



October 23, 2018

Mayor Robert Craft
P.O. Box 299
Gulf Shores, AL 36547

WAYNE T. SMITH
*Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer*

Dear Mayor Craft:

It is my pleasure to write a letter supporting the City of Gulf Shores and the Gulf Shores Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project in conjunction with the BUILD Grant request.

On behalf of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, its staff and the patients in our community, I want to emphasize the critical importance of transportation as it relates to the timeliness and effectiveness in our delivery of healthcare services. As the primary healthcare provider in Southern Baldwin County, we fully support this important project to create and enhance traffic flow to the key access points in our community. This includes improved access to our main hospital campus as well as our proposed Free Standing Emergency Department and the many traffic arteries feeding these sites. As you are aware, traffic congestion along our community's busiest road, Highway 59 and other coastal corridors, will be substantially aided by these improvements.

As a healthcare provider we recognize the clear evidence where minutes count when dealing with medical conditions such as heart attacks, strokes and trauma related events. Our ability to return people to good health and save lives is impacted by the timeliness by which patients can reach our services. By securing funds made available by the BUILD Grant, the City of Gulf Shores will significantly improve roadway congestion and access to emergency healthcare services for all of the Coastal Region of Baldwin County.

In conclusion, we fully support the efforts to obtain funding in support of the above referenced project. This project will benefit not only the residents of our community but have far reaching benefits to those who visit our coastal communities from throughout Alabama and the Southeast. We appreciate the efforts and foresight in planning for and enhancing access to healthcare delivery for our facilities. If I can answer any questions or be of any further service, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne T. Smith", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Wayne T. Smith
Chairman and
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