

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

**RESOLUTION # 2022-095
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S GRANT APPLICATION TO ASSIST IN FUNDING I-10
MOBILE RIVER BRIDGE AND BAYWAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Interstate 10 is a major East-West corridor for commercial and personal vehicles, and is the only interstate highway that connects the East Coast, West Coast, and Gulf Coast of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Interstate 10 connecting Mobile and Baldwin Counties was initially built for 30,000 vehicles per day, but now services more than 100,000 vehicles on peak days, with traffic volumes growing steadily and continuously; and

WHEREAS, Mobile and Baldwin Counties are home to significant industry whose workforce and suppliers rely on Interstate 10 to safely move people and goods across Mobile Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Mobile, the Mobile International Airport, and numerous multimodal hubs all are located on Mobile Bay and frequently utilize Interstate 10 helping to stimulate and drive the economy of Mobile and Baldwin Counties, the State of Alabama and the entire Gulf Coast region; and

WHEREAS, traffic and congestion on Interstate 10 will continue to increase with negative effects on public safety, commerce, and mobility in the region, if no action is taken; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission agrees with the need for a new bridge over the Mobile River and Mobile Bay and the framework to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission recognizes that president Biden and Congress conceived and enacted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which includes a new discretionary grant program designed to address infrastructure challenges of this type and magnitude; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to improving our nation's infrastructure through the National Infrastructure Assistance Program, or "Mega Grant" program; and

WHEREAS, this program can be a key funding component to address this crucial infrastructure need of local, regional, and national importance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the Baldwin County Commission supports the Alabama Department of Transportation's application for a Mega Grant and any other sources of federal funding that may become available.

DONE, under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the 17th day of May, 2022.



ATTEST:



Ronald J. Cink, Budget Director



Commissioner James E. Ball, Chairman