

Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Amendment

Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project



July 2022

EASTERN SHORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19

Amending the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the State of Alabama as being responsible, together with the State of Alabama, for implementing the applicable provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 (amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Section 11201, November 2021); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, Title 23 USC 134 requires all urbanized areas, as established by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, doing area-wide urban transportation planning, to submit a Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) as a condition for meeting the provisions; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the declaration of these provisions, the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), adopted the Eastern Shore 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan on January 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the following project has been submitted for inclusion in the Financially Constrained List of the 2045 LRTP:

Mobile River Bridge and Bayway (as described in the attached Amendment)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization, having reviewed the foregoing and attached, does hereby amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan as summarized by the attached Amendment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted and approved on the 27th day of July 2022, by the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board.



Jack Burrell, Chairperson

Date: 7/27/22

ATTEST:

 Date: 07/27/22

2045 LRTP Amendment – Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project

3.11 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project

The I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project is a proposal to increase the capacity of I-10 by constructing a new six-lane bridge, across the Mobile River, and increase the capacity across Mobile Bay from four to six lanes. The project would originate in Mobile County and extend eastward to Baldwin County. For the purpose of this plan, only the Baldwin County section is included in the Financially Constrained List. The project would increase the capacity of the I-10 Bayway to meet existing and predicted future traffic volumes.

In December 2021, the Eastern Shore MPO and Mobile MPO jointly issued a letter to the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) requesting the project be built as one project rather than a phased approach. The letter also outlined an acceptable framework and requested ALDOT to present a project to the MPO's that falls within the framework.

Framework:

- Be comprehensive. Our area cannot support a piecemeal plan that will take 25 years or more to complete. We would hope any plan would be completed in about five years once construction begins.
- Free, no toll options. We must have free, no toll options for passengers who do not wish to pay a toll. Unlike the previous plan, we strongly believe the Wallace Tunnel should be toll free as well as the Bankhead Tunnel, Africatown Bridge, and causeway. Under no circumstances should there be a toll on existing infrastructure that continues to be used.
- Significant federal and state funding should be made available to help pay for this project. We must move very quickly to protect \$125 million in federal money that has been dedicated to this project. We anticipate at least \$250 million to be contributed from the State of Alabama.
- Toll fees should be significantly reduced. Any tolls that must be charged to pay for infrastructure should be cut by more than half for cars and trucks from the previous plan. We recommend a maximum toll of \$2.50 or less on all passenger vehicles if a person chooses to use the new infrastructure, despite the fact that toll-free options remain available. Tolls for 18-wheeler-type trucks should be \$15 to \$18.
- Local input. We are forwarding to you other requests that have been developed by local officials. At the end of the day, local officials and local citizens must drive the process not the state or federal government. Through our MPO process we will continue to be involved in this project moving forward and we strongly encourage continued public input throughout the process.

Project Details

The project falls within both Mobile and Baldwin County and is broken into two projects accordingly.

Project 1: Mobile River Bridge (Mobile MPO)

Design and construction of the cable-stayed bridge and high-level approaches across the Mobile River and modifications of five interchanges along I-10 at Broad Street, Virginia Street, Texas Street, Water/Canal Street, and US 90/98 at the east Wallace Tunnel portal. The Project begins at the Broad Street interchange and ends at the County line on I-10.

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Project 2: Bayway (ESMPO)

Design and construction of a new Bayway across Mobile Bay and two interchange modifications along I-10 at the Midbay and US-90/98 Eastern Shore. The Project begins at the County line on I-10 and ends east of the US-90/98 Eastern Shore interchange.

Toll Route:

Only the new Mobile River Bridge and new Bayway

Toll-Free Routes:

- Wallace Tunnel
- Bankhead Tunnel,
- Africatown Bridge
- Causeway

Funding

The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,706,420,000, with \$889.46 million being project 2 and falls within Baldwin County. Construction costs are outlined below:

Project 1: Mobile River Bridge (Mobile MPO) – I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway from Broad Street (Exit 24) to Baldwin County Line

PE: 100073594
State = \$0
Federal (INFRA) = \$80,000,000
Total = \$80,000,000

CN: 100073596
State = \$125,000,000
Federal = \$655,490,000
Other = \$911,050,000
Total = \$1,691,540,000

Project 2: Bayway (ESMPO) – I-10 Bayway from Mobile County Line to East of the Eastern Shore Interchange (Exit 35) SR-16 (US-90)

PE: 100073595
State = \$0
Federal (INFRA) = \$45,000,000
Total = \$45,000,000

CN: 100073597
State = \$125,000,000
Federal = \$475,510,000
Other = \$288,950,000
Total = \$889,460,000

There is an additional \$420 million of financing costs total for both projects that will be paid back with toll revenue.

Toll Schedule:

The toll rates meet the specifications in the MPO framework. ALDOT will make an “ALGO Pass” sticker and will ensure that ALGO Pass users see the lowest toll rates. These stickers, which serve as toll transponders, will be modeled after regional examples like Georgia’s Peach Pass or Florida’s Sun Pass. These will be placed on a car’s windshield, connected to a user account, and will pay toll charges as a car passes underneath a gantry at speed.

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For non-ALGO Pass holders, cameras will capture license plate information and ALDOT will administer a bill, payable online, to that vehicle owner. All toll payment processes are designed to both ensure maximum traffic flow and minimal administrative costs for Alabama taxpayers.

Maximum ALGO Pass toll rates:

A \$40 monthly unlimited rate would be available for 2 axle vehicles under 7.5 feet height, which includes the vast majority of cars, pickup trucks, SUVs, and other common vehicles. The per-use ALGO pass rates otherwise would be:

Cars, pickups, motorcycles, SUVs, etc. (Vehicle height under 7.5 feet)

2 axles: \$2.50

2 axles with any 1 or 2 axle trailers: \$5.00

2 axles with any 3 or more-axle trailer: \$7.50

Buses, delivery trucks, 18-wheeler trucks, etc. (Vehicle height over 7.5 feet)

2 axles: \$9.00

Each additional axle: + \$3.00

18-wheeler (5 axle): \$18.00

Maximum non-ALGO Pass rates:

Cars, pickups, motorcycles, SUVs, etc. (Vehicle height under 7.5 feet)

ALGO rate + \$1.50 per axle

Buses, delivery trucks, 18-wheeler trucks, etc. (Vehicle height over 7.5 feet)

ALGO rate + \$2.75 per axle

ALGO passes will be widely available to all drivers, both online and in retail locations, though ALDOT expects their use to be most prevalent among Mobile and Baldwin County residents. ALDOT will make every effort to ensure that they are available in a convenient manner. This would include the option to receive a pass when a driver registers their vehicle or renews their license, as well as ALGO Pass availability in convenient retail locations like grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, and other similar locations.

ALDOT is also continuing detailed analysis on discount or flat-rate toll programs. The toll rates listed above are maximum tolls, but rates could be lower dependent on additional grant funding. All updates will be subject to MPO approval

Toll revenue to be used only to pay down project debt, with tolling to end once the debt is paid off.

Timeline

Project 1: PE Authorization – September 2022
Construction Start – February 2024
Construction Complete – November 2028

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Project 2: PE Authorization – September 2022
Construction Start – June 2024
Construction Complete – November 2028

Modeling

The ESMPO 2045 Financially Constrained model network was updated with the proposed Mobile River Bridge and Bayway improvements within the Eastern Shore MPO planning area. A consultant contracted by the ESMPO updated external count files and utilized trip generation software to produce new production and attraction values. With the revised production and attraction information, the consultant ran the Cube model for the revised network and evaluated the impacts.

Based on the travel demand model results, the projected volumes on the parallel US-90/98 (the Causeway) increased in the tolled network compared to the non-tolled network. A moderate shift from the Bayway to the Causeway can be expected due to the toll. Although the Causeway is expected to see an increase in volumes, the level of service on the connecting corridors such as US-31 and US-90 are projected to remain stable. ALDOT will update their traffic model and more detailed analyses will be presented in their Tolling and Revenue Report, Interchange Modification Request, and at future public meetings.

Environmental Justice Conclusions

Based on the Eastern Shore MPO's analysis in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, small pockets of minority and/or low-income populations exist throughout the Eastern Shore MPO planning area. These locations are illustrated by Maps B.1 through B.5 in Appendix D of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The maps were reviewed in conjunction with the model outputs for the new proposed project.

Due to the unprecedented growth projected for Baldwin County, the travel model predicts substantial congestion network-wide within the MPO Planning Area by year 2045. The high levels of future congestion diminish the model's ability to accurately predict future trips. Because the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project improvements apply only to a small stretch of interstate within the Eastern Shore MPO, impacts to collectors and arterial routes within the Planning Area are expected to be minimal.

Based on its review of the data and model outputs, the ESMPO concludes that the proposed project will not result in disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority and/or low-income populations within the Eastern Shore MPO Planning Area.

Public Involvement

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Prior to adoption of this amendment, the ESMPO staff held a public meeting on June 30, 2022, to solicit input and receive written comments on the proposed amendment. Although comments were accepted up until the Policy Board Meeting on July 27, 2022, MPO staff accepted comments through July 18 for inclusion in the document and can be found in the Appendix of this amendment. Comments received after July 18, 2022, will be sent to the Policy Board for review but will not be included in the document.

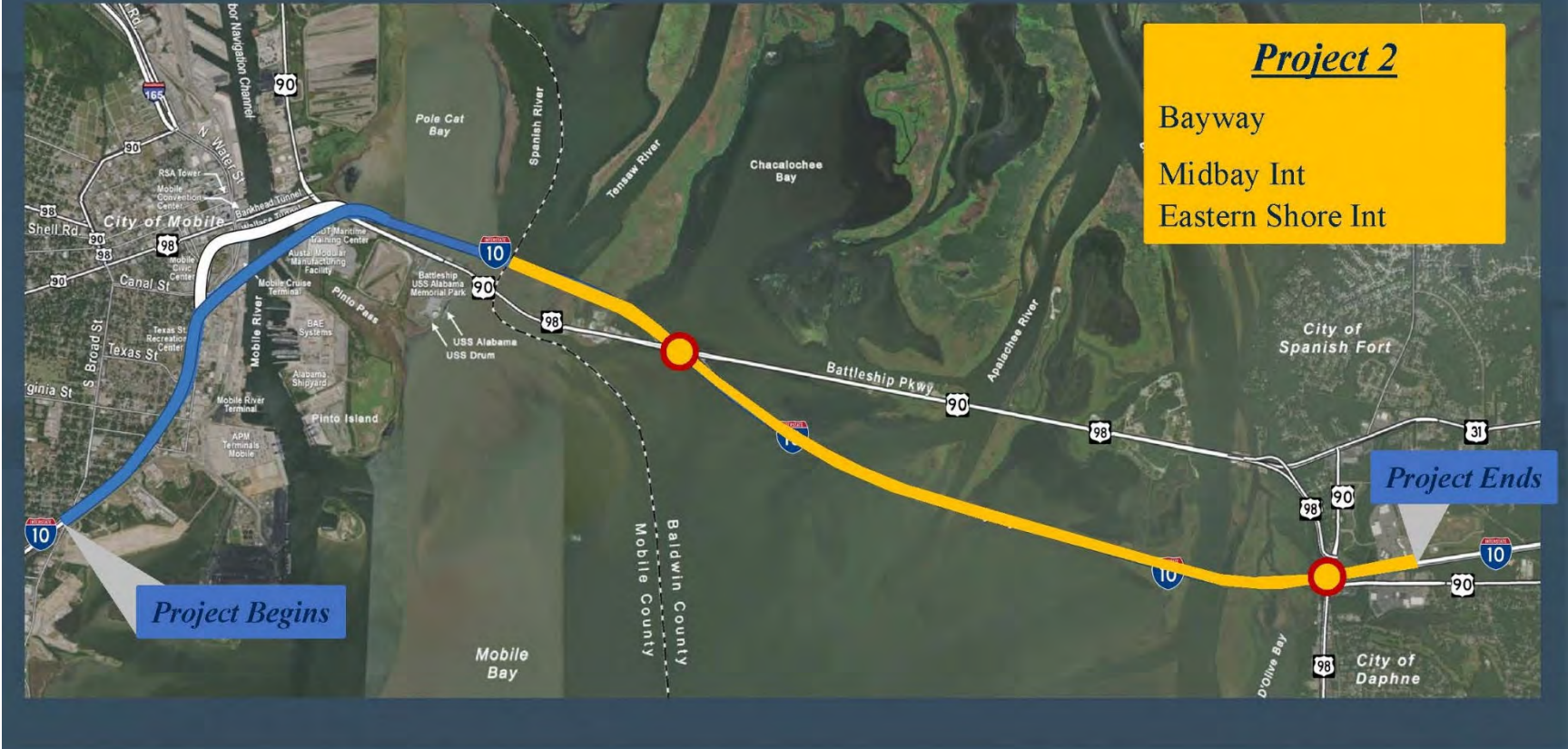
The Advisory Committees and Policy Board reviewed the Amendment at the July 2022 Quarterly meetings. MPO Meetings are open to the public and include the opportunity to submit written comments and/or verbally address the Board/Committees during the public forum.

Project Layout – Project 1



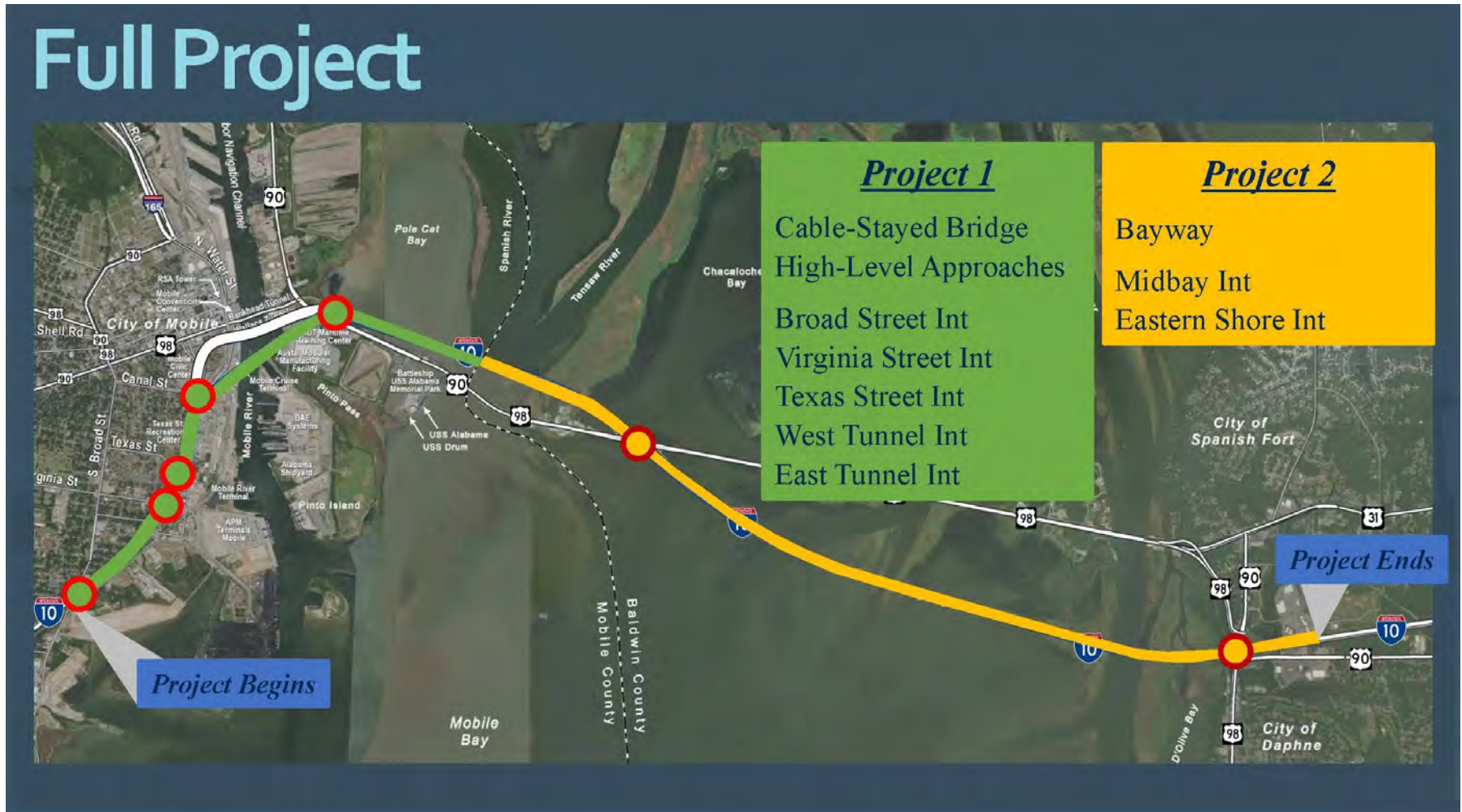
Project Layout – Project 2

Project 2 - ESMPO



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Project Layout – Full Project



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Financially Constrained Projects

Project Type	Project No.	Project Name	Project Termini		Length (mi)	Total Project Evaluation Score	Planning Level Cost Estimate (millions)	Priority	Recommended for LRTP?	LRTP Cumulative Cost
			Begin	End						
Road Widening Projects	W5.1	US Highway 98	Interstate 10	D'Olive Creek	0.34	11	\$ 2.5	High	YES	2.5
	W4.1	US Highway 31	Jimmy Faulkner Drive (CR 27)	Old Highway 31	1.32	9	\$ 9.8	High	YES	12.3
	W5.2	US Highway 98	D'Olive Creek	North Main Street (Daphne)	1.51	9	\$ 11.2	High	YES	23.5
	W4.2	US Highway 31	Old Highway 31	Redmond Lane	2.60	8	\$ 18.2	High	YES	41.7
	W4.3	US Highway 31	Redmond Lane	State Route 59	1.96	8	\$ 14.5	Medium	YES	56.2
	W9	Daphne Ave (CR 64)	US Highway 98	Pollard Road	0.74	6	\$ 5.5	Medium	YES	61.6
	W10	County Road 64	State Route 181	County Road 54	1.00	6	\$ 5.6	Medium	YES	67.2
	**W13	I-10 Bayway (MRB and Bayway Project)	US-90/98 Interchange (Exit 35)	Baldwin/Mobile County Line	6.00	N/A	\$ 93.50	High	YES	160.7
New Roads	N2	Johnson Road to Glover Lane Connector	Johnson Road	Glover Lane	0.70	3	\$ 2.5	High	YES	163.2
	N3	Pleasant Road Extension	SR 181	Rigsby Road	0.50	2	\$ 2.6	Medium	YES	165.8
	N4	Lawrence Road Connector	State Route 104	Gayfer Road Ext.	1.00	2	\$ 2.5	Medium	YES	168.3
Minor Improvements	M10	US Highway 31 at Eastern Shore Boulevard	US Highway 31	Eastern Shore Boulevard	N/A	N/A	\$ 0.150	High	YES	168.4
	M2	State Route 59	US Highway 31	US Highway 90	7.94	11	\$ 11.9	High	YES	180.3
	M9	US Highway 98	North Main Street (Daphne)	Nichols Avenue	7.94	6	\$ 11.9	High	YES	192.3
	M5	State Route 104	State Route 181	County Road 55	6.00	6	\$ 12.0	High	YES	204.3
	M1	The Causeway (US 31-US 90-US 98)	US Highway 98 Interchange	I-10 Interchange	3.40	5	\$ 6.8	Medium	YES	211.1
	M8.1	County Road 32	State Route 181	County Road 9	2.65	4	\$ 5.3	Medium	YES	216.4
	M3	US 90	State Route 181	State Route 59	6.20	4	\$ 12.4	Medium	YES	228.8
	M4.1	County Road 54	County Road 64	County Road 49	5.77	4	\$ 11.5	Low	YES	240.3
	M4.2	County Road 54	County Road 49	State Route 59	3.39	3	\$ 6.8	Low	YES	247.1
	M6	Volanta Avenue (<i>Not a Federal Aid Route</i>)	Greeno Road (US 98)	North Section Street	0.80	3	\$ 1.0	Low	YES	248.0
M7	County Road 48	State Route 181	County Road 9	3.80	3	\$ 7.6	Low	YES	255.6	
							\$ 472.2	TOTAL		\$ 255.64

NOTE: High Priority projects should be addressed in the first 10 years of plan implementation

*Projected funding levels based on allocations from previous years; funding sources include ALDOT Capacity, Operations and Maintenance, and MPO Designated Funds

** To be funded by federal grant, state funds, and toll revenue

Available Funding	\$	271.55
Remainder to Program	\$	15.91

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am concerned about several things: the cost to travel across to and from Mobile, what will that due to the cost of materials coming from the West, what is the plan for upkeep of the Bayway and Causeway, will the price of the toll be able to increase- yes, it is \$2.50 but add the " administrative " cost and it is much higher, what about the many physicians that travel to Baldwin County- will they decide to stop coming over, consider the mother of a special needs child who has to travel to Mobile multiple times... My biggest concern- what will this due to our ecosystem - we have to care for the beauty we have here and the reason so many live and travel here.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS! We already pay a Federal Gas Tax to build and maintain the Federally Funded Interstate Highway System. This entire system is corrupt to the core. Anyone voting in favor of this "Toll Bridge" in the face of all the opposition, is equally corrupt. Our so-called "leaders" have forgotten they are our EMPLOYEES. They work for us, we DO NOT work for them. If the bridge cannot be built without implementing a toll, which is just another tax, DO NOT BUILD IT!!! The only response I'm interested in hearing from you is, "You're absolutely correct. We WILL NOT be voting in favor of this plan. NO TOLLS EVER!" Anything else will be viewed as a poorly executed attempt to convince me you are not as corrupt as this entire plan. That attempt will fail.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

The "new" plan/proposal by ALDOT for the Mobile Bay River Bridge and Bayway Project should not be approved for inclusion in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan "as is". I, like many others in your constituency, have made it clear we will not accept any tolls for this project. Until a toll-free plan is developed, to fund essentially an interstate highway improvement, I am totally against moving forward with the project.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls there are enough taxes to cover it

If they can build northern Alabama highways without we should be toll free too

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLL! I vote and I will remember. You want me to pay a Toll on my Tax money being used to fund this project. The Federal Government and State Government has No money, every penny they steal from the American citizens. Stop Funding foreign Countries and Drug lords and keep our Tax monies in the United States. Stop sending Billions to Ukraine and funding the Biden / Harris financial agenda " Take care of America first! "

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Nope

Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

An additional way to cross the bay is necessary. I would prefer to not have to pay a toll being that my husband and I would need to go over it often, but it's time to relieve the traffic nightmare.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

If it is a toll road give free passes for Baldwin & mobile county residents with proof of residence. There are so many out of town people that cross it to make money on! If not then I'm not for a toll road.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

So our state govt is selling us out for a monstrosity that will cause more problems than it solves? 4 lanes each way, correct? What is east bound going to do? Try to compress down to two lanes on land?! I can guarantee that will be a major liability in the making. Find another way to revamp/build bridge with NO TOLL!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

While I was opposed to the previous proposal, I support the latest submittal from ALDOT and the Eastern Shore and Mobile MPO's.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Ridiculous. Only people that benefit financially are saying they support this. No tolls ever! I-10 spans this country and most, if not all, other states don't have to pay tolls for I-10. Don't tell me a country that sends billions to other countries and doesn't demand that countries that borrow from us pay it back, can't afford to upgrade our interstate. And tearing down the existing bridge is sheer stupidity- they will force the people to pay and it will never stop, NO TOLLS, period!!! Do a pay as you go and manage the costs, if there isn't complete transparency from start to finish then don't do it. We are sick of politicians forcing crap down our throats that only benefit a select few. Greed is ruining this country. Look at our economy at the hands of a lifelong politician, he has destroyed our country. Wake up, apathy is what allows them to do what they want. I get more poor by the day, don't add to the misery.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No Toll on existing roads

May we respond to your comment by email (response will be attached in pdf format) instead of U.S Mail?

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I believe there shouldn't be a toll on the interstate. However if there is a toll then there should be a free option to those that are traveling for work purposes. Maybe a work email verification to get a free transponder? The price of a toll should be free to those commuting for work.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Absolutely NO TOLL! Not \$1, not 10 cents. NO TOLL!!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I oppose the building of a new bridge with such a huge price tag. The state had the federal funds years ago to build a new bridge or expand the existing Bayway, but the funds were never used. Now the state only wants to pay a small percentage of the exorbitant price tag, and the remainder of the price tag will be paid by local taxpayers and residents through years of fees and tolls. The state of Alabama saw an increase in the state gas tax to \$.28 per gallon, on top of the over \$4 per gallon current gas prices. This gas tax is generating multi millions of dollars of revenue for roads and bridges that should be used to fund this bridge project!! I work in and commute to Mobile county weekly, and am totally against paying a toll!! A new bridge with more lanes will still bottleneck at the Mobile and Daphne ends of the bridge, so there will still be traffic issues. A price tag of Billions, not millions, to build such an extravagant bridge/Bayway is absolutely appalling! I say NO to a new bridge and any tolls!!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Why does the current bridge have to be torn down? Why can't the new bridge be built in a different location? It sounds like all of the expense of the new bridge only adds one lane to our current situation. That doesn't seem very cost-efficient to me.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Support building the bridge

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Is it possible to get money back on taxes if we drive across for work related travel? A lot of people travel from Mobile to Baldwin and vice versa. Inflation is so high that it defiantly would hurt people that live paycheck to paycheck.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Toll is way too expensive for locals. Toll should be significantly cheaper for residents vs tourists. Especially since the new bridge is the only true route the interstate will take. 40 dollars a month for a pass is absolutely ridiculous. Should be between 10-20. Truly it should be free since it is an interstate. Aka a federal highway.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Why are residents forced to pay the toll when congestion is due to tourists and only during the summer months? The biggest slowdown is caused due to lack of visibility, especially the near 90degree bend on the west side of Wallace Tunnel. A 4 lane vs 6 lane road will not matter if visibility is addressed because the road will still go back down to 4 lane when back in Baldwin County. It will just force the slowdown to be in Baldwin county instead of at Wallace Tunnel. Signs on I10E bound need to be put up further out to address how the lanes drop down from 3 to only 2 going through Wallace Tunnel, which is also another bottleneck.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am absolutely opposed to a toll on a major interstate highway! I don't understand why the federal government is not paying for the bulk of this?? Wait till after the midterm elections so that funding that is being wasted overseas can be redirected back home for projects like this that benefits millions of Americans!!! It is absolutely unconscionable that our government cares so little for its own people!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLL!!!!!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls. If there must be tolls... then exempt Mobile and Baldwin county residents. Why are taxes so high and yet there is no money? Thus we tax more, add fees, or create tolls. I know if this is added, Ill just goto Pensacola instead of Mobile. What about workers that live in Baldwin and transit to Mobile? The tolls are a terrible idea.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

This is an interstate not an intrastate in Alabama only. Interstates connect states together and therefore should be funded with federal funds. Drivers traveling these roads should not be charged. Toll roads should only be placed on roads that are an alternate means of travel, not the main road leading across the states. This toll will be especially difficult for local residents who make the trek across the bay many times a week. People are already struggling with the rising prices of everything from gas to groceries and now the residents of Mobile and Baldwin Counties will also have the burden of exorbitant fees just to cross the Bayway. I am totally against this measure.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I thought we were just going to build a bridge over the river. If that is what is built we wouldn't need a toll.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Not adverse to your toll effort but Alabama needs to get on the common toll Transponders not the silly single format transponder.....I10 proposal, orange Beach bridge,

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

. NO TOLLS

The road work on I-459 , I -59 , I -65 , I -11 and I-22 in Birmingham was done with No Tolls On any of it . But Mobile and Baldwin counties will have to pay TOLLS ???? for the bridge.

The tax revenue from Baldwin and Mobile Counties goes to North and very little comes back. Even most of the money from BP Oil Spill went to North Alabama, even though the damage was here Now we have to pay tolls to visit friends or go to work , Madri Gras meeting and balls , or take the chance of traffic jams on Bay Way Or Causeway just like today. Or PAY TOLL.

After the toll bridge is finished and the Mobile Ship channel needs too be deepened to 50 foot for the bigger container ships coming here. So Wallace and Bankhead tunnels are at a depth of 40 feet . Good bye tunnels and hello TOLLS now everyone will be forced to pay the toll , or take Cochran/ Africatown Bridge for 50 years and then the a new bridge will have to be built. Then More Tolls on next Bridge .

We are the Red Headed Stepchildren of Alabama!

NO TOLLS PERIOD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Will there be administration fees? Is there an option to pay as you go or will it be a camera on your car tag and you are billed later via mail? Will the tolls be managed by a private company or by the city or state? I am against tolls because tolls have been abused by toll companies all over the country. Tolls back in the old days ended and there were no major administration fees that usually cost more than the toll itself. I am against any tolls currently because of the abuse of toll companies and the laws and actions to address this by cities, states and federal governments have not occurred or not been effective if there is one. I feel that problems with tolls and abuse needs to be addressed first before any more tolls can be considered in this city or any other city in the nation. It is hard for me to trust that the toll will end once it is paid off and how long will that be if new companies take over the tolling part and then it never ends. My other fear is once one toll is approved then more tolls will occur in the area and then this city will end up being like New Jersey or Florida where every route you take you end up with so many tolls and high administration fees. Trusting in your words is hard when in the past tolls have not ended when the initial promise was that it will end. I do feel there is a need for traffic solution across the bayway but not this way. Not until more laws restrict tolling companies from robbing innocent driver's money with their high administration fees and late notices.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

It is true there needs to be an alternate route across the bay. It is absurd to make Mobile and Baldwin county drivers take the brunt of paying for it. It should be paid for by the state's road and bridge funds like the one in Montgomery. NO TOLLS!!!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I do not support the toll.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Tolls are ok for non residents but if you live and work in either Mobile/Baldwin county should be able to get a free pass with proof of employment in said Mobile and Baldwin county. we pay taxes on our local gas, food, tires that touch the roadway plus housing land and every thing in-between.. tourist is the reason that we are having the issue with the tunnel's so toll for all non residents.....

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Definitely need the bridge. Please give consideration to a further reduction in the one time toll costs for residents with license plates starting with a 2 or 5 since their gas taxes that they pay daily were utilized to build the bridge to begin with, plus they pay the federal taxes too.

The residents in both counties are often using the bridge because they have businesses to conduct. This also adds to the economic engines for both counties and is extremely positive to support continued development and progress in the area.

Thanks.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Has anyone considered an additional, separate bridge across the bay and leave the Bayway operational? 6 lanes just means more cars stuck behind a wreck at once! There needs to be an additional option- not one replacing existing options!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS. This is an inner state traffic area. NO one should be forced to pay tolls on roads our tax dollars pay to build

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

On top of record inflation, record high gas prices, you want to toll a federal interstate. Have working class Americans been through enough? Or are you just looking to pile on more? I can't speak for others, but I will gladly drive twice as far, or use any way possible to avoid the toll bridge at all times. Not to mention, it's going to end up like the orange beach toll bridge, just end up being sold before the bridge is paid for so the toll will remain forever, and the city gets a check. And any money retained will be used to pay others to keep from building free or better options, just like the orange beach situation.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Paraphrased from a city official, this project will not only help residents on the Eastern Shore have a smoother commute when traveling to Mobile for work, but give the Eastern Shore residents better access to work in Mobile. In turn, helping contribute Mobile's economy.

This bridge doesn't do that. With the bridge not having exits closer to the bottom half of the Eastern Shore I believe this comment is contradictory. This bridge is not much better than what is already provided for the Eastern Shore. It may help tourists some but I believe with such a big project needs to come bigger changes and it needs to serve more of the local community not just the tourists traveling through.

There should be exits down the Eastern Shore. One that breaks off from I-10 and provides exits for Daphne, Fairhope and Barnwell. This will then provide more access for the residents of the Eastern Shore. Further more, this bridge doesn't necessarily alleviate the traffic concerns on I-10 for tourists. This highway would need to be widened to 3 lanes in each directions from the end of the bridge in Daphne to the Foley Beach Express in order to help tourists.

Please take these comments into consideration when thinking about the problems you're trying to mitigate. With Mobile being the largest city near me, I want to do everything I can to grow the economy in this area. Thank you for reading and considering.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Mobile and Baldwin both attract a lot of traffic from out of town visiting our counties. This should bring in a considerable amount of revenue. I feel that those residents who reside in Mobile or Baldwin county who can present proof of residency (drivers license) should be exempt from any toll. This road it used by our citizens on a frequent basis and we all pay taxes in our respective counties. NO toll for residents of Mobile or Baldwin County.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No Tolls, there is NO need to charge tolls on I-10 or any road system in Alabama.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I commute every day I go to work, \$40 a month is not acceptable for us that live in Baldwin and Mobile County. Gas prices and inflation is bad enough and all the taxes we pay to begin with. We are just a drop in the bucket compared to others that travel that interstate. I will continue to go through that tunnel before paying 40 a month. If this plan works out, I would suggest that all commercial trucks should take the toll.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls on 110 or any other roads we pay enough in sales tax and school fees just stop and use the general fund were all our money is just sitting

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS ON THE BRIDGE. PERIOD. I WILL VOTE AGAINST ANY POLITICIAN THAT VOTES FOR TOLLS.

May we respond to your comment by email (response will be attached in pdf format) instead of U.S Mail?

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I have no objection to a reasonable toll being charged to cross the bridge and believe the \$40 a month for residents is reasonable

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

We are completely opposed to the new revised transport plan that includes a replacement bridge and toll fees. We are adamantly opposed to toll fees because we do not believe they are necessary and are concerned that the toll fees will never actually go away despite the initial contract. We certainly do not want a replacement bride when the area needs additional ways to traverse over the bay from Mobile to Baldwin County not just a replacement.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I appreciate the constructive work from the Members of the Eastern Shore and Mobile MPOs, along with ALDOT to come up with a Mobile River Bridge and Bayway plan that meets local needs and addresses our growing traffic and congestion problem. I encourage the Mobile and Eastern Shore MPOs to include this plan at their upcoming July 27th Policy Board Meetings.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

We are completely apposed to any tolls and we are apposed to the notion of a replacement bridge over Mobile Bay. Why doesn't Pensacola and Gulf Breeze have a toll in place for their very nice new bridge? It's called budgeting and appropriating funds from tax revenue to refresh and renew infrastructure when needed. Ambiguous tolls will easily be justified for indefinite time periods and potentially never stop. An additional bridge is certainly needed but another toll/tax is unacceptable. The citizens are already taxed for these kinds of projects to be planned and initiated. No tolls now. No tolls ever.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

We appreciate the constructive work from the Members of the Eastern Shore and Mobile MPOs, along with ALDOT to come up with a Mobile River Bridge and Bayway plan that meets local needs and addresses our growing traffic and congestion problem.

We know that our traffic problems are only going to get worse without a new bridge. On busy days, the Bayway is almost three times over capacity. Moving forward with a new bridge is critical to improving traffic flow, enhancing public safety, and strengthening South Alabama's long-term economic opportunities.

We encourage the Mobile and Eastern Shore MPOs to include this plan at their upcoming July 27th Policy Board Meetings.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I live in Baldwin County and work in Mobile. This bridge is desperately needed for quality of life , workforce and for the movement of goods and services for both sides of the bay and for the region served by I-10.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Our traffic problems are only going to get worse without a new bridge. I believe a new bridge is critical to improving traffic flow, enhancing public safety and strengthening South Alabama's long-term economic opportunities.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am against any tolls as they never go away ... this is a federal interstate highway and should be funded by the federal and state government. if the state can spend all that money for new bridges and interstate roads in Brimingham and Montgomery without tolls they can pay for this too... we generate a lot of income for the state with our tourism... no tolls

I am also against replacing the bayway ... leave it there as it provides more routes in case of disasters...

I also feel like this is being pushed just to benefit the docks, which is wrong

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Tolls are the only concern. Asking locals to pay the toll on a federal interstate is not acceptable. Interstate 10 is a major thoroughfare and lifeline to the United States. This is supposed to be covered by the billions of dollars collected in Federal and state taxes at the pump.... But, it's skimmed off and now you're asking the locals to pay a toll to go to work. This is unacceptable. Unless we're getting a federal and state tax exemption at the pump, then tolls are not acceptable. This should not even be a debate!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No toll's. Be truthful with us. The DOT is not looking out for citizens of south Ala

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Name

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS, NONE. I am so tired of greedy ass politicians and crooked government officials trying to become rich off of the people who they should be serving. Read your history it's crap like this that started the first revolution. If we can build all the bull crap in Birmingham and everywhere else without a freaking toll, we can build a bridge without one also. Do the right thing. If it's a toll bridge or no bridge then I vote no bridge.

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Name

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Although I am only go to Mobile and back twice a month on average, I believe that the new toll bridge and bayway are absolutely necessary. Large infrastructure projects are so expensive that charging users to help finance them is a reasonable and fiscally responsible approach. I'm on a fixed income (I'm 66 and retired), but I would pay the proposed tolls. I have paid the toll at the new I-65 bridge across the Ohio River in Louisville, KY, which has a similar traffic load.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

We have voiced our opinions so many times that we don't want a toll. Why are you not listening! Merging Wallace Tunnel traffic on to the causeway is ridiculous! The eastern shore side will still be a nightmare! This is not good planning on this new bridge.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Absolutely No Tolls!!!

May we respond to your comment by email (response will be attached in pdf format) instead of U.S Mail?

Yes

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Name

Alta Wood

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Email

Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Yea I agree

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Yes

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Name

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

not no but HELL NO to TOLLS....you politicians LUV to spend our hard earned TAX \$\$\$....you've already wasted \$65 million on the BOONDOGGLE QULFQUEST FIASCO.....

Build a bridge with NO TOLLS or don't build it....

we have LONG memories.....

you have enough money to build it without TOLLS

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No toll or no bridge. Period.

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Janet Hinton

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am against such a tall bridge which will take over tye Mobile skyline. I also am against any toll.

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Email

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I disagree with any toll on a federal interstate. I work on the causeway and it is already too dangerous. Tolling the bayway will create a death trap on the causeway. If the feds won't provide funding then you wait for the next storm to blow it away and then they will show up. It should. It be up to two Alabama counties to pay for a federal interstate. Please do not build anything unless it can be paid for without a toll.

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Email

ericgomillion@yahoo.com

Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am hopeful this will provide some relief to those of us who use the bayway as part of our daily commute to & from work, as well as visitors coming to our beautiful beaches for vacation. I do have a small concern. With the new bayway now going to 3 lane and the current roads on the interstate only being 2 lane, won't there be a possibility of congestion where it transitions back to a 2 lane?? I know on I-10 west heading towards Theodore, just past Rangeline, there is a similar transition and during the afternoon rush hour traffic it can be a nightmare for those who travel that way during that time. Not really thrilled about the toll as I work at Austal and will be using this new bridge daily, but something definitely has to be done. Thankfully it's not \$6-\$7 dollars this time as was in the other proposal.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I work 2 jobs in Mobile and am forced to endure the traffic twice daily crossing Mobile Bay. It is, I can attest, horrific. I would certainly welcome any relief that could be offered. Having said that, I am vehemently opposed to the "need" for public funding for this or any project. I am forced to pay exorbitant taxes for projects such as this one. This is the very reason government exists, to do the big things. I understand the salivation of our politicians over a newly formed ability to rake in tolls (read taxes) from the populace yearning to visit our beaches. If local residents were exempt from said "tolls", this could soften my stance. I would still oppose "tolls", but it would take the bite out my pocket not having to pay them. I would remind people that the extensive work around Birmingham on I-65 and it's various interchanges, while necessary, were way more expensive than this proposal, and are not tolled at all. Just one opinion.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls on a US Highway. Tolls will be a massive burden on all businesses in both bay counties, transportation, citizens and travelers. The existing Bayway has never flooded. Why replace it?

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Will the toll bridge be free when the causeway floods?

Is it really necessary to add intersection lights on to the causeway.

No tolls.

May we respond to your comment by email (response will be attached in pdf format) instead of U.S Mail?

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Yes we gas tax paying citizens need a new federal interstate bridge. Use that tax money. NO TOLLS! PERIOD

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls we the people have said this many time. Follow the will of the people...

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

The toll for local users and trucks. We go back and forth across this bridge almost daily. And by putting a toll on semi trucks, you're going to further increase the price of goods and shipping. This is an interstate highway and should not be tolled. Other areas in the state have recently had bridges built with no toll, why are we being punished?

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls on public roads, not \$1. Not 25 cents. The road is part of the interstate system and designed to move military equipment. I vote. I'm 66 and young enough to be around for many elections."

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No toll bridge. Let Kay Ivey's imposed gas tax from last year pay for it! I will not pay a toll nor use it. We are taxed to death in Mobile and Baldwin counties.

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Name

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I realize you have to submit a plan to get on the list for the federal money but what part of "NO TOLLS" do you not understand. Our interstate system should be toll free. We all pay taxes that supposedly pay for our roads. I also understand the state of Alabama has to pay a portion of the bill. I understand that this I-10 road section was on the Dept of Transportation top 10 at one time. Why does Mobile and Baldwin county residents have to pay the bill when the rest of the state interstate system is not paying tolls. I know you have said there will be free routes. The free Cochran Africa Town bridge route is a joke when you come off the bridge in either direction. People are weary trying to get our Alabama Dept of Transportation to do the right thing and fight for a toll free bridge option.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No Tolls. All that is needed is to span the river with a Bridge. Add two lanes between the existing Bay Way spans. Make those two lanes "pass through" lanes (one in each direction) with no exit until just before Loxley. That allows traffic thin out at 98 and 181 East bound and Catch the existing West bound lanes where there are already 3 lanes. Much cheaper option. Let the other two east bound bridge lanes tie into the existing Bay Way. You have got to give up the "this is my sand box Mentality". Think about what you would do if you were on a budget and had to write the check. Remember that Government has no money that it hasn't taken from the People. Time to pay attention to the People

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls should be used to fund the project. State gas tax money, federal grants and BP oil spill money are all appropriate funding sources. The old Bayway should remain in place until it is no longer sound. Causeway needs improvement to reduce flooding. Tolls will have unintended consequences and are an invitation for political corruption and misappropriation. No tolls.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am opposed to any toll on new or existing federal interstate highway. We pay plenty of federal and state taxes for important infrastructure, and this is as important as any. There is no reason to dismantle a working bridge just because it is 50 years old and not as high as you would prefer. It has withstood every major storm since 1979 with damage only to the entrance and exit ramps, which would still be vulnerable for a taller bridge. Tolls only increase prices for everything that moves by truck, and we are paying plenty already. The federal and state governments waste more than this every single day in this country. It's time to bring some responsibility back to government.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No tolls on public roads!

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Name

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I do not support charging tolls to use public roadways.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I oppose any toll. There are other ALDOT projects around the state (either currently under construction or where construction has recently been completed) where costs exceed \$500M in total costs. None of those are tolled and there are no other toll projects proposed in the state except for this one. No new bridge is a better alternative to building a bridge that will require a toll.

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Keep the big trucks out of the tunnels and make them take the cockren bridge. The would help tremendously

Address

7664 blakeley oaks dr n spanish fort

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Email

Janetbryan06@gmail.com

Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

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Ty F.

Address

Phone

Email

Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

The Fee structure for the tolls associated with this project are absurd and will likely lead to the project failing to achieve its aim of reducing congestion between Mobile and the Eastern Shore.

I believe that a \$40 monthly fee for unlimited transit across the new sections of the Bayway and the new bridge, nearly \$500 per year, to simply be able to go to work for those of us that work in Mobile, is insane. Having a toll on the new span of the project would be fine, if there was an exemption for local Baldwin and Mobile County residents (a practice seen in other cities with toll bridges). There is more than enough regular and seasonal out-of-state traffic that would cross the new bridge to pay for the project without charging locals a significant fee just to make their daily commute. Additionally, if there is no such exemption, I highly doubt that this project will come close to achieving its objective of reducing traffic and congestion on the Bayway and Causeway as things stand today. It may even make congestion worse by pushing more traffic onto the Causeway. Meaning that the project would completely fail its entire purpose of improving traffic conditions.

As the proposal exists today, I stand firmly against it moving forward.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No, absolutely not!! There were plenty of funds from the oil spill that would have paid for this bridge, but you all chose to build several bridges up North. Now, you want us to be tolled to death while you sit back & reap more rewards! We say "NO"!! We pay taxes for bridges and their upkeep, so if there aren't any funds for this new monstrosity, then too bad!! Toll those that are out of state crossing over.... leave Baldwin & Mobile County residents out of your money-market scam!! Why don't y'all do right by your residents for a change??

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLLS...NO TOLLS...NO TOLLS!!!!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I support a toll bridge if it will break the gridlock that many face everyday. I appreciate the causeway continuing to be no toll for those who can't afford it. It is already way behind in timing for accommodating the amount of locals and tourists that are using the I-10 corridor and causeway which are main arteries. It will be detrimental to Economic Development and growth without this plan moving forward. It's a part of growing pains in a beautiful part of our State. Thank you

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

No mention of closing tunnels due to dredging.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Any toll is decidedly unfair on local citizens and any plan without major amounts of accountability should be strenuously opposed by all legal means.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

What are they going to do about the free route FLOODING all the time? Water levels are rising and if the old causeway is the free route then it will not always be available, then what everyone has to PAY TOLL ?

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

Please consider offering a discounted or free pass for Baldwin and Mobile county residents, particularly those working in or attending school across the pond. Many workers who make the daily trek, often cross several times a day. With the already high cost of transportation, we really don't need to saddle our residents with more fees and charges.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

This is a federal highway, so I do not understand why Alabama has to pay anything. Regardless, I am not in favor of any toll on any roadway. Like New Jersey, they could continue to take out additional loans and the tolls would never go away.

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Yes

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I-10 Mobile River Bridge & Bayway Project

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

NO TOLL is acceptable on a Federally Funded Highway. Not for ANY reason. Not now. Not ever. If the Mobile River Bridge cannot be built without tolls, then do not build it.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

If this can't be done without a toll, then it doesn't need to be done. I have tried to explain this to Jack Burrell but he doesn't care about the residents wishes. The citizens of Baldwin and Mobile county don't deserve to be over taxed these politicians trying to ram this down our throat. This will hurt people who work in Mobile. It appears we are being lied to by this committee. Scrap the idea. Get more federal funds as they know they will never take the toll away. We the people should be allowed to vote on this not some people who won't be affected by a toll. For the millionth time NO TOLLS!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I am in support of the majority of the proposed plan. The only comment I would make is that once the bridge has been funded via the toll, keep the toll in place for out of state traffic. Perhaps a discount for local traffic if need be. However the public will be well used to that toll by then and that income could be used in mobile and Baldwin counties. It needs to stay local though!

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

I would ask that the Baldwin County MPO support the new plan for the I-10 river bridge and bayway. The additional capacity is badly needed and I support the project to be initiated as soon as possible.

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Please provide comments concerning the proposed Amendment to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan:

More houses not enough space. Tax increases, and more immigrants moving here to work 4 laning 225 money not being used for what it meant for.

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Regarding the LRTP Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project:

The toll route and toll rates information suggests that the new bridge and new Bayway are a joined and inseparable package when selected by a vehicle operator. This looks like it will disadvantage areas that now benefit from the present interchanges of traffic between I-10, US-90, and US-98. Some local economies might be better served if the toll plan had two separable parts, new bridge and new Bayway.

Are special routes for emergency vehicles and road service vehicles configured for high levels of service?

Are tolling services to be provided by the State?

Are the systems for messaging vehicle operators part of the plan?

Are the systems for service hailing part of the plan?

Are hazard detection and warning systems part of the plan?

Can the project plan be expanded to include the disposition of construction and demolition waste, especially the old Bayway?

Can the old Bayway be used to support Eastern Shore resiliency and living shoreline projects?

There are no considerations of pedestrian, bicycle, or low-power/low-speed vehicle traffic.



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Re: Amendment to the ENVISION 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and Fiscal Year 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program – I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway

Dear Members of the Eastern Shore MPO Policy Board:

Alabama's trucking industry strongly supports relieving congestion in the I-10 Wallace Tunnel in Mobile and supports the construction of a bridge across the Mobile River to do so. We are equally passionate that any solution to pay for this project should be fair and equitable to all stakeholders.

We commend the members of the Eastern Shore and Mobile MPOs for encouraging and supporting the Alabama Department of Transportation's updated design and framework for the I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project that would achieve, if implemented, many of the objectives that the commercial trucking industry has advocated for many years.

We are encouraged by several factors of the project, including that the entire project is completed in one comprehensive phase, that it keeps existing routes toll-free and open to all motorists, it allows all motorists to utilize the new bridge, it aims to administer tolls efficiently and equitably as possible, and that tolls are eliminated once the original debt is serviced. In our view, these are all very positive components that the updated framework hopes to achieve – and ones we fully support.

The trucking industry in Alabama comprises 112,000 working Alabamians and nearly 12,000 trucking companies and delivers more than 86% of all goods to every community in the state. Mobile and Baldwin counties are essential hubs for the transportation and logistics industry employing thousands of citizens – and that presence continues to grow with the expansion of the Port of Mobile.

The trucking industry has a proven track record of advocating for infrastructure improvements because truckers pay 35% of all taxes owed by motorists, even though we are only 10% of vehicle miles traveled in the state. This advocacy was evidenced by our recent support of the successful passage of the Rebuild Alabama Plan and the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Responsible implementation of infrastructure improvements has a major impact on roadway safety and economic development, two major priorities most all stakeholders support.

Cautions with Tolling – Understanding the Challenge

We have previously expressed in writing to the MPOs the serious concerns tolling elicits from the commercial trucking industry, especially given several recent occurrences of unfair tolling practices in states like Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, which were improperly implemented and could now be dismantled by the court systems. Additionally, tolling, even when implemented fairly, raises business costs for moving goods through the supply chain, and tolling schemes across the country have proven to have a disproportionately negative impact on small local businesses.

Local companies utilize local thoroughfares such as I-10 more regularly than long-haul truckers from other states, therefore, tolling has a disproportionate impact on their bottom line and ability to compete in the marketplace. And, it is important to understand that in many cases the costs of tolling cannot be passed along by truckers as many people mistakenly think, especially now with record-breaking fuel prices and inflation. The increased cost of tolling often comes directly out of the pockets of truck drivers and Alabama businesses, making them less competitive and less able to provide jobs for local citizens. Additionally, it is well documented the inefficiencies of tolling as a means to finance debt with 20-40 cents on the dollar oftentimes going to administrative overhead, fees, and interest payments.

Additionally, we have expressed our concerns about the threat of “tolling in perpetuity,” as has happened in other states that use tolling as a form of fundraising for various government services, and we have consistently expressed a strong position that toll revenue be used only to pay down the original project debt, with tolling to end once the debt is paid off.

It is clear that a concerted effort is being made to reduce these burdens through ALDOT administering the toll, committing to remove the toll once the debt is repaid, leaving all existing routes free from tolls, and providing discounted rates for those that purchase an ALGO pass or monthly unlimited passes. Understanding the escalating costs of this mega-project, which now has ballooned to \$2.7 billion along with the modest congestion and traffic count relative to other major bottlenecks in the country, it is apparent that tolling is inevitable for the viability of this project.

Tolling Efficiency

We strongly encourage the MPOs and ALDOT to explore syncing and adopting an ALGO system that is compatible with the existing toll transponder system such as EZ-Pass that gives the lower toll rate to any vehicle with an EZ-Pass like transponder and extends to those vehicles the monthly cap. Truckers already must navigate different tolling schemes in each state and sort through the different state fees and processes to acquire the toll pass. This would streamline that process for those who already utilize an EZ-Pass (or similar) transponder. Many trucks use this pass due to the partnership with PrePass.

Tolling Equity

Exploring all options to extend the monthly rate for unlimited use for commercial vehicles is also critical. But heretofore, this option has not been included in MPO and ALDOT documentation. We believe that an equitable monthly rate must be established for commercial vehicles including the justification for that rate.

Exploring All Funding Options

To limit the impact of tolling on all vehicles, we have encouraged the exploration of all funding sources to pay for this project and have cited the inefficiencies of using tolling to service bonded indebtedness. ALDOT currently has a proposed "PLAN A" to use the following funding sources to pay for the I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project: \$250 million in State funding, \$125 million in Federal INFRA Grant funding, \$500 million in anticipated Federal Mega Grant funding, \$1.2 billion in Bond Financing and, \$1.1 billion in Federal TIFIA loans.

The need for mega-grant funding to provide the critical resources for projects like the I-10 Mobile River Bridge is a major reason the trucking industry supported the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act. Despite this law's imperfections, it was the first time Congress has provided this type of infrastructure investment in decades. We continue to advocate for long-term, equitable solutions to invest in America's and Alabama's roads and bridges.

However, if the Federal Mega Grant funding is not available, which could be a likely scenario, what other funding sources are being considered to fund this project without raising the existing toll prices on passenger and commercial vehicles?

Conclusion

Alabama's trucking industry continues to be willing to support equitable solutions to advance the Mobile River Bridge project. We also acknowledge the tremendous challenge and opportunity that bringing this project to life presents, and we are grateful to the many individuals and organizations that have worked for many years to keep progressing towards a solution. We look forward to continuing the collaboration with the MPOs and ALDOT, and we will be working with members of the MPOs and the Baldwin and Mobile Legislative delegations to ensure accountability measures are considered to secure these objectives of the project over the long term.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Colson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark Colson
President and CEO
Alabama Trucking Association