



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH™

**DATE:** March 31, 2021

**ISSUE:** Approve a Rights-of-Way donation from the City to ALDOT to facilitate the construction of a new roadway and bridge from State Hwy 180 (Canal Road) to the Foley Beach Express.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Authorize Mayor to sign a Fee Simple Warranty Deed and Waiver of Rights to Appraisal and Just Compensation that will convey 26.37 acres of public rights-of-way to ALDOT for the purposes of the construction a public roadway.

**BACKGROUND:** ALDOT has developed plans for a proposed roadway and new bridge from the Foley Beach Express to State Hwy 180 (Canal Road). ALDOT has recently completed the widening of Hwy 180 through Orange Beach. The proposed bridge is scheduled to advertise for bid on July 30, 2021. These projects were developed to address traffic congestion on both Hwy 59 and Hwy 180. A portion of the proposed roadway will cross the City's future education campus and require rights-of-way from the City.

The Fee Simple Warranty Deed also guarantees three future access points to the City's Education Campus.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Council authorized Volkert and Associates to perform a NEPA Document on behalf of ALDOT to secure all necessary environmental approvals. That NEPA Document was approved in November of 2017.

The City also received a RESTORE Grant to improve and extend Waterway East from Hwy 59 to Cotton Creek Drive.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**RELATED ISSUES:** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Vicinity Maps, Fee Simple Warranty Deed, Waiver Document, Future School Access Map, ALDOT Overall Project map

**DEPARTMENT:** Engineering

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