



# Solid Civil News

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## SOLID CIVIL DESIGN WINS ALDOT PROJECT!

The happy bunch pictured below was recently informed that the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has selected Solid Civil Design for the company's first ALDOT design project! While we have individual experience working with ALDOT, this is our first ALDOT project as Solid Civil Design.

The project will include the design of a new interstate interchange, adding lanes on the interstate, upgrading a 2-lane roadway to a 5-lane roadway, and providing a new 5-lane roadway on new location at the interchange.

We are excited about being selected for this project and look forward to working once again with ALDOT. We would like to thank ALDOT for their confidence in our firm and the opportunity they have provided for us to show our company's strength in transportation design. — J.C.

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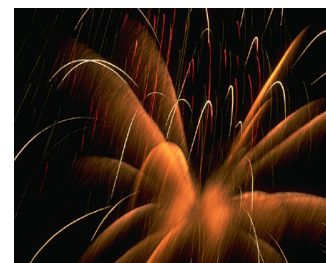
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## THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS!

Have you ever said to someone "Call me if you need any help"? Many times we say this out of politeness or as a casual parting remark.

I recently attended a retirement reception, and the thing that impressed me was the turnout of friends and co-workers. I heard many who had already retired say "Let me know if I can help you". You could tell they knew what it would be like for this person entering into a new phase of life. I know it made the retiree feel good to see so many well-wishers there. While not having experienced retirement, I have made some changes throughout my career. During these changes it has been comforting to have my friends and co-workers come by and wish me well and offer their help if I should need it. Over the past 6 months, I have been on the receiving end of many acts of kindness from my friends. There are too many instances to list here, but I want to thank each of you for all your help as we have been establishing the foundation of our company.

I know sometimes we get caught up in the numerous distractions we encounter in life, and we neglect the opportunities we have to act with kindness toward others. I have come to realize that it's the little things make a big difference to people. — G.L.  
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Happy 4th of July!



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## Work Related

### TEA-21 Legislation Again on Track as Senate Appoints Conferees

May 21, 2004—Before adjourning for the Memorial Day recess, the U.S. Senate May 20 gave its approval to the appointment of 21 Senators who will negotiate with House transportation leaders over the details of TEA-21 renewal legislation.

The U.S. House of Representatives departed for the recess without completing action on their conferees, deferring its final decision on who will represent the House until Congress reconvenes June 2.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) and Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) have been working throughout May to reach an agreement on how to proceed to the selection of conferees, with each concerned about establishing ground rules on how to proceed to conference and how decisions would be made throughout the conference committee process.

June 23—HR 4635, the fourth TEA-21 extension, was passed. It will continue transportation programs through July 31. Reports have indicated that Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) and Speaker Dennis J. Hastert (R-IL) have reached an agreement and have set out a process that will allow for the completion of the transportation authorization bill before the August congressional recess. With committee members and the administration fairly resolute on their funding preferences, successful completion of the bill within the three remaining legislative weeks seems unlikely.

June 23—The surface transportation authorization conference committee held its second meeting. The discussion opened with Senate conferees affirming their support for a \$318-billion bill and requesting a response from the House conferees at the next meeting scheduled for July 7. Committee members debated whether funding levels should be established before moving forward on major policy issues or if policy issues should be debated and then the funding developed to fit the bill. The committee approved 42 staff-negotiated provisions.

## On The Lighter Side

### Central Alabama Area Events:

Jul 1-31, 2004 Korean War Month (Birmingham) - Southern Museum of Flight

Jul 3-4, 2004 Celebrate Independence Day 1776 at The American Village (Montevallo)

Jul 3, 2004 Second Annual Wine & Fireworks Celebration (Harpersville) - Morgan Creek Winery

Jul 4, 2004 Independence Day Celebration at the Zoo (Birmingham)

Jul 4, 2004 July Jubilee (Tuscaloosa) - Downtown Tuscaloosa

Jul 4, 2004 Russell Lands Fourth of July Fireworks Show and Music Celebration (Alexander City)

Jul 8, 2004 Taste of the Town Summer Theatre (Jacksonville) - Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center & Leone Cole Auditorium, JSU Campus

Jul 9-11, 2004 9th Annual Magic City Raggae Latino Festival (Birmingham)

Jul 9-11, 2004 Sunny King Charity Classic (Anniston)

Jul 16-17, 2004 Gadsden Antique Auto Club Noccalula Falls Meet (Gadsden) - Noccalula Falls campground

Jul 16-17, 2000 Performance on the Green (Montgomery) - Outdoor ballet performance in the beautiful setting of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

Jul 30-Aug 1, 2004 Balloon Blast 2004 (Fayette) - Guthrie Smith Park

### Mississippi Capital/River Region Area Events:

March 1, 2004 - September 6, 2004 The Glory of Baroque Dresden (Jackson)

July 1, 2004 - July 4, 2004 Madison County Championship Hot Air Balloon Race (Canton)

July 2, 2004 - July 3, 2004 Civil War Living History & Battle Skirmishes (Vicksburg)

July 10, 2004 - July 11, 2004 Christmas in July 2004 (Natchez)

July 9, 2004 - July 31, 2004 Gold in the Hills (Vicksburg)

July 30, 2004 - July 31, 2004 The Great River Road Food Festival 2004 (Natchez)

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