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DATE: 08/15/2019

ISSUE: Gulf Shores 2019 Transportation Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Gulf Shores 2019 Transportation Plan to meet the eligibility requirements of HB 2 Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Funds. Included in the Gulf Shores 2019 Transportation Plan are the following projects that the City Council also adopted in the 2019 Capital Budget:

1. Coastal Gateway Boulevard Widening / Improvements
2. Gulf Beach Walking District Improvements
3. Gulf Shores Business and Aviation Park Commerce Drive extension
4. Annual City Streets Resurfacing and Pedestrian Improvements

BACKGROUND: The Alabama Legislature recently passed a statewide gas tax increase to help with transportation infrastructure funding. Of the new taxes collected by the Alabama Department of Revenue:

- 8.33% shall be allocated and disbursed to the municipalities of the state to be used for transportation infrastructure improvement, preservation and maintenance, as provided for in this act, as follows:
 - 25% of this amount shall be allocated equally among the municipalities of the state.
 - 75% of this amount shall be allocated among the municipalities of the state on the basis of the ratio of the population of each municipality to the total population of all municipalities of the state according to the last and any subsequent federal decennial census commencing April 1, 2010.

Based on the above breakdown, Gulf Shores would stand to receive approximately \$48,000 in 2020, \$64,000 in 2021 and \$80,000 annually thereafter. To be eligible to receive these funds, each municipality must:

1. Adopt an Annual Transportation Plan by August 31st
2. Post the Transportation Plan for the general public to view
3. Create an Receivable and Expenditure for the Rebuild Alabama Monies
4. The City will utilize Pre-Approved ALDOT Contractors and Material Suppliers to implement the Transportation Plan
5. Each January the City Engineer will present to the Council a written report detailing expenditures made from the fund and the status of the adopted Transportation Plan



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6. Each October 1st the City shall provide a list of contractors who have been awarded projects to the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House, and the Chair of the Joint Transportation Committee
7. The City shall publish the project plans and bid openings on a website maintained by the League of Municipalities
8. The City shall follow State Bid Laws when awarding contracts and follow State closeout procedures

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: The City would have an additional revenue source to fund annual transportation improvements.

RELATED ISSUES: None

ATTACHMENTS:

- HB 2 Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Funds supporting information

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