

## Why this connector road should not be built.

1) **Not Needed –**

A “Boondoggle” - work that is wasteful or pointless but gives the appearance of having value

- Widening Popp's Ferry Rd to 5 lanes from Margaret Sherry to Pass Rd. and building a new 4 lane Popp's Ferry bridge would increase the roadway capacity to 29,640 which would exceed projected 2030 needs **without the Connector**. See table below from the Comprehensive Plan.

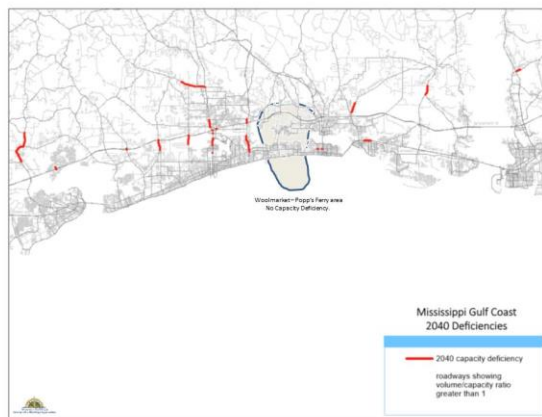
Table 4.1 / Traffic Volumes and Projections

Roadway Segment	2007 ADT	2030 Projected ADT	Roadway Capacity
Popp's Ferry Rd between Atkinson & Sunkist	22,000	24,900	15,540 **
Popp's Ferry Rd between Riverview & Cedar Lake	19,500	19,650	29,640
Cedar Lake Rd between Popp's Ferry & I-10	24,000	31,800	29,640

\*\* When increased from 3 lanes to 5 lanes the Roadway Capacity will increase from 15,540 to 29,640.

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Although major capital investments are still needed to meet growing travel demand, large-scale projects involving new roadway construction or lane additions are few and far between primarily because of the costs involved. In the absence of the unlimited funding required to build more roads than there are cars to fill them, there is a need to investigate more affordable ways to mitigate congestion.



- **Census Data: Note:** We are still 10% below the 2005 population.

Annual Estimates of Resident Population

	2005	2006	2009	2010	2014*
Biloxi	50,579	46,246	45,766	45,766	44,984

Sources: Annual Estimates of Resident Population, U.S. Census Bureau; \*HCDC Data & Demographics at mscoast.org,

\*US Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045214/2806220,00>

- 2) **Adverse effect on businesses located on Cedar Lake and Popp's Ferry corridor.**  
Traffic would be diverted from the Cedar Lake exit and allowed to bypass Cedar Lake and Popp's Ferry Commercial establishments which so heavily rely on traffic volume.
- 3) **Adverse effect on nearby homeowner property values and neighborhoods.**  
Roadway speeds bordering residential neighborhoods would be increased, truck traffic and subdivisions would have more restricted access causing more traffic buildup in your neighborhood.
- 4) **Adverse impact on the recreational use of the Tchoutaccabouffa River,**  
Including fishing, quiet enjoyment, water sports, including kayaking, skiing, etc.
- 5) **Environmental issues**  
Construction and operation of a connector across the Tchoutaccabouffa River would have an irrecoverable detrimental impact on the pristine river, adjacent wetlands and estuary.  
  
Recreational use of the river would be irreparably impaired.  
  
Mississippi residents would be losing more of a most valued and limited resource.  
  
Noise pollution would be exacerbated and affect all adjacent communities surrounding the river.  
  
Rare and endangered species that nest and populate the area would be threatened, i.e., Ospreys, Wintering White Pelicans, Cormorants, Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles.
- 6) **Tax Increase**  
Your taxes will likely have to increase to pay for the road and its maintenance.