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## Ivey vows fair shake on BRAC, area roads

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### **GOP gubernatorial hopeful would cut DOT overhead**

MADISON - Alabama Republican gubernatorial candidate Kay Ivey believes its time for North Alabama to gets its fair share when it comes to roads and BRAC.

Speaking Thursday night at the North Alabama Mayors Association at the Holiday Inn, Ivey promised, if elected, she will reduce the amount of administrative overhead in the Alabama Department of Transportation and assign a senior staff member to be a liaison for the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

"There is 47 percent administrative overhead at the Alabama Department of Transportation," said Ivey, elected State Treasurer in 2002 and 2006. "We need to reduce the overhead so we can build more bridges and roads."

Ivey said the State Treasurer's office has been reduced from 61 people to 47 since she took office.

She says BRAC is "huge" and believes it is a key to the state's future.

Ivey thinks the state's educational system needs improvement and more focus placed on "high tech" curriculums in the state's two-year colleges such as the robotics classes at Calhoun Community College.

One of her biggest challenges as state treasurer has been the pre-paid college PACT program that has fallen on hard times because of the stock market. She says it's up to the state Legislature to work it out.