April 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: The Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project TIGER 2016 Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Delta Bike Project, I would like to express support for the City of Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's TIGER grant program.

As one of the fastest growing areas of Alabama, the City of Gulf Shores is in a prime position to become a key bicycle friendly destination for the State. The Intracoastal Canal is a significant barrier to pedestrians and people on bikes that prevents many people from accessing miles and miles of existing bike/ped infrastructure. Creating access across the Canal will spur economic development and provide much needed access to recreation, retail and jobs.

The Delta Bike Project envisions a world made healthier through the increase of people using bicycles for environmental, social, creative and practical purposes. We believe that cycling and its benefits should be made equally accessible to people from all walks of life. We see that the promotion of the social and educational aspects of cycling creates empowered individuals and communities. We see the intrinsic value cycling has for developing community, and we acknowledge that as our culture and infrastructure become more inclusive of bicycles, quality of life is enhanced for all.

I am pleased to support the City of Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project and would urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to strongly consider the City's application.

Sincerely,

Jeff DeQuattro
Executive Director
Delta Bike Project

CC:
Senator Ricard Shelby
Senator Jefferson Sessions
Congressman Bradley Byrne