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DATE: April 4, 2016

ISSUE: 2016 TIGER Grant Application.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Authorize staff to pursue TIGER Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for construction of multimodal transportation infrastructure in the Waterway Village District of the City of Gulf Shores.

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant Program provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated more than \$4.6 billion for seven rounds to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

The City, in partnership with ALDOT and private landowners, would like to apply for funding through the TIGER program for the "**Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project**", a system of roads and pedestrian access improvements that will create economic opportunities, improve traffic conditions, enhance pedestrian access/safety, and increase community resilience for our region.

Components of the project (See Attached Map) will include a major pedestrian bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway, a new road connecting the Gulf Shores Business and Aviation Park to the Waterway Village business district, as well as street improvements throughout the district. The proposed improvements will provide multimodal connectivity between the airport, business aviation park, Foley Beach Express, intracoastal canal waterfront, mixed use business districts, the beach front economic center, and residential areas in Gulf shores.

The total project cost is estimated at **\$15,240,000** (See Attached Budget). The federal share from the TIGER program is estimated at **\$7,620,000** (50%). The City's total match is estimated at **\$4,343,000**; with the remainder of non-federal funds coming from ALDOT and private landowners.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council previously approved an application for a 2015 TIGER Grant for this project. The application did not receive funding last year, but was given a favorable review by DOT and recommended for re-submittal in 2016.



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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Total Project Cost: **\$15,240,000**
Federal Match: **\$7,620,000**
City Match: **\$4,343,000**
ALDOT Match: **\$1,652,000**
Private Partner Match: **\$1,625,000**

The City will have to cover construction costs and DOT will reimburse quarterly. The project is expected to take three years to complete, starting in FY 2017. The annual budget implications for the City are:

FY 2017 – City will cover engineering, permitting, and CE&I costs (\$1,562,000) in 2016 as part of City match. As construction begins, City will cover costs and submit quarterly invoices to DOT for reimbursement.

Total Budget Implication FY 2017 - \$5,080,000 Total with 50-75% reimbursed, \$1,562,000 City Expense

FY 2018 – Project will be constructed in phases – roads, pedestrian bridge, and sidewalks. City will cover construction costs as each phase is started and submit quarterly invoices to DOT for reimbursement.

Total Budget Implication FY 2017 - \$5,080,000 with 50-75% reimbursed.

FY 2019 – Project will continue as in FY 2017 until completion.

Total Budget Implication FY 2018 - \$5,080,000, with 50-75% reimbursed.

RELATED ISSUES: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Map, Estimated Budget

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