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This document lists all Federal, State, and local elected officials contacted by the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in connection with the above referenced Dockets No. FD 36727 and 36732.

Federal

- United States Representative Barry Moore
- United States Representative Terri Sewell
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State

- Mississippi State Senator Jeff Tate
- Alabama State Senator Kirk Hatcher
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Local

- Lauderdale County Administrator Chris Lafferty
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- Michael Cook, Wilcox County Board of Commissioners, Director
- Carolyn Posey, 4th Judicial Circuit Court of Alabama
- Daniel Harris, Jr., Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, District 1
- Carmen Moore-Zeigler, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, District 2
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- Tony L. Cherry, Choctaw County Board of Commissioners, District 1
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- Mayor Gwendolyn Rodgers, City of Linden
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- Warren “Billy” Young, City of Selma City Council, President
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- Eli Seaborn, Town of White Hall, Council Member
- Bertha White, Town of White Hall, City Clerk
- Mayor Jimmie Smith, City of Meridian
- George M. Thomas, Meridian City Council, Ward 1
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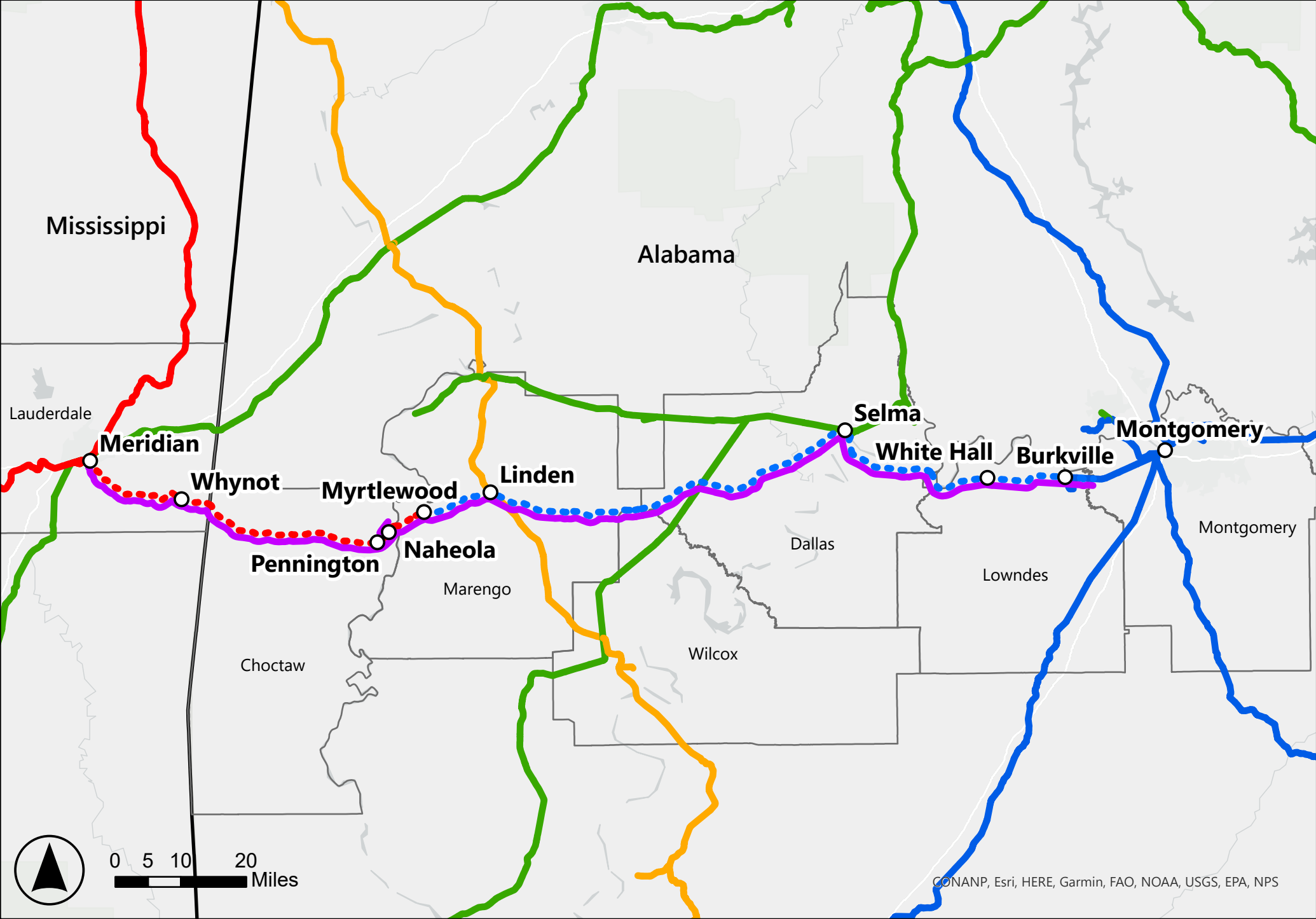
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