



October 3, 2017

Mr. John R. Cooper, Transportation Director
Alabama Department of Transportation
1701 I-65 West Service Road North
Mobile, Alabama 36618-1109

Attention: Mr. Vincent E. Calametti, P.E

Dear Mr. Cooper:

RE: INFRA Project Grant Application Support
CONNECT Mobile – Creating Opportunity Networks for New Economic Connections Today

Thank you for your letter requesting our agency's endorsement of this important transportation infrastructure project, which will improve transportation mobility, safety, security, and efficiency along the I-10 corridor in Mobile and Baldwin Counties in Southwest Alabama.

Corridor studies have identified needs and strategies to improve freight operations and mobility throughout this important national corridor. As a key stakeholder along the corridor, and one who will benefit greatly from the infrastructure improvements, we support and endorse the Alabama Department of Transportation in this application for a grant request to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) INFRA Grant program. This project is sorely needed and will benefit our local citizens and businesses, as well as regional and interstate commerce.

Should you have any questions regarding our endorsement, or if we can support the INFRA 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,

John E. Koniar, Mayor