

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

TOWN OF PERDIDO BEACH

RESOLUTION 2009-13

ENDORING THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION'S ROUTE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTY ROAD 83 THOROUGHFARE BETWEEN I-10 AND I-65 AND OPPOSING THE ROUTE PROPOSED BY THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, this year the Baldwin County Commission requested the Congress of the United States to include an appropriation consideration of \$120,000,000 which, if approved by Congress and upon becoming law as part of the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill, will be used to construct a 4-lane extension of Baldwin County Road 83 along the 21 mile span from Interstate 10 north to Interstate 65; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2009, the Baldwin County Commission committed to the Congress of the United States that if Baldwin County is awarded the \$120,000,000 in federal funding that the Baldwin County Commission will match said award in an additional amount of 20% or up to \$30,000,000 to bring the total funding for said construction project to \$150,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Baldwin County Road 83 from Interstate 10 north to Interstate 65 will allow for a strengthened and more efficient hurricane evacuation route for the southern, as well as central, portion of the county, relieve traffic congestion on Alabama State Highway 59 and provide for an economic development corridor which will also promote tourism in Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission's proposed route for the construction of Baldwin County Road 83 along the 21 mile span from Interstate 10 north to Interstate 65 is attached as **Exhibit A** to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission has received the written support for this endeavor from the following Baldwin County municipalities: City of Fairhope, City of Gulf Shores, City of Robertsedale, Town of Loxley, Town of Silverhill, City of Daphne, City of Foley, City of Orange Beach, City of Spanish Fort, Town of Elberta, Town of Magnolia Springs, Town of Summerdale and City of Bay Minette; and

WHEREAS, further, the Baldwin County Commission has received the written support for this endeavor from the Baldwin County Mayors Association and GUMBO; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission has already accomplished a feasibility study for the proposed route at an approximate cost of \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin County Commission has set aside approximately \$450,000 in county funds to accomplish an environmental assessment of the proposed route; and

WHEREAS, importantly, the Baldwin County Commission's proposed route for the construction of Baldwin County Road 83 as set forth at **Exhibit A** is situated directly adjacent to the 3,000 acre area comprising the "Mega Site" whereby Hybrid Kinetic Motors Corporation is planning to establish a green automotive manufacturing plant in Baldwin County as announced by the Honorable Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, on September 24, 2009, at the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, that the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is proposing to construct a connector route between Interstate 10 and Interstate 65 in Baldwin County which is contrary to the Baldwin County Commission's proposed route; further said ALDOT route is situated farther away from the 3,000 acre area comprising the "Mega Site" whereby Hybrid Kinetic Motors Corporation is planning to establish a green automotive manufacturing plant in Baldwin County; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, that we hereby ENDORSE the Baldwin County Commission's proposed route for the construction of Baldwin County Road 83 along the 21 mile span from Interstate 10 north to Interstate 65 attached as **Exhibit A** to this resolution and OPPOSE the Alabama Department of Transportation's proposal to construct a connector route between Interstate 10 and Interstate 65 in Baldwin County which is contrary to the Baldwin County Commission's proposed route.

DONE, under the Seal of the Town of Perdido Beach, Alabama, on this the 22nd day of October, 2009.

Patsy W. Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Thompson, Town Clerk