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\$5.3 Million Beach Express Bridge Expansion Speeds Up

Phase One: No-Stop Tolling Plan

Phase Two: Addition of Third Lane to Begin After Summer Season

ORANGE BEACH, AL, March 26, 2018 – A no-stop, electronic tolling option is set to go live at the Beach Express Bridge in weeks. Phase One of the Beach Express Bridge (BEX) expansion will begin with a technology roll-out to implement video tolling that allows drivers to go through the toll plaza without stopping for a gate to raise.

Using license plate recognition, this plan will speed throughput for those drivers who participate. Customers opening an account between April 2 and June 30, 2018 will receive an additional \$0.25 discount on trips through July 31, 2018. Details will be available on our website www.beachexpress.com for specifics and to sign up.

License plate recognition is set to be operational by Memorial Day weekend.

“We are committed to expediting traffic and serving community needs, while taking care to minimize any interference with seasonal traffic,” said Neal Belitsky, Bridge President. “This new, no-stop capability is timely in light of planned improvements to Canal Road designed to ease local congestion.”

According to Belitsky, Phase Two of BEX’s \$5.3 million investment includes adding a third lane on the bridge.

“Engineering and planning for a third lane is well underway, with work slated to begin after the summer season,” said Belitsky. “When we get to Phase Two the addition of a third, reversible lane combined with widening activities should increase hourly throughput from 1,100 to an estimated 3,200.”

Work planned to begin this Fall includes adding a third reversible lane to the bridge, widening the toll plaza and widening south bound Foley Beach Express north of the plaza. These new bridge enhancements come after an assessment from Alabama Department of Transportation Director, John Cooper concluded that these changes will enhance the flow of traffic in the area.

BEX offers a variety of discount tolling programs for residents. In 2017 toll rates were lowered to \$2.75 for cash customers and \$1.00 for Orange Beach residents with an account. Visit our website at www.beachexpress.com for a complete listing of additional tolls and rates. A Video Tolling trial event is planned for April 16, details to follow.

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