

## ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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## Highway 69 South turn lanes project to begin June 8

The Alabama Department of Transportation and Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission plan to install 10 turn lanes on Highway 69 South in Tuscaloosa from 65th Street to Mae Hinton Boulevard to improve mobility and safety.

Construction is expected to begin June 8 and finish in the fall with the majority of paving completed before school begins in August. At least two lanes will be open at all times in each direction throughout the duration of the project to reduce the impact on the 45,000 vehicles that travel this route daily.

GFC Construction was awarded the 2.1-mile project at \$1.53 million. The TCRIC will provide 100 percent of the funding.

"The Tuscaloosa County Road Improvement Commission is pleased to see local and state tax dollars being put to work in this heavily traveled area," said Probate Judge and TCRIC Chairman, Rob Robertson. "Adding these turn lanes on the Highway 69 South corridor will be yet another improvement to the overall traffic flow."

Additional northbound turn lanes: 65th Street, Hillcrest School Road, Patriot Parkway, Bobby Miller Parkway.

Additional southbound turn lanes: Bear Creek Road, Weatherby Drive, Hillcrest School Road, Patriot Parkway, Southview Lane, Mae Hinton Boulevard.

"This is another great example of how local and state government can work together for the good of its residents," State Sen. Gerald Allen said. "These additional turn lanes will help ease congestion on our roadways and provide a safer, smoother drive."

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