

August 2, 2022

Mr. John R. Cooper, Transportation Director
Alabama Department of Transportation
1701 I-65 West Service Road North
Mobile, Alabama 36618

**RE: 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Opportunity I-10 Mobile River
Bridge and Bayway Project**

Dear Mr. Cooper,

We are writing to support the Alabama Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program Grant application through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The I-10 Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project is an important transportation infrastructure project that will improve mobility, safety, security, and efficiency along the I-10 corridor in Mobile and Baldwin Counties in Southwest Alabama.

Corridor studies identified needs and strategies to improve freight operations and mobility throughout the I-10 corridor, which connects eight states. The South Alabama region is experiencing tremendous growth – the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project is vital and will provide great benefits for citizens, travelers, and businesses, as well as regional and interstate commerce.

As key stakeholders along the corridor, and ones who will benefit greatly from the infrastructure improvements, we fully support efforts to fund and deliver this key infrastructure.

Should you have any questions regarding our endorsement, or if we can support the grant application effort in any other way, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your leadership in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. BALL, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission