



Beulah Beltway Corridor Public Meeting
Oct. 30, 2017, 6 p.m.

Beulah Beltway FAQs

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What is the purpose of the project?

The Beulah Beltway project will support the tremendous growth and future development in the area. The Beltway will reduce travel times for commuters who live and work in the area by providing faster, more efficient connections to the rest of the county. The Beltway will support and encourage growth in a logical order.

The project will also address the congestion issues in the vicinity of the US 29 interchange at I-10 and increase travel choices by making bicycle and pedestrian facilities available. Additionally, commercial travel will be positively affected as the proposed new interchange at I-10 will provide an added freight transport route connecting to other regional freight transportation facilities.

The Beltway will serve as another connection to I-10 as well as an additional north-south connection to US 29, enhancing the areas hurricane evacuation routes.

What is the Alternative Corridor Evaluation, or ACE, Study Process and why must it be undergone?

The primary purpose is to identify reasonable corridor areas, and to evaluate which corridor(s) should be selected for developing roadway alternatives. The ACE Study provides a coordinated and documented process to make corridor decisions with stakeholder involvement, public input, and resource agency feedback in order to provide early avoidance and minimization of impacts, and consideration/identification of mitigation opportunities. The ACE process must be undergone to be consistent with the federal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Why 1,000-foot corridor study areas for the Beulah Beltway, and what does that mean to me as a property owner?

During this phase of the project, engineers will be evaluating various corridors to determine which one will present the least issues/concerns. The corridor(s) that best meet that criteria advance to the next phase of study, the NEPA required Project Development and Environment Phase, during which road alignments with right-of-way widths from 104 to 225 feet, are to be designed. By using a 1,000-foot wide corridor, designers are able to generally identify a location for these roadways and then further reduce and/or avoid impacts to existing properties.

For the owner of property within a 1,000-foot wide corridor, this means that the road alignment will be developed so that the required right-of-way minimizes or avoids the owners' property as much as feasible. It should be noted, that during the PD&E phase, the alternative road alignments will be further evaluated and compared. The proposed alignment for the Beulah Beltway will not be determined until the conclusion of the PD&E phase during which additional public meetings will be held for further public input.

What is the proposed timeline moving forward? When should I expect the new beltway to be constructed?

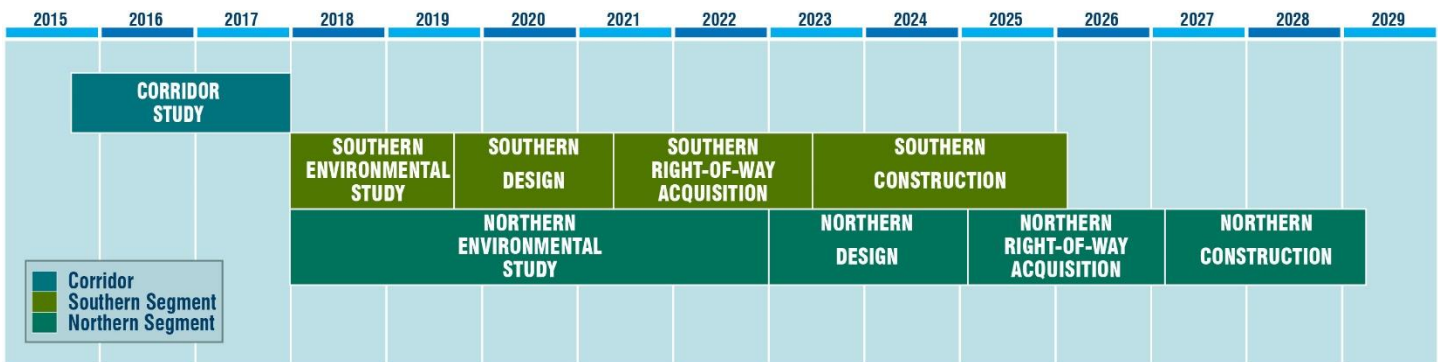
There are five steps in the highway development process:

1. ACE Study
2. PD&E Study
3. Design and Permitting
4. Right-of-Way Acquisition
5. Construction

The ACE Study is scheduled to be complete at the end of this year. Before moving into the PD&E Study, the project will be split into two segments:

- Southern Segment (Nine Mile Road to I-10)
- Northern Segment (I-10 to US 29).

Below is the proposed project timeline in graphical form (note: schedule subject to change):



How do I provide input or comments, and who do I submit them to?

Comments, questions and other input can be provided through the project www.beulahbeltway.com at any time. Alternatively, questions or comments can be sent to the county at Escambia County Public Works Department - Transportation and Traffic Operations Division, 3363 West Park Place, Pensacola, FL 32505. You may also contact the Consultant Project Manager, Mr. Greg Garrett, at Atkins North America, Inc., 2639 N. Monroe Street, Bldg C, Tallahassee, FL 32303, by phone at 850-575-1800, or by e-mail at Greg.Garrett@atkinsglobal.com.

What is the purpose of the October 30 public meeting? Is any new material being presented?

The upcoming public meeting is another opportunity for residents to learn about the proposed beltway and share their opinions. After reviewing the Alternative Corridor Evaluation Report and taking into consideration agency and public comments, the Escambia County Commission at their Sept. 21 meeting, eliminated all but corridors 5 and 7 for further public consideration. The commissioners also recommended a segment, which continues north from Corridor 7 at the proposed W. Quintette Road extension and connects to US 29, to be further considered as well. The recommended corridors and this segment will be shown on boards and in the handouts at the meeting. Staff will be on hand with computer stations setup so attendees can identify the exact location of a property in relation to any of these corridors. If you have already shared your feedback/comments please note that they have been recorded and will be considered.

For more information on this project, please visit www.beulahbeltway.com or contact the Escambia County Public Works Department – Transportation and Traffic Operations Division by phone at 850-595-3404 or traffic@myescambia.com.