Mobile River Bridge Supporter:

The purpose of this letter is to seek your written endorsement of a project that will greatly improve transportation mobility, safety, security and efficiency along the I-10 corridor of Mobile County in Southwest Alabama.

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is preparing a grant request to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), under the INFRA Grant program, to design and construct additional roadway along the I-10 corridor. Specifically, this project is:

• <u>I-10 Mobile River Bridge & Bayway</u>

This project will greatly increase the capacity and safety of the I-10 corridor by adding 3 lanes in each direction providing relief at the heavily congested Wallace Tunnels. The new project will also ultimately replace the existing Bayway with a new 8 lane facility at an elevation above the 100 year storm event elevation and modify five (5) interchanges.

As a key stakeholder along the project corridor and one who stands to benefit greatly from the new bridge and Bayway replacement, I am seeking your support and endorsement of this project. I have attached draft letter of support for consideration and hope you will be able to express your support for the project by sending this or similar letter of support to me by October 13, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this project or the INFRA Grant process, please feel free to contact me or our Mobile River Bridge & Bayway Project Director, Mr. Matt Ericksen, at (251) 331-0038 or email him at ericksenm@dot.state.al.us. Thank you for your cooperation in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

John R. Cooper Transportation Director

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