

# CRC Infrastructure Sub-Committee

## Project Identification Template and Instructions

### Mobile County Evacuation Route

### Improved Access to Mobile Regional Airport

#### **Project Identification Template**

**Instructions:** Please complete all of the information requested with the best information you have available. Limited attachments are acceptable if necessary to adequately describe the project but the **total length should be limited to 6 pages** one-sided (including attachments). This Identification Template is intended as a preliminary mechanism by which proposals and projects to improve the resiliency of Coastal Alabama are solicited and captured with some consistency of format, scope definition, and project benefits and impact. **This is only a first step: proposals and projects will not be funded based upon this submittal. Further information and details will be solicited at such time as the screening and funding process is more fully defined.**

Responses should be received by November 26, 2010, to be included in the appendix the Coastal Recovery Commission Report to the Governor to be submitted December 15, 2010. Submittals after that date will be accepted for consideration but will not be included in the Project Appendix.

Completed Templates may be submitted:

- Electronically (.pdf preferred) to: [crcalabama.templateresponse.com](http://crcalabama.templateresponse.com).
- By US mail to: Coastal Recovery Commission.

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#### **I. What – Project Information/Basic Facts**

1. Project Scope \_\_\_\_\_ To add capacity to existing County roads and facilitate the flow of goods and services, including hurricane evacuation from Bayou La Batre and all of South Mobile County north to the new US 98; improve access to Mobile Regional Airport.
2. Project duration or schedule by phase and status of any work in progress \_\_\_\_\_  
The estimated duration is ten years.

2.1. Conceptual and Feasibility Planning, Engineering, Construction The proposed routing and affected roads have been identified.

3. Estimated Cost (plus or minus 30%) \$165,000,000

3.1. Indicate level of confidence in accuracy of these estimates 70%

## II. Why - Project Description relative to Impact and Criteria

1. Identify what need, threat or opportunity that this project, study, or recommendation will address Improved traffic flow and access to Mobile Regional Airport; expanding economic capacity for flow of goods and services, improving hurricane evacuation for South Mobile County.

2. How does this project or recommendation address and impact the recommended evaluation criteria:

2.1.1. Coastal Recovery It will provide a more direct north/south link to markets and industry for the small, typically family owned, seafood businesses that operate in Bayou La Batre and the south part of Mobile County. It will also serve as an evacuation and an assistance route during disasters.

2.1.2. Resiliency The main resiliency benefit will be to provide an alternative route to markets for the small typically family owned seafood industry located in South Mobile County. The route will improve safety by providing another evacuation option for South Mobile County in the event of a hurricane. The route will improve recovery time for clean-up following a storm and provide an alternative route to and from market for the seafood industry by connecting directly with the Mobile Regional Airport.

2.1.3. Transformational The proposed route builds on the identity of South Mobile County as a locally owned and operated seafood industry by providing another transportation alternative in order to bring product to market faster. It improves the quality of life of South Mobile County by improving the capacity of existing public infrastructure and investment and creating a platform for additional private investment. It will promote the Alabama Seafood Industry beyond its pre-disaster status.

2.1.4. Regionalism The regionalism associated with the project is not specifically from multi agency partnership but rather a result of project benefits. The capacity

improvements to the existing County infrastructure will create an atmosphere for new and additional economic development and investment not only along the proposed corridor but for overall South Mobile County as well as the Mobile Regional Airport.

2.1.5. Economic Diversification This project builds on the character of South Mobile County by creating additional capacity and market opportunities for seafood distribution, especially when considering the improved linkage to Mobile Airport.

3. Project Economics The estimated project cost is \$165,000,000
4. Identify Direct Project benefits to Coastal Alabama, including avoided costs, consequence of “No Build” alternative. Direct benefits are increased north/south traffic capacity, increased access to market for the seafood industry, increased potential for economic development at the ends and along the corridor, improved access to Mobile Regional Airport, increased ability for disaster recovery and assistance. The no build alternative keeps the status quo and does not increase or reinforce the ability of improvement and safety.
  - 4.1. Impact on employment, job training and development, both short term and permanent The most direct employment benefit will be construction jobs, it is not possible at this time to calculate employment benefits from private investment.
  - 4.2. Oil spill mitigation outside of claims process The oil spill disaster dealt a severe blow to the Alabama Seafood Industry. As the claims process attempts to bring this industry back to pre-disaster conditions, this project expands these efforts and will help transform the industry into something better than it was before the disaster.
5. Identify Indirect benefits and costs
  - 5.1. Collateral Benefits to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society (subjective responses allowed) Increasing traffic capacity can improve mobility which reduces congestion and improves air quality and travel time. The proposed route provides a means for Southern Mobile County to have a more direct link to the north which will result in the increased opportunity for economic development.
  - 5.2. Collateral Costs or impacts to the objectives of Healthy Environment, Healthy Economy and Healthy Society ( subjective responses allowed) Collateral costs for increasing road capacity in general terms is an increased stormwater generation and conversion of land for other uses.
  - 5.3. Connectivity and Linkage to other projects or initiatives: Does this project complement or compete with other projects? What other projects would be precluded if this project is funded? This project does not preclude any other projects currently being proposed.

### III. Who/How - General Information

1. Name and contact information for Entity, Collaboration or Person submitting project or recommendation nomination. Joe Ruffer, P.E., Mobile County Engineer, Mobile County Public Works, Mobile County Commission, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36644-1600 (251) 574-8595 phone, (251) 574-4722 fax, [jruffer@mobilecounty.net](mailto:jruffer@mobilecounty.net)

*1.1. Entities and communities sharing a common threat or need are encouraged to collaborate for a joint/combined project submittal to raise the profile of the issue and solution to be addressed. Also please indicate the level of community support or resistance and hurdles to collaboration. **This project is supported by the Mobile County Commission and local residents.***

2. Identify Sponsoring Entity for oversight and accountability if different from above.

2.1. Existing or to be created? Existing

2.1.1. If to be created, what parties or interests must be involved and what level of effort is required to do so? Not Applicable

2.2. Describe governance, organizational capacity, availability of skills, experience of sponsoring entity to implement the Project The Mobile County Commission, operating through the Mobile County Public Works Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the project following construction and acceptance. The Mobile County Commission has the financial capability, expertise, and support personnel to maintain the project to function as designed. The facilities will be maintained for continuous use by the public. The Mobile County Commission will budget the necessary funds to maintain and make repairs as required.

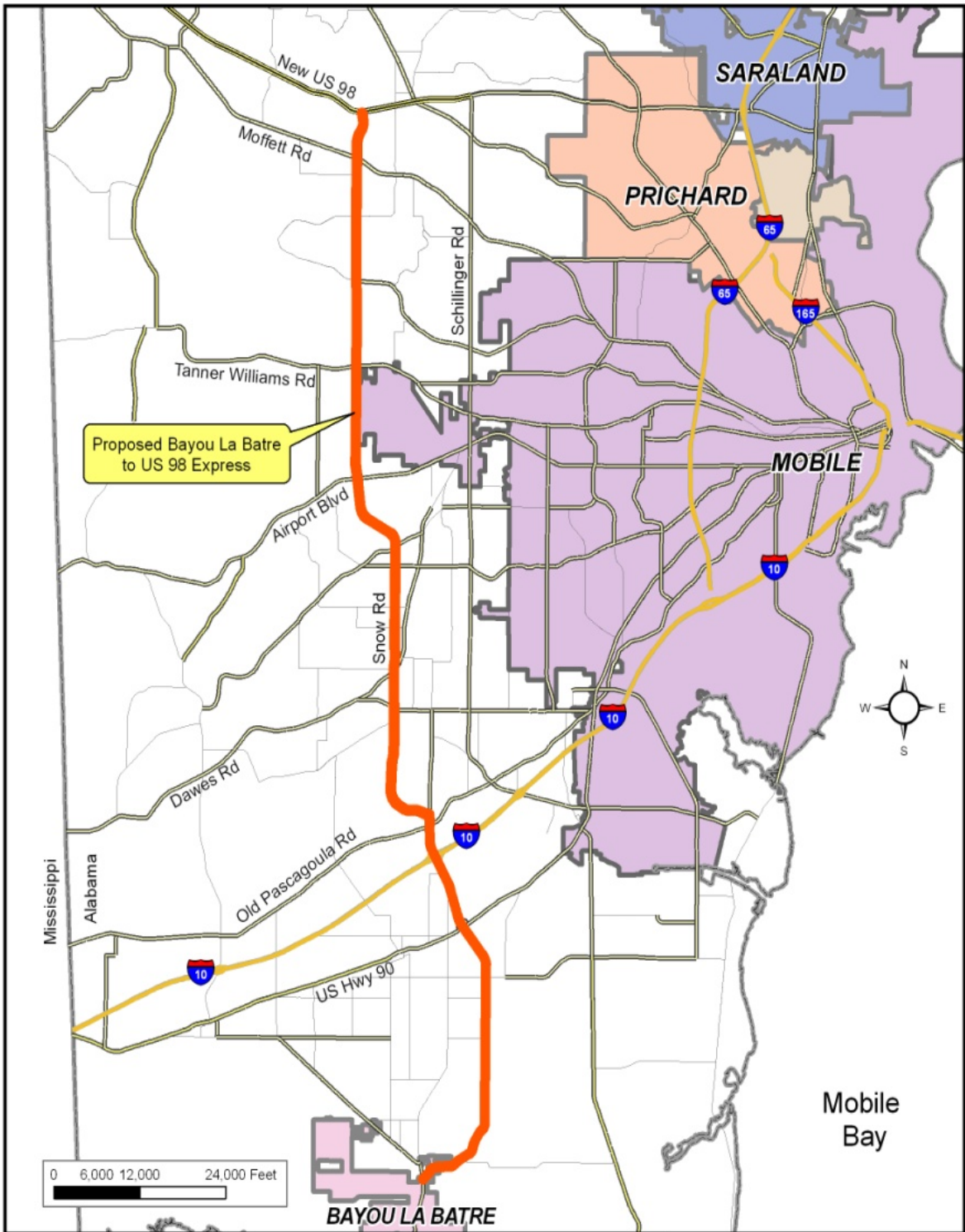
2.3. Project complexity: Hurdles and barriers to project implementation, completion and sustainability. Identify regulatory issues. Hurdles include environmental permitting and compliance.

3. Identify any known or anticipated administrative, regulatory, or legislative action that would be required at either the local, state, or federal governmental level. NA

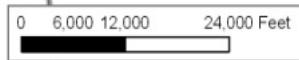
4. Requested funding from Coastal Recovery Fund (CRF) \$165,000,000

5. Identified potential funding sources other than the CRF The Mobile County Commission may allocate funding by financing through bonds, the pay as you go program or other budget allocations.

- 5.1. Leverage or multiplier on CRF investment: matching funds, public or private undetermined at this point
- 5.2. Public Private Opportunities, user fees, Federal funds, private foundation grants, bonding capacity, etc. undetermined at this point
6. Forecast of ongoing maintenance or operating costs and source of funding if not self sustaining This project will expand and improve the existing County road network. Following construction, the County will maintain the route as part of its regular infrastructure.



Proposed Bayou La Batre to US 98 Express



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