

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 18, 2021



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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The City of Mobile is writing in support of the Mobile Airport Authority (MAA) and the Alabama State Port Authority's (ASPA) joint application for the Transportation Demonstration Program grant authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. This grant will greatly assist in expanding intermodal and multimodal freight and passenger transportation infrastructure to streamline connections between aviation, maritime, rail and highway networks. Modern multimodal transportation investments reduce air and sea user costs and improve the region's competitive posture in business retention, expansion, and recruitment.

The Port of Mobile sits at the confluence of publicly owned deep-water seaport terminals, five Class 1 railroads servicing North America, and two U.S. Interstate systems. The seaport and rail assets are adjacent to Mobile's Brookley Aeroplex. The Brookley Aeroplex is home to aircraft maintenance and manufacturing, distribution, and air cargo services. The Federal Aviation Administration recently approved the city's Airport Authority master plan to establish an international commercial airport. The City of Mobile and the Alabama State Port Authority seek to modernize existing intermodal and multimodal infrastructures and expand facilities to increase supply chain efficiency, create jobs, reduce congestion, and improve safety.

The City of Mobile recognizes our seaport as a fast growth gateway for international trade with one of the nation's best inland transportation networks. With added investment in the Brookley Aeroplex and in the Port Authority's Choctaw Point container intermodal complex, this fast growth gateway can provide both people and business with new efficient and cost competitive transportation solutions. We respectfully request that USDOT award this important grant to the city/state partnership at the Port of Mobile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'William S. Stimpson'.

William S. Stimpson
Mayor