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Honorable Robert Craft, Mayor
City of Gulf Shores
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Dear Mayor Craft:

I am writing in support of the City of Gulf Shores' 2016 USDOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program grant application for the Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project. I understand this is a very important grant for your city.

I understand this project includes transportation infrastructure in the Waterway Village District of the City of Gulf Shores, including 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 pedestrian and bicycle shared-use paths throughout the district.

The project will also greatly improve traffic conditions on HWY 59 by adding an additional southbound lane to the existing bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway. This project will surely improve vehicle and pedestrian access and safety in the area, create new economic opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for residents of and visitors to Gulf Shores. These improvements are so important to our citizens and our businesses.

I will be pleased to provide any supporting information you deem necessary. I strongly support this proposal and am willing to assist in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Tim Russell
Judge of Probate

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