During hurricane evacuations, the Alabama Department of Transportation is committed to ensuring traffic moves safely away from the approaching storm. ALDOT designates various state, U.S. and interstate highways in Alabama as evacuation routes.

If necessary, ALDOT has a plan in place to reverse lanes on I-65 which means that, when ordered, all lanes of I-65 will flow north between Mobile and Montgomery.

**I-65 REVERSE LANE FACTS**

- An I-65 lane reversal is not automatic in every hurricane.
- If ordered, ALDOT sends traffic northbound on all lanes of I-65 between Mobile and Montgomery.
- This reverse laning, or contraflow, means traffic travels northward in the southbound lanes of I-65.
- Contraflow begins in Baldwin County just south of Exit 31 (State Road 225).
- Contraflow ends in Montgomery just north of Exit 167 (U.S. 80).
- ALDOT and law enforcement personnel are posted along each exit of the contraflow portions of I-65.
- From Montgomery southward, all southbound I-65 traffic is detoured to U.S. 31.
- Electronic message signs display travel information along I-65 and the northern portions of U.S. 31.
- The Highway Advisory Radio System (HARS) broadcasts information on AM radio frequencies to travelers in south Alabama (1630 AM) and near Montgomery (1690 AM). Look for advisory signs in the vicinity of HARS broadcast areas.
- Evacuations may result in heavier traffic and longer driving times. Slow down and drive with extreme caution.

**SAFETY/PREPAREDNESS TIPS**

- Plan ahead! Select your evacuation route in advance.
- If you are in the projected path of a hurricane, listen to evacuation advice or orders from emergency officials and do not delay your departure based on an expectation that I-65 will be reversed.
- Monitor local TV and radio stations for updated emergency and traffic information.
- As part of your hurricane evacuation plan, assemble a disaster supplies kit.
- If evacuating, pack your medicine, bring extra cash, medical insurance card, food and water, etc.
- Don't forget your pets. Inquire in advance which hotels and shelters allow pets and remember to pack their food and necessities.
- Make sure your vehicle is fully fueled and serviced.
- NEVER drive through standing or moving water.

**PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES**

- **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
  1-888-588-2848
  www.dot.state.al.us
  Emergency Call Center for traffic-related/roadway conditions and information

- **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**
  Dial *HP(47) to report crashes and other highway emergencies to the nearest State Trooper post

- **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**
  www.fema.gov

- **ALABAMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**
  1-800-843-0699
  www.emalabama.gov
  For more hurricane preparedness and evacuation safety information

- **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM & TRAVEL**
  1-800-ALABAMA (252-2262)
  www.ala.org
  For information on available Alabama hotels

- **211**
  Dial 211 for information on shelters, hospitals and other emergency services