



Forbes Magazine recently published a report listing [Birmingham, AL as one the worst city for a commute in the United States](#) (granted it was 52nd out of the top 75). Folks in the metropolitan area have felt that way for a long time, fueling proposals from several groups about what to do to alleviate traffic along one of the major routes, U.S. 280.

[Our state department of transportation and Gov. Riley have presented a proposal to make the well-traveled thoroughfare into a toll road](#) with elevated lanes between I-459 and Double Oak Mountain. Another group has voiced concern about that proposal, calling themselves [ReThink 280](#). Their blog currently serves as a clearinghouse of information for those wanting to keep track of the proposed changes and what work is already taking place. They also present [their own solution](#) for the road.

There's no doubt that some of those in support of the group's efforts will be at the presentation being made on March 8 at 10 a.m. at [Mountain Brook City Hall](#) by [ALDOT](#) representatives and project consultant [Linda Figg](#).

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