

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

April 26, 2016

Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support for the City of Gulf Shores who will be applying for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)* grant program to assist in construction of the Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project.

The proposed project will construct necessary vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation infrastructure to create a walkable, mixed-use neighborhood and business district that will geographically diversify the economy of the Gulf Shores area. The project will expand bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the Waterway Village District and across the Intracoastal Canal. Vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access will connect State Highway 59 to the Jack Edwards Airport, Gulf Shores Business and Aviation Park, and County Road 4 to the Foley Beach Express. These improvements will promote economic development, private investment, and job creation throughout Gulf Shores. Additionally, the project will improve public safety and community resilience by increasing regional connectivity that is critical to successful evacuation efforts during storm events, or other natural disasters.

Specifically, if awarded, funding would help fund three miles of complete streets, including a one mile extension of Waterway East Boulevard. The construction of 1.5 miles of roadway will aid in providing access to the Future Terminal Area of the Jack Edwards Airport. Along State Highway 59 (Gulf Shores Parkway), a pedestrian bridge will accommodate foot traffic, and a one mile widening of Highway 59 will provide an additional southbound lane and turning lane onto 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to help alleviate congestion. Finally, these TIGERS funds will help construct three miles of sidewalks within the Waterway Village District.

I respectfully request that you give the City of Gulf Shores' application every consideration. If you feel that I may be of further assistance or can provide you with any additional information, please don't hesitate to let me know.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



Bradley Byrne  
Member of Congress

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