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- Kimberly Bouchard, Regional Director, BIA – Eastern Region
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- Lauderdale County Department of Human Resources
- Carolyn Mooney, Chancery Clerk, Lauderdale County Chancery Clerk
- Billy Sollie, Sheriff, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Office
- Sharon B. Hilbish, ACTA, Commissioner of Revenue, Marengo County Office of Revenue
- Jo Ellen Martin, Director, Marengo County Economic Development Authority
- Richard E. Ben Bates, Marengo County Sheriff's Office
- Earnest Ivey Evans, Sheriff, Wilcox, County Sheriff's Office
- James Williams, Director, Montgomery County Department of Parks and Recreation
- Montgomery County Department of Engineering
- Ken Ward, Manager of Public Affairs, Montgomery County,
- Derrick Cunningham, Sheriff, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
- John Creel, Director, Dallas County Government – Environmental Services
- David Butts, Engineer, Lowndes County Government – Highway Department
- Thomas Ellis, President, Lowndes County Economic Development Commission

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- Robert E. Smith Jr., Director, City of Montgomery Department of Planning
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- Wesley Cox, Director, City of Montgomery Office of Traffic Engineering
- David Card, Director, City of Montgomery Office of Parks and Recreation
- City of Montgomery Department of Community Development
- Henry Hicks, Director, City of Selma Public Works Department
- Danielle Wooten, Director, City of Selma Planning Department
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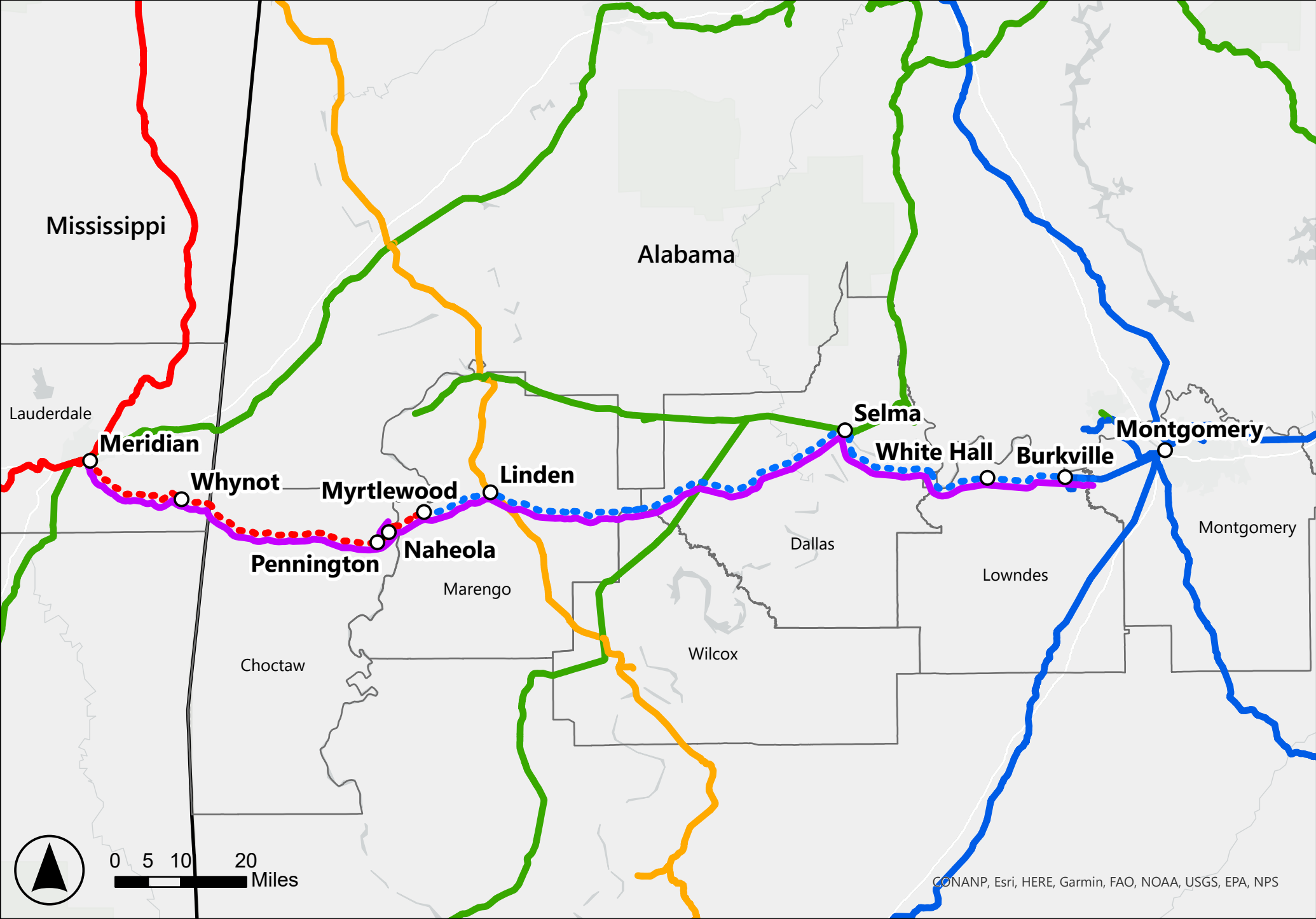
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