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Baldwin County Commission Adopts Updated Baldwin Beach Express II Access Management Plan

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January 20, 2026 -- During today's commission meeting, the Baldwin County Commission adopted the updated Baldwin Beach Express II (BBE II) Access Management Plan, a key step in supporting safe, efficient transportation and longterm strategic management of the proposed corridor. Today's action marked another critical step in advancing progress of the corridor and compliments previous Commission action which authorized right-of-way acquisition along the southern portion of the corridor near I-10.

The Baldwin Beach Express II corridor is planned as a 25-mile, multi-lane divided highway connecting Interstate 10 to Interstate 65. The project is designed to connect three U.S. routes, relieve regional congestion, support emergency evacuation routes, and advance the County's strategic infrastructure goals.

Baldwin County Engineer, Frank Lundy, states "Today was a very historical moment for Baldwin County. This project will allow better access for property owners and better traffic flow. This is very important for planning and growth in Baldwin County as we continue to grow while preserving the character of the roadway. With the adoption of this new plan, we avoid plugging up intersections and public safety concerns."

Under the updated plan, access along Baldwin Beach Express II will be safer, more consistent, and strongly preserve the unrestricted flow of traffic, while yet allowing reasonable access accommodation for adjacent property owners.

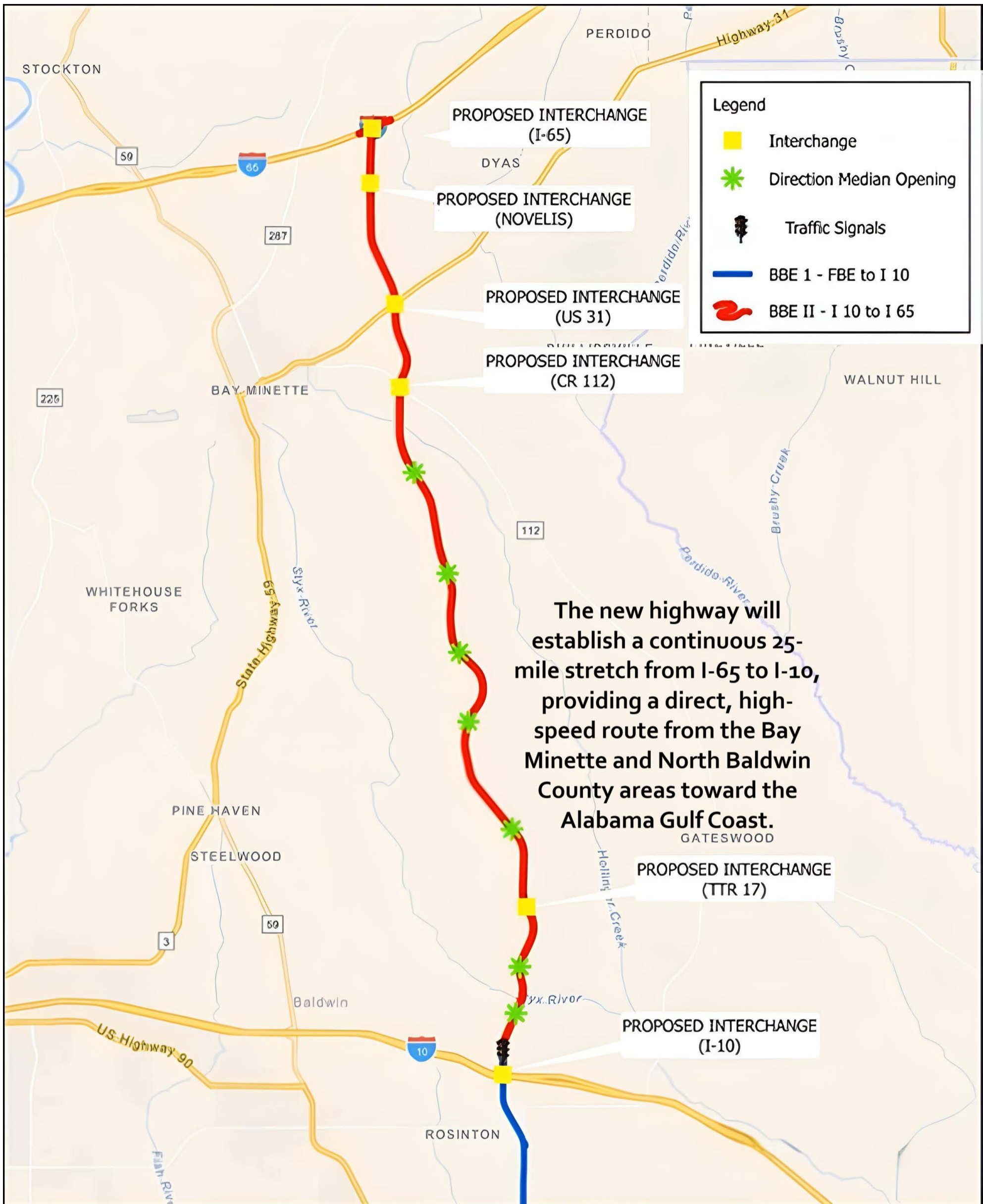
Connections at most primary intersections will utilize grade-separated interchanges where traffic can safely enter and exit without disrupting the main flow of vehicles. Minor intersections along the corridor, as well as connections to individual properties adjacent to the corridor, will be allowed right-in/right-out access, meaning drivers can turn into or out of a property without crossing oncoming traffic. The only traffic signal along the corridor will be located at County Road 68, just north of Interstate 10.

Directional median openings will be placed at specific locations throughout the corridor to allow for safe U-turns, helping drivers change direction while reducing crash risks. These design features help maintain smooth, continuous north-south traffic flow along the corridor.

Planned grade-separated interchange locations include:

- Interstate 10
- Truck Trail 17
- County Road 112
- U.S. Highway 31
- Novelis
- Interstate 65

The previous Access Management Plan was developed under older roadway standards nearly a decade ago and did not adequately account for existing roads or future growth. The updated plan reflects current design practices, provides reasonable access for nearby properties, and supports safer, more efficient traffic movement for years to come.



Legend

- Interchange
- ★ Direction Median Opening
- Traffic Signals
- BBE 1 - FBE to I 10
- BBE II - I 10 to I 65

The new highway will establish a continuous 25-mile stretch from I-65 to I-10, providing a direct, high-speed route from the Bay Minette and North Baldwin County areas toward the Alabama Gulf Coast.



Exhibit #1 - Baldwin Beach Express (I-10 - I-65)

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