



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**DATE:** January 19, 2026

**TO:** Mayor Craft and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Dan Bond, Director of Natural Resources

**ISSUE:** 2025 GOMESA Grant Award – Waterway Village Pedestrian Park Project (\$3.6M)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the Mayor to accept the award and execute GOMESA Grant Agreement G-GSWVPP/25/CGS with ADCNR for the construction of the Waterway Village Pedestrian Bridge Park Project in an amount **not to exceed \$3,606,465**.

**BACKGROUND:** The Waterway Village Pedestrian Park project has been selected by ADCNR for GOMESA 2025 funding. The GOMESA Act created revenue sharing provisions for the four Gulf oil and gas producing states (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas) and their coastal political subdivisions (CPS's). These projects focus on environmental education and outreach, boating access, water quality improvements, recreational access improvements and other important projects that are included in the original intent and authorized use of GOMESA funds.

This project will construct a pedestrian park on both the north and south sides of the Intracoastal Waterway in Gulf Shores in coordination with the City's Pedestrian Bridge Project. The pedestrian bridge will be an iconic structure across the ICW, providing safe pedestrian and bicycle access across the canal. Utilizing GOMESA funding, the Waterway Village Pedestrian Parks Project will create vibrant, accessible public plazas at the north and south landings of the bridge, including restrooms, sidewalks, shade trees, seating and viewing areas, and event spaces. The project will enhance public access and recreational opportunities in the City's Waterway Village District.

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$3,606,465.16 which will be funded entirely by the GOMESA funds. The City has contracted with WAS Design for Engineering and Design of the project at a cost of \$190,000 per Resolution No. 7055-25. Construction will start in Summer 2026 and will take approximately 12-14 months to complete.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 7055-25 on November 19, 2025 authorizing a contract with WAS Design for Engineering and Design of the project at a cost of \$190,000.
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 6785-24 on January 22, 2024. This project was approved to permit construction of the Pedestrian Bridge and included streetscape improvements to the existing roadways of E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, E 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, E 3<sup>rd</sup> St, and E 24<sup>th</sup> Ave as required for the construction of the Bridge.
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**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** If approved by Council, funds from the total grant amount of \$3,606,465 will be added by amendment as needed to the 2026 Budget, with the remaining funds necessary to complete the project included in the 2027 Budget.



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**RELATED ISSUES:** Waterway Village Pedestrian Bridge, E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Streetscape associated with Pedestrian Bridge project, Waterway East Blvd RESTORE Project, Canal Road RESTORE Project.

**ATTACHMENTS:** GOMESA Waterway Village Pedestrian Park Project Concept

**DEPARTMENT:** Natural Resources, Executive

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