



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Baldwin County Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **3/13/2026** the Baldwin County Commission will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as County Road 65 from CR-34 to CR-36 for the purpose of the construction of one-half mile of new roadway between County Road 34 and County Road 36 and is part of a comprehensive project to improve the County Rd 65 (CR-65) corridor to improve safety, increase capacity, and support economic competitiveness in the region. CR-65 is a hurricane evacuation route for Baldwin County and is critical to quickly and safely allow citizens and visitors to evacuate when needed. This corridor also provides improved access to the Baldwin County Coliseum, the Mass Care and Medical Needs shelter of Last Resort in this area, as designated by the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency. This project will improve roadway resiliency within the county and will also address redundancy, strengthening north-south routes in the area. The estimated project funding requested is \$4,096,373.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Baldwin County Commission has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Baldwin County Commission, Central Annex II, located at 22070 Hwy 59, Robertsdale, AL 36567 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 AM to 3 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Baldwin County Commission, Central Annex II, PO Box 220, Silverhill, AL 36576, and (251) 937-0371, Attention: Mark Acreman, PE, Assistant County Engineer. All comments received by **3/12/2026** will be considered by the Baldwin County Commission prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Baldwin County Commission certifies to ADECA that James E. Ball in their capacity as Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Baldwin County Commission to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Baldwin County Commission certification for a period of 18-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the Baldwin County Commission; (b) the Baldwin County Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James E. Ball
Chairman, Baldwin County Commission

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or those requiring language translation services should contact Baldwin County Commission, Highway Department at 251-937-0371.