

August 12, 2022

Baldwin County Commission Chairman 322 Courthouse Square, Bay Minette, Alabama 36507



Dear Commissioner Ball;

The City of Foley is applying for a grant to create an action plan in preparation for potential future grant applications for projects that might fit the goals of the SS4A grant program (Safe Streets and Roads for All program managed by U.S. Department of Transportation). One of the criteria used in measuring the scoring of a municipality is an analysis of historically disadvantaged communities. They look at census tracts in areas served by the city, and based upon the scoring of those census tracts, a grade is developed that they look at, along with other scoring criteria.

I am writing to you to seek the Commissions support of the City of Foley including Census tract 110 in our analysis. A municipality can include any census tract in which they offer services to people within tract. In this case, census tract 110 touches the city municipal line north of the city along CR32. Within this census tract, the City of Foley provides primary fire service in areas of unincorporated Baldwin County due to our 1.5 mile police jurisdiction in which Foley fire service is provided. We also provide mutual aid fire service in a portion of the census tract that falls within both Summerdale's and Elberta's police jurisdiction. Because of that service, and with the support of the Baldwin County Commission, we can include census tract 110 in our application which would help our scoring regarding historically disadvantaged communities, and therefore would better our chances of securing grants from the program in the future.

Our application for the action plan grant is due September 15th and we would like to include either a letter of support or a resolution from the County Commission supporting our inclusion of census tract 110 within our scoring analysis.

Sincerely,

Ralph G. Hellmich Mayor – City of Foley