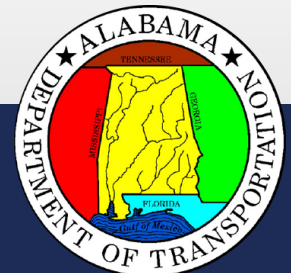




Africatown Steering Committee Meeting #1

June 23, 2022



Today's Agenda

- Roll Call
- Welcome/Introductions
- Background/Project Status
- Committee and Commitments
- Members' Updates on Africatown Developments
- Adjourn

Background/Project Status



Project Direction from MPOs

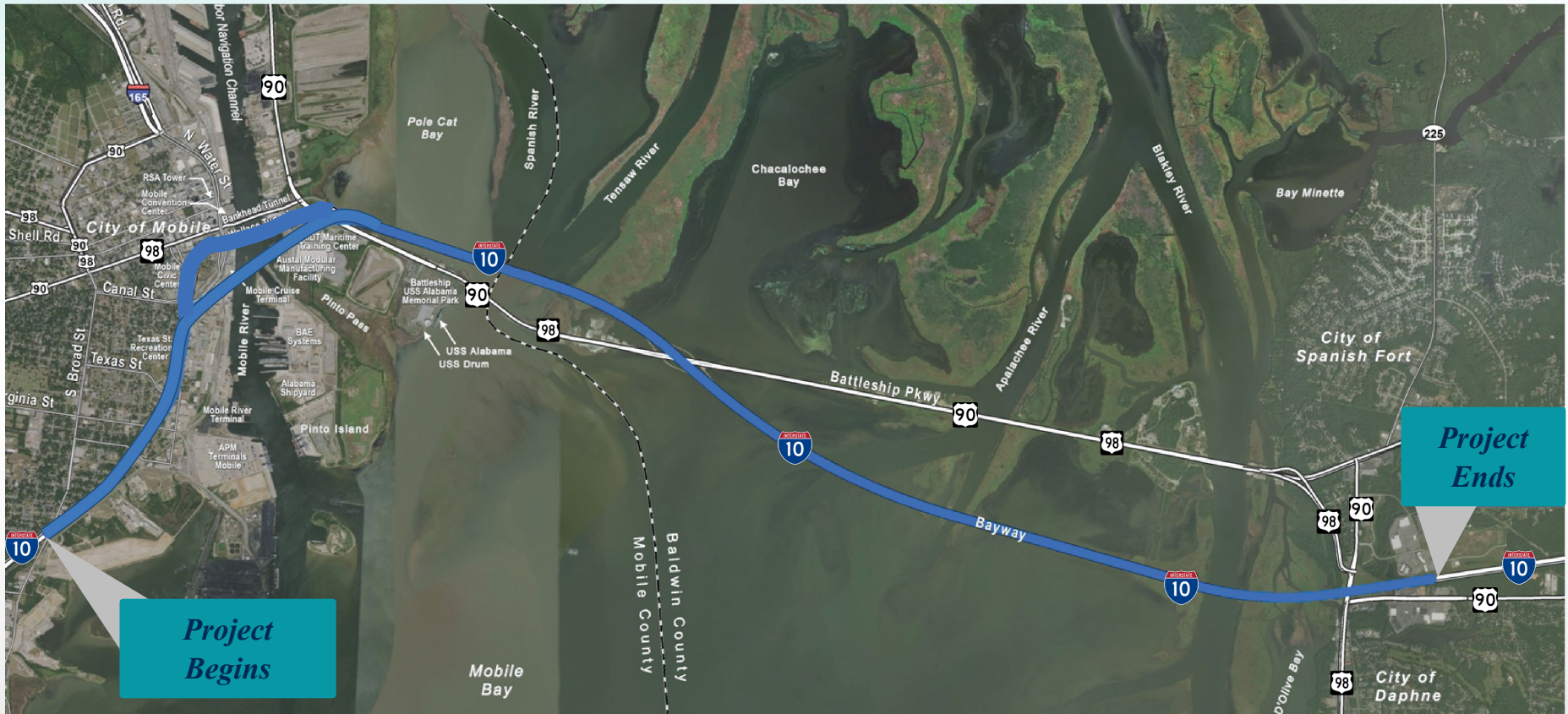
"MPO members are hopeful a feasible way can be found to build the phases concurrently....Accordingly, both MPOs request ALDOT broaden its study to enable it to report back to the MPOs as to what financial structure would be required to build all three phases simultaneously..."

*Letter from MPO Chairman Stimpson and
MPO Chairman Burrell to ALDOT
September 1, 2021*

Project Direction from MPOs

- December 15, 2021, letter from MPOs provided additional guidance:
 - Be comprehensive and not phased/piecemeal plan
 - Free, no toll options including Wallace Tunnel, Bankhead Tunnel, Africatown Bridge, and Causeway
 - Need to protect \$125 million federal grant and anticipate at least \$250 million in state funds
 - Tolls for cars should be \$2.50 or less and \$18 or less for 18-wheeler trucks
 - Continue to work with locals through the MPO process

Base Design



Base Design – Main Span

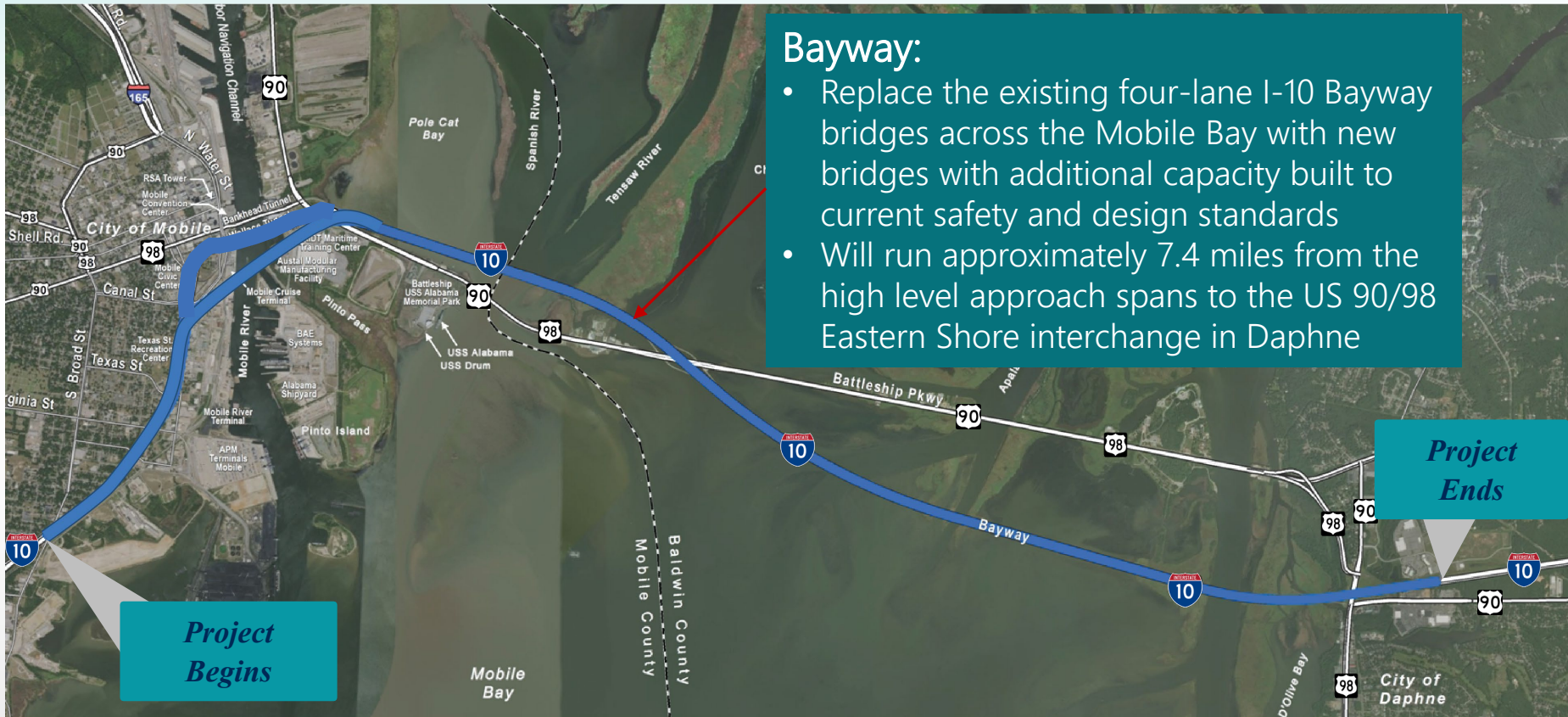
Mobile River Bridge:

- New six-lane, cable-stayed bridge with a minimum 215 feet of air draft clearance across the Mobile River channel
- High level approach spans start just east of Virginia Street in Mobile and end between the Bayway bridges

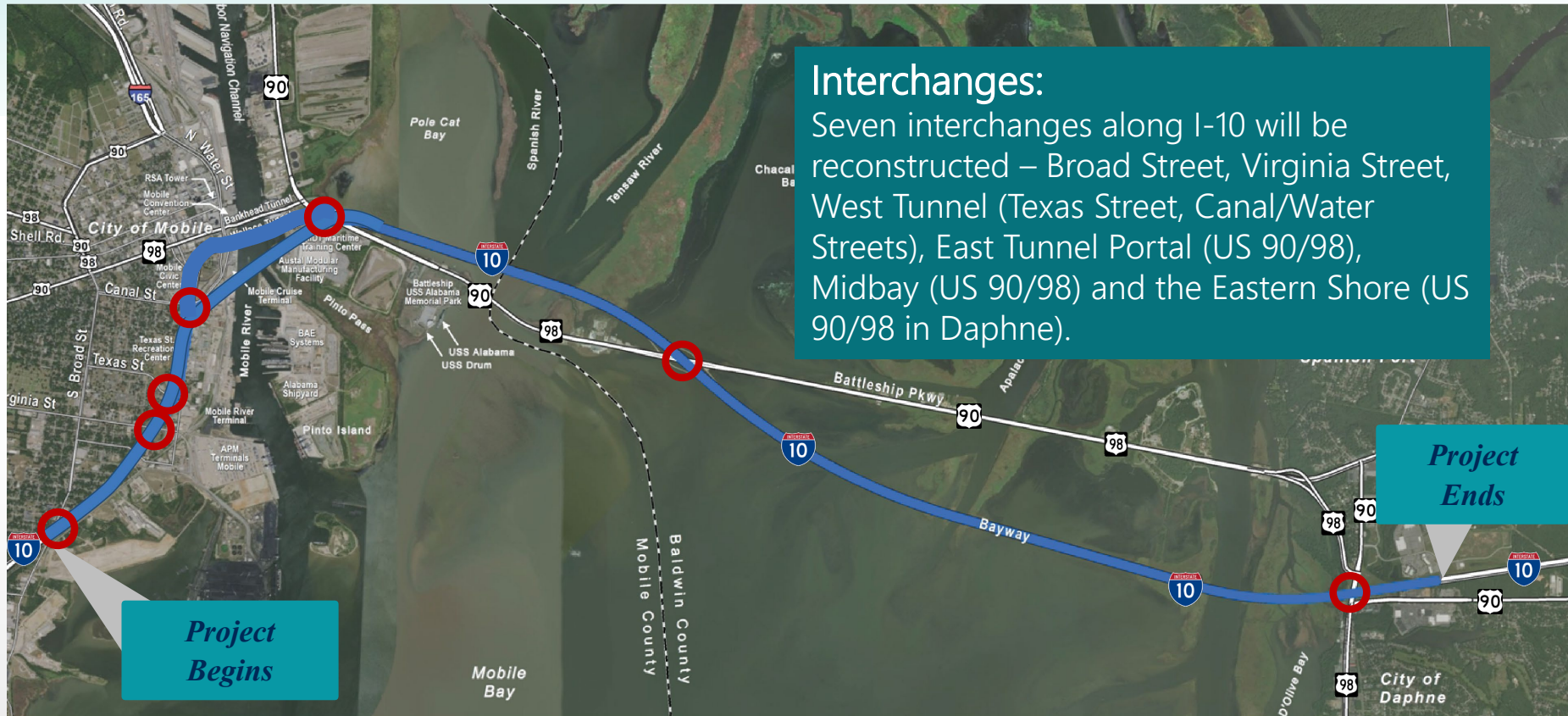
Project Begins

Project Ends

Base Design – Bayway



Base Design - Interchanges



Proposed Toll Plan

- Based on the guidance from the MPOs, the proposed toll plan for the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project is:
 - Only the new main span bridge and new Bayway will be tolled
 - \$40 monthly unlimited use pass for two-axle vehicles (low-height)
 - Cars with an ALGO pass will be a maximum of \$2.50
 - 18-wheelers with an ALGO pass will be a maximum of \$18.00
 - Toll revenue to be used only to pay down project debt, with tolling to end once the debt is paid off

Proposed Toll Plan - Toll Gantry Locations



Free - No Toll Routes



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Wallace Tunnel/Causeway Connection

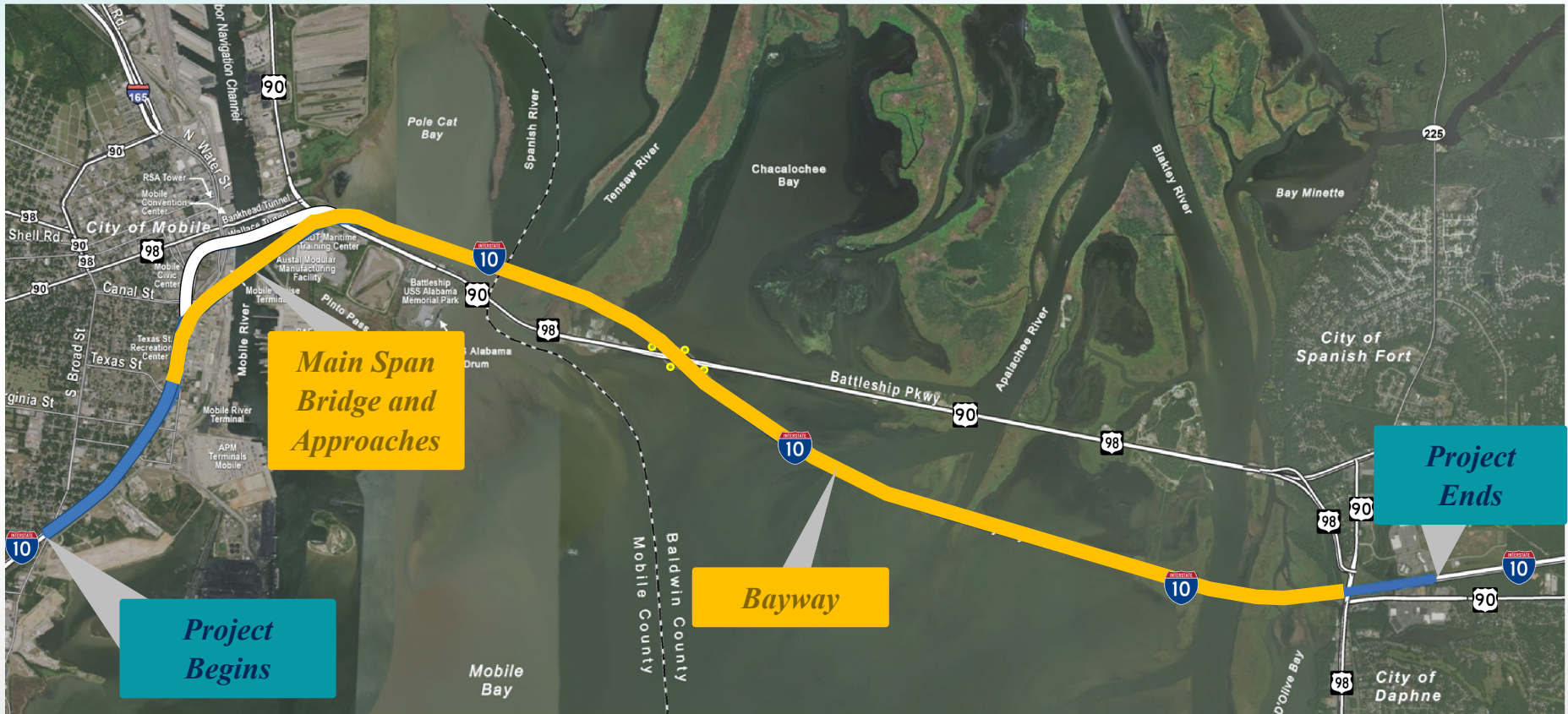


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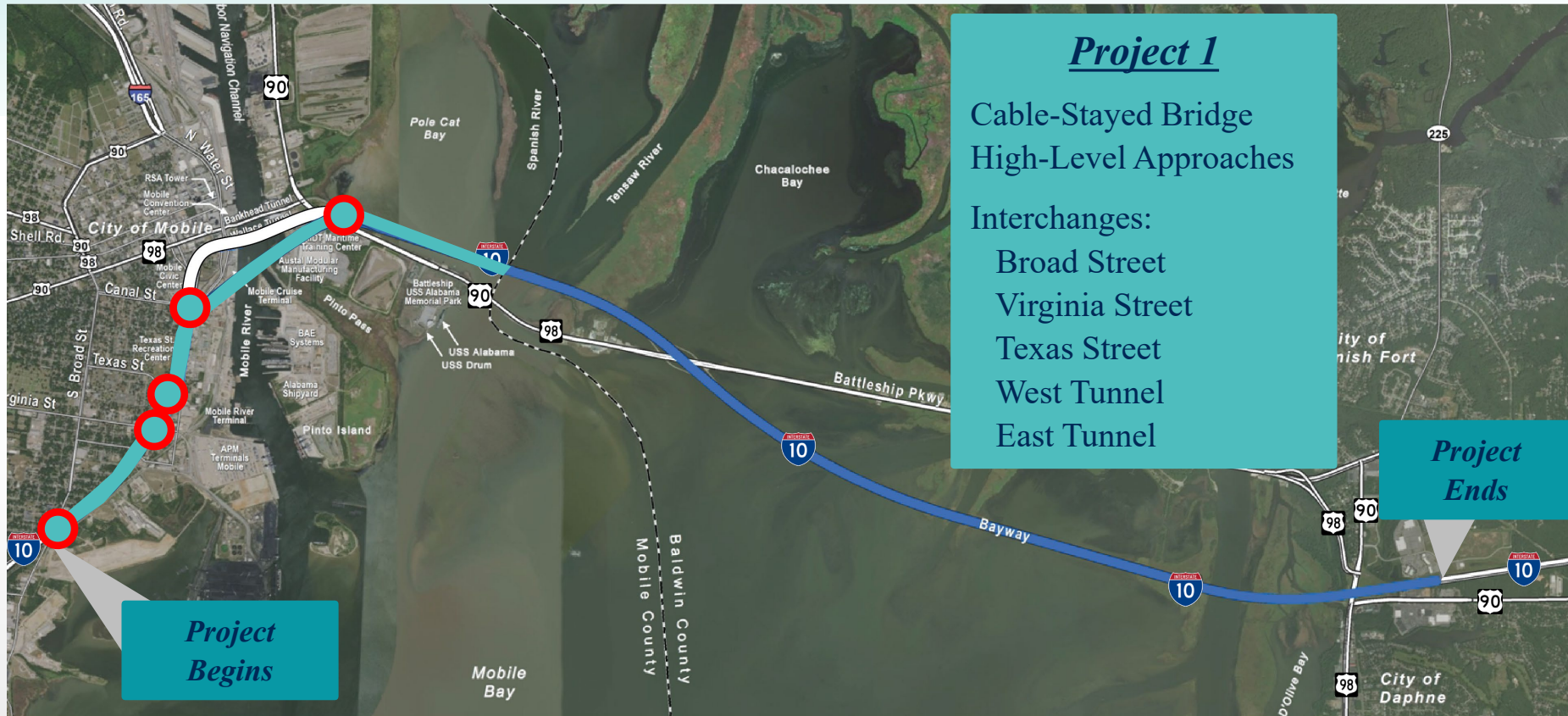
Wallace Tunnel/Downtown Connection



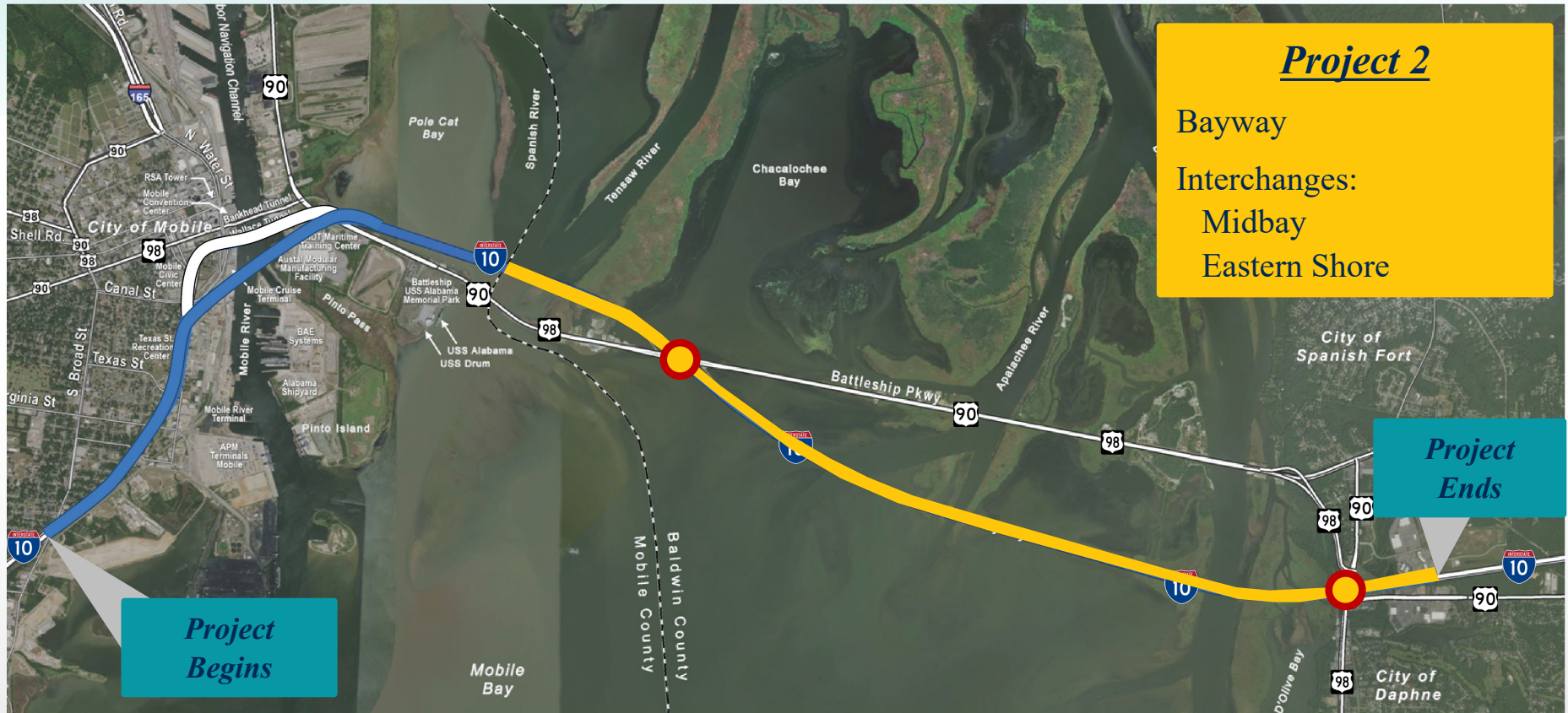
Toll Route



Procurement Project 1 – Mobile MPO



Procurement Project 2 - ESMPO



Full Project



Upcoming MPO Meetings

- Mobile MPO:
 - June 29, 2022
 - 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - ALDOT Building T (Training Building), 1701 I-65 West Service Road North, Mobile, AL 36618
- Eastern Shore MPO:
 - June 30, 2022
 - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Baldwin County Commission Chambers, Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse, 1100 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, AL 36532
- Comment Period: 10 days
- Policy Board Meeting: July 27, 2022

Committee and Commitments



Environmental History

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process
 - Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision
 - Selected Alternative Approved: August 2019
 - Environmental Commitments

Outreach Activities

	Activity
2016	Participated in three Africatown CDC Meetings
October 27, 2016	Bicycle/Pedestrian Public Workshop
June 19, 2018	Africatown Community Workshop
December 7, 2018	Africatown CDC/Business Community Partners (BCP) Holiday Social
December 19, 2018	Added Africatown representatives as Section 106 Consulting Parties
January 2019	Surveys provided to residents via community leaders and churches
February 2019	Tabling Events within Africatown (attended basketball practices and games at Hope Community Center)
March 19, 2019	Neighborhood Meeting at Union Missionary Baptist Church (arranged by Councilman Manzie)
May 7 & 9, 2019	Public Hearings

Role of Committee

- Encourage dialogue between the community and ALDOT
- Provide a forum for discussion as ALDOT begins to implement commitments/mitigation measures
- Provide opportunities for various views and perspectives to be voiced and considered
- Promote compatibility with Africatown's community development plans
- Help distribute information to community and engage with residents, businesses, and interested parties

Committee Members

Africatown C.H.E.S.S.

Africatown Community Development Corporation

Africatown Heritage Preservation Foundation

Africatown Redevelopment Corporation Board

Center for Fair Housing, Inc.

City of Mobile

City of Prichard

First Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church

Hope Community Center/City of Mobile Parks and Recreation

Mobile County Commission

Mobile County Training School

Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church

The Clotilda Descendants Association

Union Missionary Baptist Church

Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church

Environmental Commitments

1. Meet with Africatown/Plateau community as the project develops.
2. Work with the Africatown/Plateau community to implement mitigation measures through community outreach, public meetings, and a Steering Committee. This will provide continued opportunities for involvement of Africatown/Plateau representatives to promote compatibility with the community's plans for development and growth.
3. **Conduct a speed study** to determine if changing the posted speed limits will have a beneficial effect.
4. Based on results of speed study, work with Africatown/Plateau to **evaluate and implement traffic calming measures** that will be effective in reducing speeds along Bay Bridge Road without substantially increasing anticipated queue lengths.

Environmental Commitments (continued)

5. **Provide traffic signals** at Union Missionary Baptist Church (Bay Bridge Road Cutoff) and Magazine Street/Tin Top Road.
 - Signals will be timed to improve traffic flow along the corridor to minimize impacts to the community.
 - Signals will also be responsive to traffic to facilitate ingress and egress for residents of the Africatown/Plateau community.
 - ALDOT will work with the Africatown/Plateau Steering Committee to make sure the signals are effective and properly operating and that any concerns or issues associated with the timing and/or sensors are addressed in a timely manner.
6. **Adjust signal timing along the non-tolled route**, including Africatown Boulevard, to better accommodate local traffic movements.

Environmental Commitments (continued)

7. **Construct the Africatown Bridge Shared Used Path** from the I-165 ramp at Africatown Boulevard to US-90 on the east side of Mobile River.
- Work with municipalities to provide future extensions from downtown Mobile to the USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park.
 - Provide crosswalks at all signalized intersections along Africatown Boulevard as part of the Africatown Bridge Shared Use Path. Crosswalks will include appropriate striping on the asphalt, push-button activated signal heads, and pedestrian signage.
 - Install landscaping and historical/interpretive signage along the Africatown Shared Use Path.

Environmental Commitments (continued)

8. Install streetscaping along Paper Mill Road.
9. Develop an **access management plan** to help facilitate access to and from destinations along the US-90/US-98 Causeway. Strategies may include installing traffic signals, medians with U-turns, mid-block signals, and other appropriate techniques.
10. Conduct a **traffic study** that documents existing and future **hazardous cargo** flow along Africatown Boulevard to compare actual numbers before and after construction of the project.
11. Work with the Africatown/Plateau Steering Committee to **meet with ADEM** to facilitate discussions regarding the process for ADEM to install air quality monitors.

Members' Updates on Africatown Developments

Thank you



Reminders:

Upcoming MPO Public Meetings – June 29 & 30, 2022

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