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Honorable Robert Craft, Mayor
City of Gulf Shores
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Regarding: City of Gulf Shores BUILD Grant

Dear Mayor Craft,

It is my understanding the City of Gulf Shores is applying for funds from the BUILD Grant to aid in the construction and completion of Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project. I've had the opportunity to review the proposed changes and additions this project would fund if granted.

Of particular interest to me, is the improvement of existing roadways and access points to several critical areas in Gulf Shores. As you are aware, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office is responsible for assisting in any emergency response and ordered evacuations of the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach area during a time of emergency. In the past, we have dealt with several congested areas around the Highway 59 area, near the bridge which crosses the intracoastal canal. We have also had issues in responding to various areas in the Gulf Shores area because of restricted access across the intracoastal canal.

I believe this project will greatly improve our emergency response and ability to evacuate the area in times of impending disaster. I am particularly impressed with the access this will also grant to the area around Jack Edwards airport. I am aware Jack Edwards airport is also looking at future expansion which will be critical to our area. Should we have a large-scale disaster the Jack Edwards airport will be a focal point for disaster relief and even perhaps a staging point for emergency medical response. The addition of the new medical complex and proximity to the airport will greatly enhance this as well.

I believe the plan that you are presenting to acquire the BUILD grant is not only a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the existing area, as well as community benefit, but also is very important to our expansion of emergency operations.

I will be glad to offer any assistance in support to this project in the future.

Sincerely,



Huey Hoss Mack
Sheriff