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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

**RE: Project Support and Multi-Year Fiscal Participation
for the City of Gulf Shores 2016 TIGER Grant Application
Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project**

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) fully supports the City of Gulf Shores' application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program for the "Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project". The State of Alabama has also agreed to provide multi-year financial support and participation in the project. ALDOT will provide \$1,648,000 in matching funds for the project. This commitment of funding by the State of Alabama underscores the significance of the regional impacts it will certainly have on the project.

The Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project will construct much needed vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation infrastructure. The proposed project includes the construction of a new pedestrian bridge, improvements to a major traffic corridor, enhancements to the Jack Edwards Airport and Business Park, and complete streets throughout the Waterway Village District.

The project will promote economic development, private investment, and job creation throughout the Gulf Shores area. Public safety, traffic conditions, and regional connectivity will also improve significantly. These improvements will promote community resilience by creating a walkable, mixed-use neighborhood and business center located away from the existing beach front economic center. The overall impact of the project will be to improve the sustainability of the region, the quality of life for residents of and visitors to Gulf Shores.

It is anticipated that this project will greatly improve traffic conditions in the area; and ALDOT is excited to be a partner with the City of Gulf Shores in this endeavor. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information to you regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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