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- Studies worthy of note:
 1. Ongoing Gulf Regions emissions air quality study
 2. Escambia County ozone air quality study
 3. "By-pass project" for the Mobile Tunnel
 4. "Route 29 Corridor Study" by the University of West Florida
 5. "Add-lane" study of I-10
 6. Intermodal plan to address cargo movements at the Alabama State Docks

- Continued increases in bus traffic, tourism, shipping, and air cargo will impact the area, as will increases in commuter traffic, short and long-range cargo hauling and commercial ventures.

- Current projects worthy of note:
 1. Planned commercial/industrial parks and a landfill in the vicinity of the I-10 corridor
 2. Expansion and development of the Alabama State Docks
 3. Potential Hyundai Automobile Assembly plant
 4. Carnival Cruise Ship service at Port of Mobile
 5. UPS ground and air cargo activities
 6. North/South connector route from I-10 to I-65 for hurricane evacuation
 7. Capacity improvement initiative to reconfigure the Davis Highway/Pensacola Interchange near I-59 and I-10

- Need to improve ingress and egress for the Alabama State Docks

- Lane and expansion restrictions on I-10 as the result of Mobile Tunnel

- New Federal Hour of Service rules pending for truckers – these will impose a maximum on-duty period of eight hours and may affect all commerce routes, especially I-10, with regards to truck parking and thoroughfares.

- Increased use of intracoastal waterway (short-sea shipping and ocean-going barges) could provide relief for highways.