

COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

STATE OF ALABAMA)

***RESOLUTION #2020-134
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION***

**IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT 2 ON THE BALDWIN COUNTY GENERAL
ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 3, 2020.**

WHEREAS; A local, constitutional amendment proposing the expansion of the Baldwin Beach Express with a new roadway, the Baldwin Beach Express II, connecting Interstate 10 to Interstate 65 is on the Baldwin County General Election ballot on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS; Amendment 2 on the General Election ballot proposes the establishment of a toll authority to oversee this roadway extension, projected to cost \$200 million, to be fully paid for by users of the new roadway; and

WHEREAS; Development of the proposed new roadway will NOT require the closure of or limiting access to any current transportation routes or roadways, ensuring that only those visitors and citizens who wish to use the new road will pay for it; and

WHEREAS; Baldwin County has experienced rapid growth and development in five years' time, making the Baldwin Beach Express II critical infrastructure in order to establish a strong and ready foundation for the future economic security and prosperity of our citizens; and

WHEREAS; An additional roadway will secure a safe and efficient alternative evacuation route for Baldwin County residents and visitors during hurricane season and provide an additional route for public safety and health officers to assist the community in the advent of a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS; Baldwin County has long been a world class destination for visitors and beachgoers from throughout the country and promoting enhanced accessibility for visitors is vital for Baldwin County residents whose businesses thrive off tourist and visitor traffic; and

WHEREAS; The proposed additional roadway will provide additional economic opportunity for the citizens of Baldwin County by providing a new transportation artery adjacent to the Baldwin County Economic Development Megaseite; and

WHEREAS; The proposed Baldwin Beach Express II will enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Baldwin County for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Baldwin County Commission hereby strongly supports Amendment 2 and the proposed establishment of a toll authority to financially support and expeditiously construct the expansion of the Baldwin Beach Express II.

DONE, under the Seal of the County of Baldwin, at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 15th day of September, 2020.

Billie Jo Underwood, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator