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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to express my support for the grant application submitted by the City of Gulf Shores to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the FY 2019 National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD) grant program.

This funding would support the implementation of the Waterway Village Multimodal Access Project, a network of roadway, intersection, and pedestrian access improvements that will improve traffic conditions, enhance regional connectivity, create economic opportunities, improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, and increase community resilience. The project will increase capacity along State Highway 59 from County Road 6 to Clubhouse Drive by adding an additional southbound lane, constructing a new pedestrian bridge across the Intercoastal Waterway, adding pedestrian improvements and complete streets throughout the Waterway Village District, improving intersections, and the construction of new medical facility access roads on Highway 59. These improvements will promote economic development in the area, improve traffic congestion along Highway 59, and provide additional evacuation route connectivity during natural disasters.

This project is a priority for the City of Gulf Shores and the surrounding area. I hope you will agree that this project has merit and is worthy of funding. If I can answer any questions or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Doug Jones  
United States Senator

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