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ALDOT ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO PLAN IN TOWN OF PIKE ROAD

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) announced this week that it will address concerns raised by residents of the Town of Pike Road at a recent public input session regarding the widening of Vaughn Road (Alabama 110) from Chantilly Parkway to the Outer Loop. During the ALDOT meeting, hosted by the town June 28 at Pike Road Town Hall, residents viewed maps of the proposed work and spoke one-on-one with ALDOT representatives.

“The Town of Pike Road celebrates success in collaboration and planning. The announcement this week by ALDOT that they are adapting traffic patterns, creating space for pedestrians and bicycles along the right-of-way from Chantilly Parkway, past Town Hall and further east on Vaughn Road is great news. It shows that many hours of planning and relationship-building will pay dividends for the citizens. We are thankful to ALDOT for responding in this affirmative manner,” said Gordon Stone, Mayor of the Town of Pike Road.

Upon receiving numerous requests that the future five-lane segment be more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, ALDOT revised the plan to include both sidewalks and a bicycle lane. The concerns of several individuals regarding the project’s impact on the Vaughn Road Nursery, near the Chantilly Parkway intersection, resulted in revisions to the plan that will ensure “minimal” impacts on the small business. Finally, ALDOT reports that Pike Road citizen input led the department to add an eastbound right turn lane from Vaughn Road onto Pike Road at the heavily traveled intersection.

“We are happy every time we are able to accommodate the public’s needs,” said John Lorentson, Division Engineer with ALDOT’s Sixth Division. “We are bound by many design standards and restraints, but we always try to meet the needs of the public, our customers.”

“The Town of Pike Road appreciates that our relationships with state and federal agencies allow us all to work together to create a plan that is in sync with the town’s vision. This news from ALDOT is an encouraging reminder that when citizens take an active role in efforts like these, they increase the likelihood of success,” said Mayor Stone. “In this case, success means meeting the region’s transportation needs in a way that preserves the lifestyles and heritage that people of the Pike Road area have long enjoyed. It also means providing for the transportation needs of not just automobile drivers, but also of pedestrians and bicyclists. We are very pleased that ALDOT held this public input session and is following up with these positive revisions to their plan.”

Maps of the Vaughn Road widening and preliminary project plans can be viewed by contacting ALDOT. For more information on the town’s role in the project, contact Gordon Stone or Charlene Rabren at 272-9883.

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