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Mr. Don T. Arkle  
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Alabama Department of Transportation  
1409 Coliseum Blvd.  
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Dear Mr. Arkle,

This letter is in response to your request for review of the proposed bridge replacement along State Route 117 in the Town of Mentone (Project No. BR-204 (512)).

I fully support the immediate replacement of this bridge. This highway is heavily traveled by large trucks and has a high volume of traffic. The bridge, as you noted, was constructed in 1928, and does not readily accommodate the width or weight of today's vehicles. It is a safety hazard, as was proven in a recent accident that nearly claimed the life of one of area law enforcement officers who was off-duty at the time.

I ask that you fully review all safety considerations in re-aligning the bridge. It appears that traffic may have some difficulty/safety hazards in approaching the bridge as it presently sits in a curve. A straighter approach and wider bridge will no doubt make travel safer for all motorists who choose to travel this scenic state highway.

I appreciate your expedient consideration of this project, and if I may be of further assistance in this matter I urge you to contact my office.

Sincerely,

*Lowell B.*

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