

# TOWN OF SUMMERDALE

SUMMERDALE, AL

Mayor David P. Wilson

July 2, 2021

Town Clerk Tiffany Lynn

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation Council Members 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

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RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Summerdale, I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS). This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

BAMS will progress transportation connections to meet growth and support economic opportunities in south Baldwin County by advancing a 10-mile extension of the Eastern Shore Trail, a non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian facility, along US-98 and South Hickory Street and by improving County Road 65 from County Road 10 to Couch Plant Road. Comprehensive planning and design within the project area will advance important considerations for transportation connections and environmental planning.

The Co Rd 65 improvement would run along the West corridor of the Town of Summerdale. Originally, the 180 acres property located at the north end of Co Rd 65 was zoned as an industrial park to hopefully attract support industries for Austal and Airbus. After many years of marketing the properties, it was determined that Co Rd 65, due to being a dirt road and that the ingress and egress to the property was not suitable for large trucks, and that proper red lights were not at any intersections along highway 59, that the owner of the properties re-zoned to a mobile home district and has failed to have any sales to date. Also, the corridor is needed to allow for an additional route to and from the south end of the county due to the increased growth and volume of traffic. This corridor could also double as great walking and bike routes for the people.

Baldwin County is the fastest growing county by population growth in Alabama, with an associated growing demand for efficient movement of people and goods. Baldwin County continues to lead Alabama in incoming migration with over 100 people moving to the county each week.

For this reason, Summerdale endorses this RAISE grant application. We recognize the value of this project and the role it plays in improving the safe and reliable operation of our transportation networks for commerce, the traveling public, and our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely

Mayor David Wilson



REP. MATT SIMPSON DISTRICT 96

REP. T. JOE FAUST DISTRICT 94

REP. STEPHEN A. MCMILLAN DISTRICT 95

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REP. HARRY SHIVER DISTRICT 64

REP. ALAN BAKER DISTRICT 66

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant

Dear Secretary Buttigieg;

As the members of the Alabama State Legislature who represent Baldwin County, we are pleased to show our support for the RAISE Grant that has been submitted on behalf of the Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS). This project's primary goals are improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are at an accelerating pace, connecting the underserved areas to state and local parks and recreation areas and preserving right-of-way usage for future broadband improvements for our rural communities.

Since 2011, Baldwin County is the fastest growing County in Alabama, with thousands of new residents coming each and every year. We are the eighth fastest growing Metropolitan Statistical Area in the country, and we are in definite need of infrastructure projects to keep up with the accelerated growth and our tourist traffic, as we are also home to Alabama's major beach areas.

BAMS will promote safety, environmental concerns and reliability of highway and pedestrian transportation through south Baldwin by extending several miles of the Eastern Shore Trail, which is a non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian facility that is parallel to US-98, CR 65 and CR-20. This will connect with the Foley Sports Complex to the southern terminus of the Eastern Shore Trail and improve CR-65 from CR-12 north to the Summerdale Industrial Park. This project will be a tremendous asset to Baldwin County and greatly needed in the area.

We sincerely hope that you will give this project its appropriate consideration and approve the RAISE Grant. Continued infrastructure investment in Baldwin County is vital to our ability to be able to grow, thrive and drive the economic engine for our families here and for the state of Alabama.

Sincerely,

Sen. Greg Albritton Sen. District 22

Rep. Joe Faust House District 94

Rep. Matt Simpson House District 96 Sen. Chris Elliott Sen. District 32

Rep. Steve McMillan House District 95 Rep. Alan Baker House District 66

Rep. Harry Shiver House District 64 TOMMY TUBERVILLE

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June 28, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Transportation Discretionary Grant

#### Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to provide my support for the RAISE grant that has been submitted on behalf of "Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project" also know as BAMS. The primary goals of this program is to improve motorist and pedestrian safety along all critical routes that are at a accelerating pace, connect the underserved areas to state and local parks and recreation area, provide improved access to places of employment, and preserve right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

Baldwin County is the fastest growing County in Alabama and has been since 2011. With this rapid growth in migration to the area where over 100 people move to the county every week. Baldwin County is the 8th fastest growing Metropolitan Statistical Area in the Country. The county

is in need of infrastructure projects to keep up with the accelerated growth. Baldwin County is the home of Alabama beaches, the number one destination for tourist.

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Please note my support and interest and grant all due and appropriate consideration. If you need to reach out to a member of my staff, please contact Patty Etheridge at 202-941-1010 or email her at <a href="mailto:Patty\_Etheridge@tuberville.senate.gov">Patty\_Etheridge@tuberville.senate.gov</a>. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Tommy Tuberville United States Senator WEB PAGE: www.carl.house.gov

House Armed Services Committee
House Natural Resources Committee

U.S. House of Representatives

Mashington, DC July 2, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20003-3660

Dear Honorable Buttigieg,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my strong support for Baldwin County's application for a *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)* grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. If awarded, this grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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It is my pleasure to support Baldwin County in any way possible, and I am hopeful that their application will be successful. If you feel that I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Jerry Carl

Member of Congress

JC/bj

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July 01, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re:

RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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For this reason, the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance endorses this RAISE grant application. We recognize the value of this project and the role it plays in improving the safe and reliable operation of our transportation networks for commerce, the traveling public, and our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Lee Lawson, President/CEO

Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance

### **EASTERN SHORE MPO**

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July 1, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Eastern Shore Metropolitan Planning Organization (ESMPO), I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Sarah Hart Sislak MPO Coordinator



## **South Alabama Regional Planning Commission**

William S. Stimpson, Chairman • Charles H. Murphy, Vice-Chairman

James R. Staff, Secretary - Treasurer • John F. Rhodes, Executive Director

June 30, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

**Dear Secretary Buttigieg:** 

On behalf of South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC), I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

John F. Rhodes

**Executive Director, SARPC** 



July 2, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce 800 business members and the Board of Directors, I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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For this reason, the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce endorses this RAISE grant application. We recognize the value of this project and the role it plays in improving the safe and reliable operation of our transportation networks for commerce, the traveling public, and our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Doma H. Watts

President and CEO



July 2, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Town of Magnolia Springs, I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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For this reason, the Town of Magnolia Springs endorses this RAISE grant application. We recognize the value of this project and the role it plays in improving the safe and reliable operation of our transportation networks for commerce, the traveling public, and our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kim Koniar, Mayor

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# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 1, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

RE: RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

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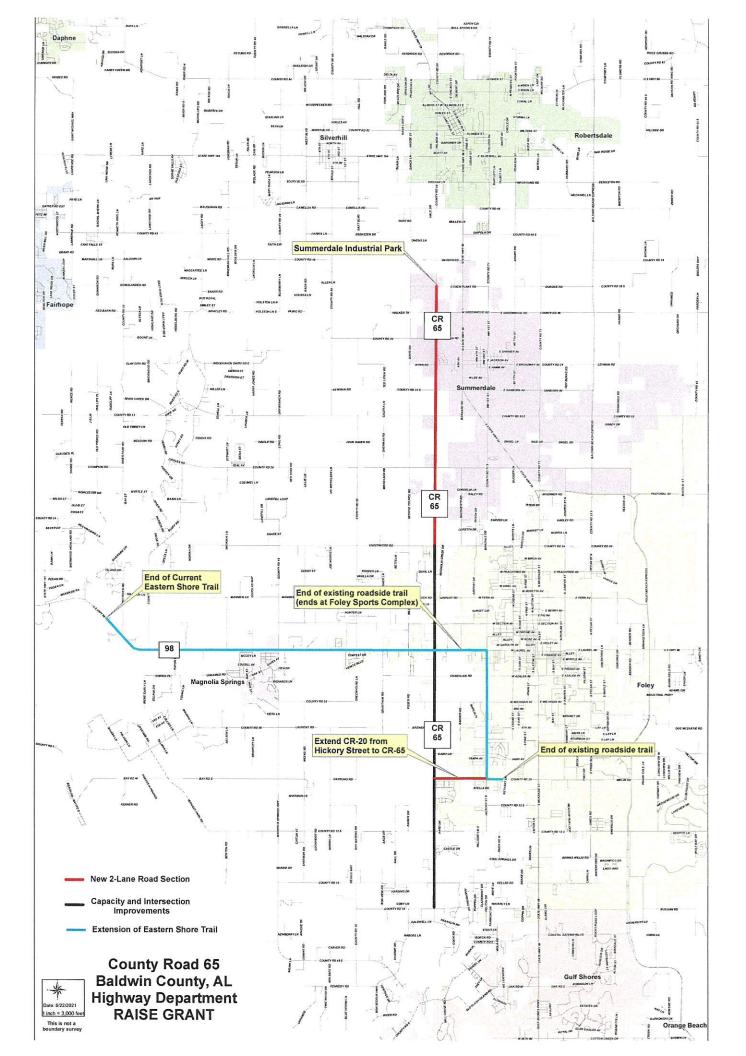
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Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Ericksen, P.E. Southwest Region Engineer

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July 01, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application; Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Foley, I am pleased to express our support for Baldwin County's application for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to advance the *Baldwin Area Multimodal Safety Project (BAMS)*. This grant will support comprehensive planning and design to advance long-term goals of improving motorist and pedestrian safety along critical routes that are experiencing significant growth, connecting underserved areas to state and local park and recreation facilities, providing improved access to employment centers and shopping, and preserving right of way for future broadband improvements to rural communities.

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For this reason, the City of Foley endorses this RAISE grant application. We recognize the value of this project and the role it plays in improving the safe and reliable operation of our transportation networks for commerce, the traveling public, and our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Ralph G. Hellmich, Mayor

