding.

Alabama residents can give input for the plan via an online survey that can be accessed on the home page of the ALDOT website (www.dot.state.al.us) under the “Featured Information” section. This fall, the team leading the planning process will hold five public workshops across the state. The workshops will give people an opportunity to learn more about the plan and to share their perspective on bicycling and pedestrian needs. Dates, times and locations for the workshops will be announced soon on www.dot.state.al.us.

A Project Advisory Committee has been created to guide the planning process. The committee includes representatives from transportation, health, trails, bicycling, conservation, community planning and economic development groups.

The Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is anticipated to be complete in spring 2016.

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