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Hi Hannah - I hope you are well.

Reaching out on behalf of a constituent request that we received this week.

(b)(6) wrote to us about a federally funded transportation study that will likely recommend an interchange modification in Saraland, Alabama, and is not allowing public input. It is Exit 13 on I-65, which is the most traveled interchange in Saraland. See below for more information.

He has asked why there have not been any public meetings to date nor has ALDOT/Mobile MPO/City of Saraland offered any chances to receive public feedback on it nor are there any planned opportunities in the future.

I have the rest of his message below: "ALDOT said I can refile my Public Info Request again once the study is done (they said they won't turn the draft study over for public review because "it is only a draft" per their legal bureau's State AG opinion piece a few days ago - his opinion should only matter for 100% state funded studies). ALDOT can't seem to clearly answer as to why there is no public involvement and the Mobile MPO doesn't seem to answer their emails on any topic. Another interesting question to me is, if it is a federally funded study, can the state still withhold the draft document? Like a penny of federal funds triggers federal regulations and sunshine/Freedom of Information (FOIA) laws, correct? Thanks in advance for your help, looking forward to hearing from FHWA Alabama Division."

Would you be able to help with this, or point us in the right direction? Thank you!

Best,
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