

# Marine Highway M-65

**Sponsor:** Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority

**Supporters:** State of Alabama, Alabama State Port Authority, West Virginia DOT, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority, Port Itawamba, Lowndes County Port Authority, and the Coalition of Alabama Waterway Association, Inc.

**Landside Route Served:** Interstate-65

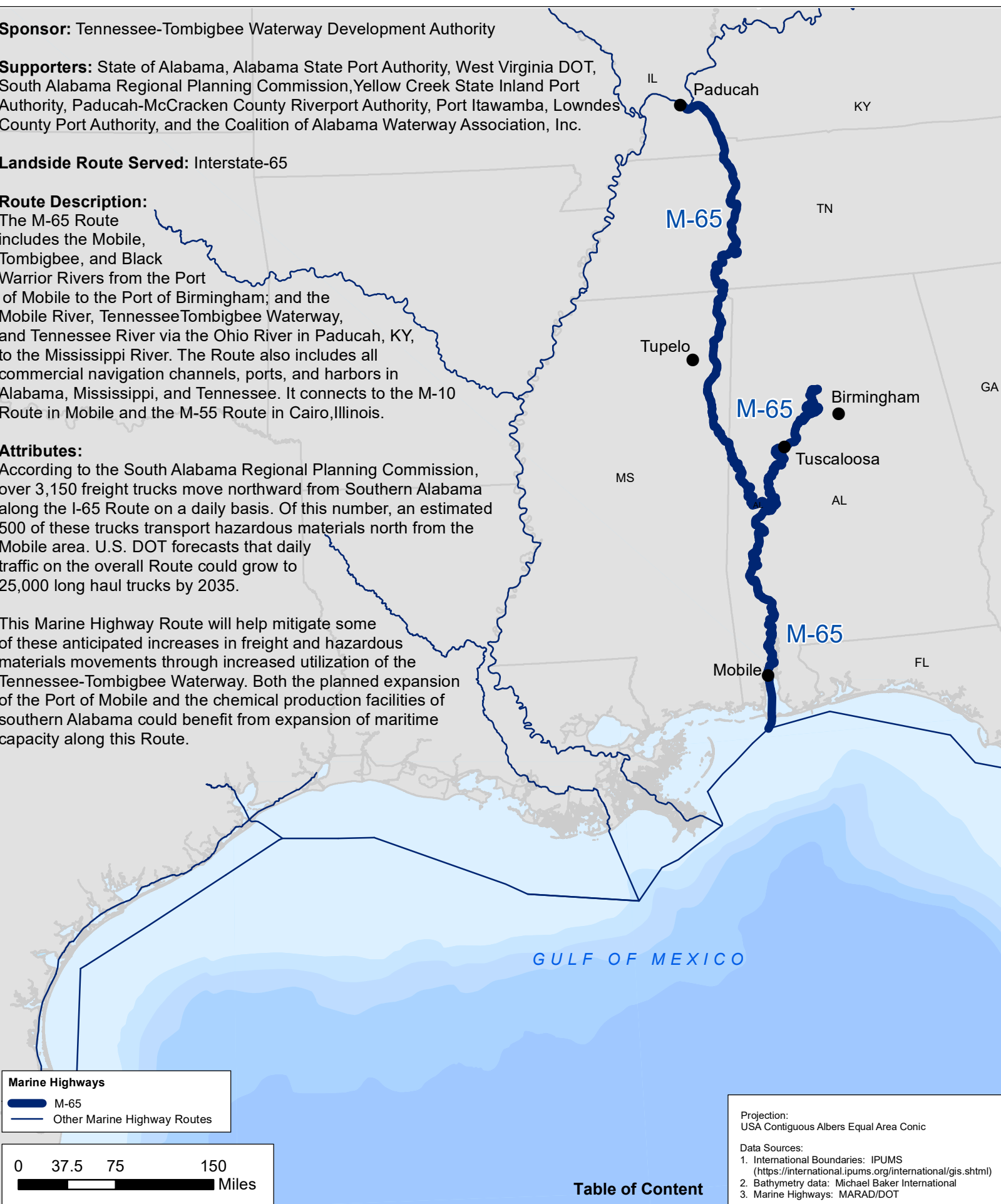
**Route Description:**

The M-65 Route includes the Mobile, Tombigbee, and Black Warrior Rivers from the Port of Mobile to the Port of Birmingham; and the Mobile River, Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, and Tennessee River via the Ohio River in Paducah, KY, to the Mississippi River. The Route also includes all commercial navigation channels, ports, and harbors in Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. It connects to the M-10 Route in Mobile and the M-55 Route in Cairo, Illinois.

**Attributes:**

According to the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, over 3,150 freight trucks move northward from Southern Alabama along the I-65 Route on a daily basis. Of this number, an estimated 500 of these trucks transport hazardous materials north from the Mobile area. U.S. DOT forecasts that daily traffic on the overall Route could grow to 25,000 long haul trucks by 2035.

This Marine Highway Route will help mitigate some of these anticipated increases in freight and hazardous materials movements through increased utilization of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Both the planned expansion of the Port of Mobile and the chemical production facilities of southern Alabama could benefit from expansion of maritime capacity along this Route.



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Data Sources:

1. International Boundaries: IPUMS (<https://international.ipums.org/international/gis.shtml>)
2. Bathymetry data: Michael Baker International
3. Marine Highways: MARAD/DOT