

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

**RESOLUTION #2019-135
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**A RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE PROPOSED I-10 MOBILE RIVER
BRIDGE AND BAYWAY PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation (“ALDOT”) has a plan for the design, construction and funding of the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission (the “County Commission”) is aware that one plan for the Project is to toll the Project in order to provide needed funding for its construction; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has received information from numerous sources, including, but not limited to, ALDOT, citizens, elected officials and others, regarding the proposed toll and the potential amount of the toll; and

WHEREAS, while the County Commission does not oppose the construction of a new bridge to assist with traffic issues and to prepare for anticipated growth in the area, the County Commission has great concern regarding the financial impact the proposed toll may have on individuals traveling to and from Mobile and Baldwin Counties for work; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission also has great concern over the potential impact of the proposed toll on service providers, retail stores, restaurants and other businesses in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bridge and proposed toll will have a significant impact on the future growth and development of Mobile and Baldwin Counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has been in direct discussions with the Governor of the State of Alabama and other State officials regarding the Project and its potential impact on the citizens of Baldwin County and have been assured that any and all possible funding sources for the Project are being carefully examined including options that will not require a toll; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County Commission hereby strongly encourages ALDOT to carefully review the design requirements for the Project to ensure that the design is appropriate, reasonable and affordable.

SECTION 2. The County Commission hereby requests that ALDOT review, investigate and otherwise secure additional federal, state and grant funding opportunities to alleviate, or greatly reduce, the tolls necessary for this Project.

SECTION 3. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and requested to forward this Resolution to ALDOT, the Baldwin County Legislative Delegation and any other government officials or agencies deemed necessary.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption or as otherwise required by state law.

DONE, under the Seal of the County of Baldwin, at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this the 6th of August, 2019.

Charles Gruber, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:

Wayne Dyess, County Administrator