

United States Senate

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April 18, 2016

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
City of Biloxi
P. O. Box 429
Biloxi, Mississippi 39533

Dear Mayor Gilich:

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to express my strong support for the City of Biloxi's TIGER Discretionary grant application. The project to connect U. S. Highway 90 to Pass Road and on through to Popp's Ferry Road has been needed for a long time. Widening and replacing the existing drawbridge with a new Popp's Ferry High-Rise Bridge is a natural part of this application.

Replacing the old drawbridge will greatly enhance the flow of north-south traffic in Biloxi and allow safe, unimpeded movement of maritime vessels through the Back Bay of Biloxi to the Industrial Seaway. These improvements will give Biloxi another evacuation route in times of emergency. While also providing safety enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The regional Metropolitan Planning Organization identifies this project as among the highest transportation priorities for the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast. Popp's Ferry Road is essential to the area's economic activity, vital to the regional tourism industry and critical to the health, safety and welfare of the public during mandatory evacuations.

You are to be commended for your efforts to secure funding for these very important projects for the City of Biloxi and the entire Gulf Coast.

Sincerely



Thad Cochran
United States Senator

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April 21, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

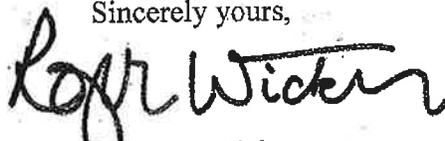
I would like to express my support for the City of Biloxi's application for a TIGER grant.

With funding from the Department of Transportation, Biloxi, Mississippi, intends to connect U.S. Highway 90 to Pass Road, widen and improve Popp's Ferry Road, and replace the existing drawbridge with a new Popp's Ferry High-Rise Bridge. The extension of Popp's Ferry Road from Pass Road south to U.S. Highway 90 is key to the continued growth of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's tourism industry. The replacement of the old drawbridge will greatly enhance the flow of north-south traffic in Biloxi and will also allow safe, unimpeded movement of maritime vessels through the Back Bay of Biloxi to the Industrial Seaway. The new bridge and Popp's Ferry Road extension and improvements would provide a new evacuation route in times of emergency, would accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists, and would enhance safety for all roadway users.

I hope that you will give the City of Biloxi's application every consideration. Should additional information be required from my office, please contact Mary Alice Browning of my staff at (601) 965-4644.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Roger F. Wicker

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

April 20, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please accept this letter as my endorsement for the City of Biloxi's TIGER Discretionary grant application requesting U.S. Department of Transportation funding to connect U.S. Highway 90 to Pass Road, widen and improve Popp's Ferry Road and replace the existing drawbridge with a new Popp's Ferry High-Rise Bridge.

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I appreciate the opportunity to express my support and encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to consider the benefits of this project.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress

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April 18, 2016

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
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Biloxi, MS 39533

COMMISSIONER TOM KING
SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Dear Mayor Gilich,

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Thank you for your efforts to secure funding to improve and extend Popp's Ferry Road and to replace the Popp's Ferry Bridge, which are necessary for the continued economic growth of Biloxi, Harrison County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast region.

Sincerely,

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Tom King
Southern Transportation Commissioner



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21 April 2016

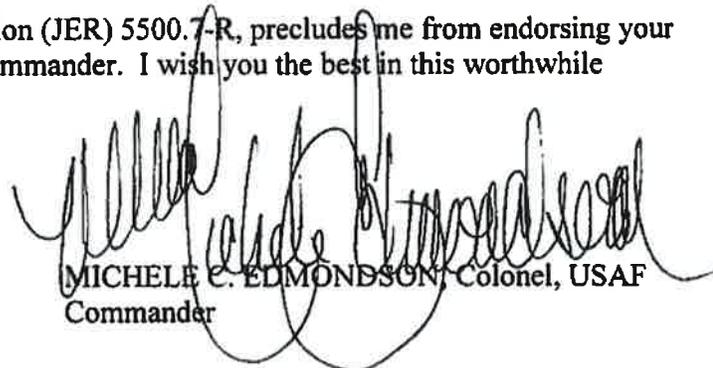
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Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
City of Biloxi
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Dear Mayor Gilich:

Thank you for your informative email of April 15, 2016, describing your two TIGER Discretionary grant applications requesting U.S. Department of Transportation funding to connect U.S. Highway 90 to Pass Road, widen and improve Popp's Ferry Road, and replace the existing drawbridge with a new Popp's Ferry High-Rise Bridge.

Unfortunately, our Joint Ethics Regulation (JER) 5500.7-R, precludes me from endorsing your applications in my capacity as Wing Commander. I wish you the best in this worthwhile endeavor.

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MICHELE C. EDMONDSON, Colonel, USAF
Commander



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April 19, 2016

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Thank you for your efforts to secure funding to improve and extend Popp's Ferry Road and to replace the Popp's Ferry Bridge, which are necessary for the continued economic growth of Biloxi, Harrison County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast region.

Sincerely,


Kevin Coggin
Executive Director



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Sincerely,

GULF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Sincerely,

Beverly Martin

Harrison County Supervisor, District 1; Board President
Harrison County, Mississippi



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Application #1: Popp's Ferry Road Extension to US Highway 90
&
Popp's Ferry Road Improvements and Bridge Replacement

Date: 16 April 2016

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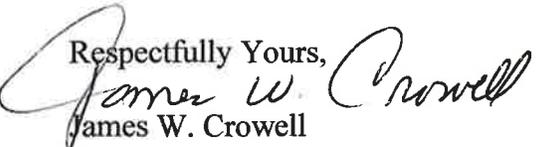
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Respectfully Yours,


James W. Crowell

President

Biloxi Branch NAACP



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Matt McDonnell
Executive Director



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Bill Hessel
Executive Director

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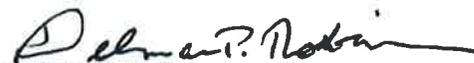
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Sincerely,


Delmar P. Robinson
Chairman of the Board
Biloxi Housing Authority