



ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

Alabama's Multiyear Implementation Plan

Appendix



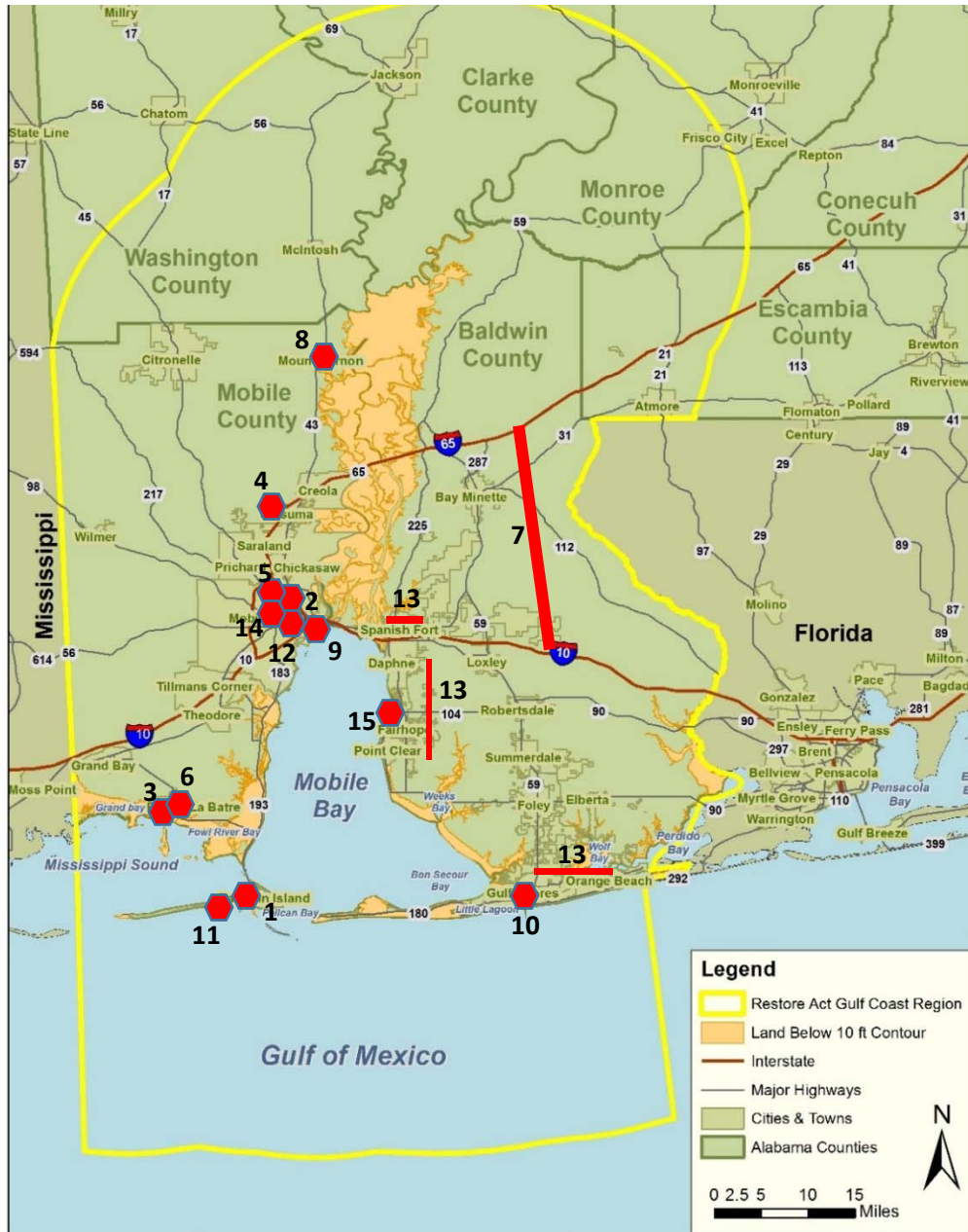
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Attachment 1

Map of Projects Selected for Inclusion in Alabama's Multiyear Implementation Plan

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Direct Component Projects Included in Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan



ID	PROJECT	ID	PROJECT
1	Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, and III	9	Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal
2	Historic Africatown Welcome Center	10	Ambassadors of the Environment
3	Redevelop Bayou La Batre City Docks	11	Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Study
4	Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	12	Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor
5	Mobile County Blueway Trail	13	Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements
6	Water Distribution System Upgrades	14	Mobile Greenway Initiative
7	Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension ROW Acquisition	15	Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project
8	Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant	16	Planning Assistance - MIP Amendment Development (not designated on map)



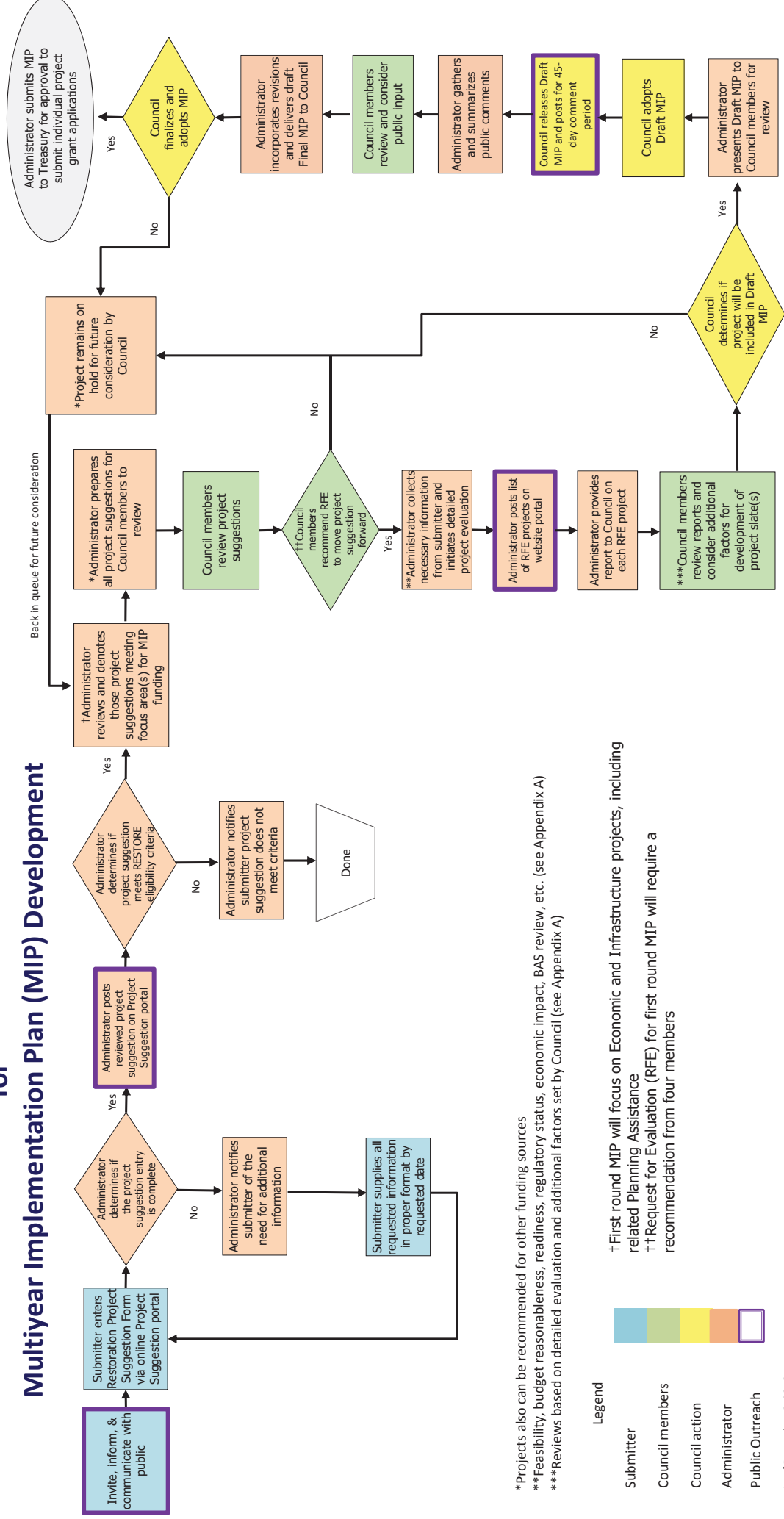
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Attachment 2

Project Selection Process

Project Selection Process Framework for

Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) Development



*Projects also can be recommended for other funding sources

**Feasibility, budget reasonableness, readiness, regulatory status, economic impact, BAS review, etc. (see Appendix A)

***Reviews based on detailed evaluation and additional factors set by Council (see Appendix A)

Legend

- Submitter
- Council members
- Council action
- Administrator
- Public Outreach

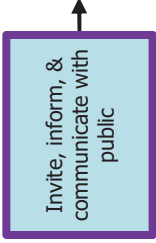
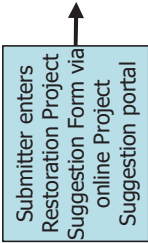
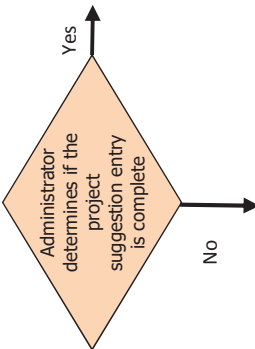
† First round MIP will focus on Economic and Infrastructure projects, including related Planning Assistance

†† Request for Evaluation (RFE) for first round MIP will require a recommendation from four members

Project Selection Process Framework for Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) Development

Step-by-Step Description

(as of December 6, 2016)

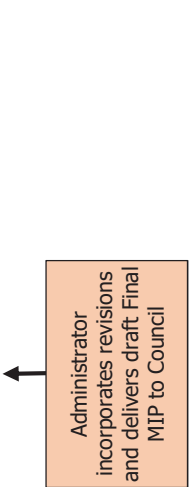
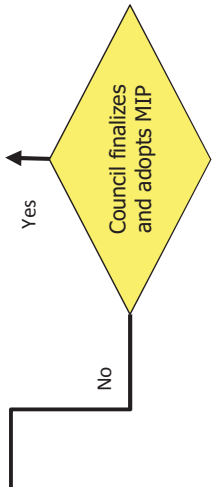
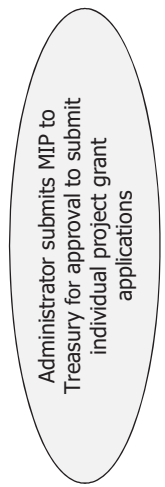
	<p>Invite, Inform and Communicate with Public: The State of Alabama’s portal for project suggestions went live in March, 2014, and is housed on the Alabama Coastal Restoration website, www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org. The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) Executive Director is available to speak to individuals/groups regarding the RESTORE Act and related activities, including the process by which one enters a project. Additionally, other staff with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (which serves as the Administrative Agent for the AGCRC), are available to answer questions regarding RESTORE Act activities and the project suggestion portal. The public is also encouraged to sign up for email updates on the website. This email distribution list is used to alert the public to public meetings, any deadlines as to project suggestion consideration for inclusion in MIPs and SEPs, and other announcements.</p>
	<p>Submitter enters Restoration Project Suggestion Form via online portal: Individuals/organizations/public entities (Submitter) enter project suggestions via the online portal. The Project Suggestion Form is designed to accommodate submittals for several different potential funding sources, including the AGCRC, the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Federal Council), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF), and the Natural Resource Damages Assessment (NRDA). The portal may also inform decisions as to other funding opportunities.</p>
	<p>Administrator determines if the project suggestion is complete: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources serves as the Administrative Agent (Administrator) for the AGCRC. In order to move forward in the evaluation process, a project suggestion must include specific information, including, but not limited to: contact information, project description and location, primary classification, estimated cost, and a budget outline. The Administrator is tasked with reviewing the submittals to ensure they contain the required information and do not contain offensive materials prior to posting.</p>

<p>No</p> <p>Administrator notifies submitter of the need for additional information</p>	<p>Administrator notifies submitter of the need for additional information: If any required information is missing from the project suggestion, the submitter is contacted and given an opportunity to provide the information before it can be posted for public review and further consideration.</p>
<p>Submitter supplies all requested information in proper format by requested date</p>	<p>Submitter supplies all requested information in proper format by requested date: If interested in completing the project suggestion, submitter must provide necessary information to have the project posted.</p>
<p>Yes</p> <p>Administrator posts reviewed project suggestion on Project Suggestion portal</p>	<p>Administrator posts reviewed project suggestion on Project Suggestion portal: Once determined complete, the Administrator will tag the project as “reviewed.” The project suggestion will then be posted online under Project Suggestion Submittals and be available for consideration and review by the public.</p>
<p>Yes</p> <p>Administrator determines if project suggestion meets RESTORE eligibility criteria</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Administrator determines if project suggestion meets RESTORE eligibility criteria: According to the RESTORE Act, to be eligible for funding, one or more of the project activities listed below must be carried out in the Gulf Coast Region: Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region; Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources; Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring; Workforce development and job creation; Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure; Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure; Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing; Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region; and Planning assistance.</p>

	<p>No: If the project suggestion does not address at least one of the criteria above, that project will not be considered for RESTORE Act funding (although the project might be considered for other potential funding sources).</p> <p>Done: Project suggestion does not move forward in the Council's process.</p>
	<p>Yes: †Administrator reviews and denotes those project suggestions meeting focus area(s) for MIP funding - Administrator reviews submitter-identified project suggestion classification and the project description to determine and denote eligibility under the AGCRC's MIP focus area(s). (†First round MIP will focus on Economic and Infrastructure projects, including related Planning Assistance; however, additional and/or different focus areas may be selected by the Council for future MIPs.)</p>
	<p>Yes: *Administrator organizes and prepares all project suggestions for Council members to review - All project suggestions entered in the Alabama Coastal Restoration portal will be provided to Council members in summary format, and those considered by the Administrator to be eligible under the AGCRC's MIP focus area(s) will be highlighted. (If a member believes an additional project should be highlighted as focus area eligible, member shall immediately email Administrator to discuss.)</p>
	<p>Council members review project suggestions: Council members will review project summaries, and for particular projects of interest to a Council member(s), all project suggestion information received by the submitter will be provided by the Administrator.</p>
	<p>†† Council members recommend Request for Evaluation (RFE) to move project suggestion forward - To move a project forward, at least four Council members must request an RFE via email to the Administrator. (individual emails, only one project per email)</p>

<p>Back in queue for future consideration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">*Project remains on hold for future consideration by Council</div>	<p>No: *Project remains on hold for future consideration by Council - With future Direct Component funding, as well as funding from the Spill Impact Component, a project which does not meet the AGCRC's MIP focus area(s) may be considered for future RESTORE funding or funding from other sources. The project will remain on the portal. (*Projects also can be recommended for other funding sources: In coordination with other DWH funding activities, projects can be recommended for other funding sources, such as the Federal Council, NFWF, and NRDA.)</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">**Administrator collects necessary information from submitter and initiates detailed project evaluation</div> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	<p>Yes: **Administrator collects necessary information from submitter and initiates detailed project evaluation - Submitter will be asked to provide information necessary to validate proposed project. Project evaluations will include, but are not limited to, feasibility, budget reasonableness, readiness, BAS review, regulatory requirements/permit status, and economic impact (See Appendix A). The type and extent of additional information which may be required will depend upon the specifics of the project and the amount of detail provided in the original submission.</p>
<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Administrator posts list of RFE projects on website portal</div> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	<p>Administrator posts list of RFE projects on website portal to allow for public viewing - RFE projects under evaluation will be posted by portal project number on the AGCRC website to inform public as to projects moving forward for consideration.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Administrator provides report to Council on each RFE project</div> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	<p>Administrator provides report to Council on each RFE project - Project evaluation summary reports for each RFE project will be provided to Council members for review to provide context for members in making future decisions as to project selection for inclusion in MIP. Full reports will be provided upon individual request by Council members.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">***Council members review reports and consider additional factors for development of project slate(s)</div> <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	<p>***Council members review reports and consider additional factors for development of project slate(s)</p> <p>- Council members review project evaluation taking into consideration additional factors established by the Council (see Appendix A). Based on the Council's review and guidance, the Administrator will prepare a potential slate(s) of projects for the Council to assist with final project determinations. (For example, such slates could provide potential ways to combine projects within certain ranges of funding.)</p>

<pre> graph TD A{Council determines if project will be included in Draft MIP} -- No --> B[] A -- Yes --> C[] </pre>	<p>Council determines if project will be included in Draft MIP - Council reviews project slate(s), and after discussion, members will vote "yes" or "no" on individual projects and develop a final slate.</p> <p>No - Projects not included in Draft MIP remain on hold for future consideration by Council or for funding by another source.</p> <p>Yes - Projects selected by the Council are included in the Draft MIP.</p>
<pre> graph TD A[Administrator presents Draft MIP to Council members for review] --> B[] </pre>	<p>Administrator presents Draft MIP to Council members for review - The Administrator will prepare, according to Treasury's Direct Component Guidelines, Alabama's Draft MIP to include those projects selected by the Council to receive funding. The Administrator will then provide the Draft MIP to Council members for review/revisions.</p>
<pre> graph TD A[Council adopts Draft MIP] --> B[] </pre>	<p>Council adopts Draft MIP - After incorporation of Council revisions and final review, the Council will adopt the Draft MIP.</p>
<pre> graph TD A[Council releases Draft MIP and posts for 45-day comment period] --> B[] </pre>	<p>Council releases Draft MIP and posts for 45-day public comment period - With the assistance of the Administrator, the Council will release the Draft MIP via the Alabama Coastal Restoration distribution list and will post the document on the AGCRC website for 45-day comment period. The evaluation reports for each selected project will also be posted. Additional outreach efforts will be conducted including, but not limited to: public meeting(s), posting on various websites, etc.</p>
<pre> graph TD A[Administrator gathers and summarizes public comments] --> B[] </pre>	<p>Administrator gathers and summarizes public comments - At the end of the public comment period, the Administrator will review and summarize comments received for presentation to the Council.</p>
<pre> graph TD A[Council members review and consider public input] --> B[] </pre>	<p>Council members review and consider public input - Council members will review and consider input received and have Administrator incorporate any revisions into the Draft MIP.</p>

	<p>Administrator incorporates revisions and delivers draft Final MIP to Council - Administrator prepares revised Draft MIP for Council review, and when complete, distributes draft Final MIP to Council for review.</p>
	<p>Council finalizes and adopts MIP - Council reviews, finalizes and adopts Final MIP. No - Projects not included in Final MIP remain on hold for future consideration by Council or for funding by another source.</p>
	<p>Administrator submits MIP to Treasury for approval to submit individual project grant applications - Administrator completes Treasury application and submits MIP for approval. Once approved, individual project grants must be submitted to Treasury before funding will be made available.</p>

Appendix A

Process for Multiyear Implementation Plan Development

(As of December 6, 2016)

Administrator confirms projects submitted meet RESTORE eligibility* and focus area(s) as determined by the Council.

Projects move forward via Council members' Requests for Evaluation (RFE).
A project requires an RFE from 4 Council members to move forward.

In-depth reviews conducted on RFE projects by applicable subject-matter experts.
Reviews will include project-specific factors, as applicable, such as how the proposal:

- Demonstrates benefit in relation to cost
- Addresses short-term vs. long-term economic benefit
- Demonstrates a need (impact of no action)
- Demonstrates does not create adverse impacts elsewhere
- Expands/promotes an existing industry or offers diversification
- Demonstrates short- or long-term job creation (direct and indirect)
- Demonstrates feasibility of success with measurable outcomes
- Demonstrates budget reasonableness
- Demonstrates post-implementation sustainability
- Addresses potential risks and uncertainties
- Addresses penalties, requirements and status of environmental compliance
- Addresses use of cutting-edge technology for construction/implementation
- Addresses readiness/length of time for completion
- Demonstrates it is based on best available science
- Addresses the evaluation and identification of outside funding sources

Project evaluations and analyses provided to Council for review and to provide context for project selection.

Additional Factors for Council Review:

- Availability and timing of RESTORE funding
- Potential for leveraging (funds and/or prior activities)
- Geographic location
- Disproportionately affected areas
- Included in a strategic/comprehensive plan
- Potential for funding from another source
- Annual recurring costs
- Scope of overall benefit to the community/region
- Appropriate implementing entity
- Ability to implement in phases
- Other factors

Based on Council review and guidance, Administrator prepares sample slate(s) of projects for the development of the draft Multiyear Implementation Plan.

Council approves slate of projects to be included in draft Multiyear Implementation Plan.

*Eligible activities as set forth in the RESTORE Act:

- Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region
- Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, and natural resources
- Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring
- Workforce development and job creation
- Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing
- Promotion of the consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast Region
- Improvements to or on State Parks located in coastal areas affected by the DWH oil spill
- Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure
- Infrastructure project benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure
- Planning assistance

Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
Multiyear Implementation Plan
Project Evaluation and Selection Process
(As of December 6, 2016)

The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (Alabama Council) was created with the passage of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourism Opportunities, and Revived Economies Act of the Gulf Coast States of 2012 (RESTORE Act). The 10-member Alabama Council consists of the following individuals:

- Governor of the State of Alabama, who serves as Chair
- Director of the Alabama Port Authority, who serves as Vice-Chair
- Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission
- President of the Mobile County Commission
- Mayor of the City of Bayou La Batre
- Mayor of Town of Dauphin Island
- Mayor of City of Fairhope
- Mayor of City of Gulf Shores
- Mayor of City of Mobile
- Mayor of City of Orange Beach.

The Alabama Council is tasked with developing the State’s Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) for the RESTORE Act’s Direct Component and the State Expenditure Plan (SEP) for the RESTORE Act’s Spill Impact Component. Projects to be included in the MIP and the SEP will be selected by the Alabama Council by majority vote.

In May 2013, the Alabama Council selected the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to serve as their Administrative Agent (Administrator), and in March 2014, a project submission portal was opened on the State of Alabama’s comprehensive coastal restoration website (www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org). The public has been encouraged to submit project ideas for all funding sources related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to this portal. All project suggestions entered in this portal and deemed complete are assigned a project number and become available to the public for online review. To be deemed complete, a suggestion must include the information required in the fillable online project suggestion form as well as an uploaded budget outline.

In December 2014, the Alabama Council developed and released for public comment a Draft Project Selection Process Framework for First Round MIP Development and identified priority “focus areas” as Infrastructure and Economic projects and related Planning Assistance. In addition, the Alabama Council recognized the challenges and expense associated with performing detailed reviews on a multitude of project suggestions. Therefore, the Council developed a process to move a focus area project forward for more comprehensive evaluation. This process, called a “Request for Evaluation” (RFE), requires a minimum of 4 council members to request a detailed evaluation on a project. Submitters for each RFE project will be asked to provide information necessary to conduct a detailed evaluation. The Administrator will post a list by project number of all RFE projects on the website to inform the public as to projects moving forward for consideration.

Detailed evaluations on each RFE project will be conducted by applicable subject-matter experts. Reviews will include project-specific factors, as applicable, such as how the proposal:

- Demonstrates benefit in relation to cost
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- Demonstrates it is based on best available science
- Addresses the evaluation and identification of outside funding sources

Summary reports on the project evaluations will be provided by the Administrator to the Alabama Council for review and to provide context for the selection of projects. The Alabama Council will review the summary reports, or full evaluations if requested, taking into consideration the following additional factors:

- Availability and timing of RESTORE funding
- Potential for leveraging (funds and/or prior activities)
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- Annual recurring costs
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Based on the Alabama Council's review and guidance, the Administrator will prepare a sample slate(s) of projects for inclusion in the Draft MIP. The Alabama Council will review and approve the draft sample slate(s) and vote on individual projects to be included in the Draft MIP. The Administrator will then prepare the Draft MIP for Alabama Council review, revision, and adoption. After adoption, the Draft MIP will be released for public comment for 45 days. At the end of the comment period, the Administrator will compile and summarize the comments and prepare a report for the Alabama Council. The Alabama Council will consider the comments and have the Administrator revise the Draft MIP as appropriate. After review of revisions, the Alabama Council will vote to approve the MIP, and the Administrator will submit the final document to Treasury for review and approval to submit individual project grant applications.

Evaluations for projects selected for inclusion in the Draft MIP will be posted online in addition to the public comments received. The final MIP will be posted online upon submittal to Treasury for approval.



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Attachment 3

First Round MIP Development Call for Project Suggestions Announcement



ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council releases Project Evaluation and Selection Process

December 6, 2017 - The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) has released its Project Evaluation and Selection Process for Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) development for Bucket 1 of the RESTORE Act. In addition, the AGCRC announced the focus areas for the first round MIP will be **Economic and Infrastructure** projects and related **Planning Assistance**.

Click on the following links to review the project evaluation process documents:

- Project Selection Process Framework
- Project Selection Process Framework Description
- Appendix A – Process for MIP Development

In an effort to ensure your project suggestion is received in time for consideration by the AGCRC for potential first round funding under the RESTORE Act's Direct Component (Bucket 1), please enter your project suggestion(s) into the Alabama Coastal Restoration Project Suggestion portal by **January 13, 2017**. If you have already entered your project suggestion on this website, it is not necessary to re-submit. Go to www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org to enter a new project suggestion or to review project suggestions currently in the portal. For information on the RESTORE Act, go to www.restorealabama.org.

The AGCRC will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Five Rivers Tensaw Theater that will include an opportunity for individuals to provide public input on any of the project suggestions in the portal.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the ADCNR on or before January 19th by contacting Eliska Morgan at (251) 380-7944 or eliska.morgan@dcnr.alabama.gov.

From: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources <aldcnr@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: REMINDER - AGCRC Public Meeting set for Wednesday, January 25, 2017



ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

REMINDER: AGCRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017**

The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Five Rivers Tensaw Theater to present its recently released Project Evaluation and Selection Process for Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) development for Bucket 1 of the RESTORE Act. As the AGCRC previously announced, the focus areas for the first round MIP will be **Economic and Infrastructure** projects and related **Planning Assistance**.

In addition, this meeting will include an opportunity for individuals to provide input on any of the project suggestions currently in the Alabama Coastal Restoration Project Suggestion portal. To view the project suggestions, click on [Alabama Coastal Restoration Project Suggestion Submittals](#).

To review the previously released project evaluation process documents, click on the following links:

- [Project Selection Process Framework](#)
- [Project Selection Process Framework Description](#)
- [Appendix A – Process for MIP Development](#)

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources on or before January 20, 2017 by contacting Eliska Morgan at (251) 380-7944 or eliska.morgan@dcnr.alabama.gov.

**ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL
FIVE RIVERS~ALABAMA'S DELTA RESOURCE CENTER
TENSAW THEATRE
SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA**

January 25, 2017 - 2:00 p.m. Central Time

A meeting of the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC) was held at the time specified above at the Five Rivers~Alabama's Delta Resource Center, Tensaw Theatre, Spanish Fort, Alabama. Director James K. Lyons, Vice-Chairperson of the Council, presided over the meeting.

ALABAMA COUNCIL (the "MEMBERS"):

- 1) The Governor of the State of Alabama:
Robert Bentley, Governor, Council Chairperson - ABSENT
Franklin Johnson, Deputy Chief of Staff, PROXY to Governor - PRESENT
- 2) The Director of the Alabama State Port Authority:
James K. Lyons, Director, Council Vice-Chairperson - PRESENT
- 3) The Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission:
Chris Elliott, Commissioner - PRESENT
- 4) The President of the Mobile County Commission:
Merceria Ludgood, Commissioner - PRESENT
- 5) The Mayor of the City of Bayou La Batre:
Terry Downey, Mayor - PRESENT
- 6) The Mayor of the Town of Dauphin Island:
Jeff Collier, Mayor - PRESENT
- 7) The Mayor of the City of Fairhope:
Karin Wilson, Mayor - PRESENT
- 8) The Mayor of the City of Gulf Shores:
Robert Craft, Mayor - PRESENT
- 9) The Mayor of the City of Mobile:
Sandy Stimpson, Mayor - ABSENT
- 10) The Mayor of the City of Orange Beach:
Tony Kennon, Mayor - PRESENT

AGENDA ITEM #I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you all for being here. I'm Jimmy Lyons, Vice Chair of the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, and this is our public meeting. I want to welcome you all today, and I want to especially welcome some new members to our Council. We have Mayor Terry Downey from Bayou La Batre, we have Commissioner Merceria Ludgood from Mobile County, we have Karin Wilson who is the mayor of the City of Fairhope, and we have Commissioner Chris Elliott from Baldwin County who either rotated by virtue of the election or by their respective county rotations. We want to welcome them to the Council, and we're looking forward to working with all of you and the rest of the members as we continue to move forward. We're going to have a couple of presentations to start off with to sort of bring people up to date on a few items that relate to the activities, not of the Council, but some of the other aspects of the BP settlement that have been going on that the Council was not necessarily active in, but the Department of Conservation has been for the State of Alabama. After we finish with the presentations, we've got, I'm not sure how many, but it's probably enough to go for a good while, sign in cards for people who want to speak. Due to the number of people we have, we want to limit the time that you speak to three minutes. We'll time you...I hate to cut everybody off, but we want everybody who want to speak to have an opportunity to speak. I will call out a name and I'll probably call out the next two behind it, so they can be prepared, so we lose as little time as possible during transition. We have all

the members present with the exception of Mayor Sandy Stimpson who had an unavoidable conflict and could not make it over here, but I'm sure there's someone who will be giving him a report on what the activities are and what happened during the meeting today. I'm going to pass this sign-in sheet around and Robert, at some point after this is over, slide it back down. I'd appreciate it. Our first speaker...first on our agenda is an update on NFWF, NRDA and Federal RESTORE activities. These are activities that have been happening outside of our area but are very important and have brought a lot of money into the State of Alabama and promises to bring more as it goes forward. Patti Powell with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will be giving us a presentation on that.

AGENDA ITEM #II: NFWF, NRDA and FEDERAL RESTORE COUNCIL (GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL) UPDATE

Patti Powell (State Lands Director, Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources): Presentation's a strong word. I swear I'm only going to take five minutes while I've got you here. I think it's important we have so many meetings, sometimes NFWF, sometimes NRDA, sometimes RESTORE related, to take a minute to just orient ourselves which I want to do, but then also want to give you a very, very brief update on some dates I want you to be aware of. Every time you've heard us talk, we've used this slide which basically shows what I call the four different efforts of Deepwater Horizon...I would say BP, but it's bigger than BP – the four efforts – NRDA, NFWF, activities of the Alabama Council as we call it – the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, and then activities under the RESTORE Act by the Federal level Council – the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council. So, today you're here for the Alabama Council public meeting, but again, I want to remind you of those sources. I also want to take just a second – I'm not going to read through this, this is on the table and you probably picked up a copy on your way in, but again, as a way of sort of context orientation. This chart – and there's no way to get everything on one page, this is too much on one page, but it is what it is, and I think it's helpful – shows each of the different streams of money that on the non-economic damages side that have come in to date. I'm going to start on the Natural Resource Damage Assessment, also NRDA. At the end of the day, between early restoration work and additional restoration work, there's \$296 million that are benefitting or will benefit the State of Alabama for projects that are dedicated to restoring injured natural resources and their services. So, again, that's a total of \$296 million. I'm going to skip the RESTORE Act and jump down for a second to the NFWF, and that's the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund. The NRDA stream of money is for damages under OPA. This NFWF stream is for damages under the Clean Water Act, and these were criminal penalties that were assessed as a result of the responsible parties' actions. The total for Alabama is \$356 million. NFWF's criteria is similar to NRDA, but again, very ecologically-based projects to benefit various resources and habitats in the state. The middle, which I skipped, is the RESTORE Act, and those are funds that flow as a result of the settlement of the civil Clean Water Act complaint. Under the RESTORE Act, as I mentioned, there are certain funds that go to the Federal level Council. Those funds are not reflected on this chart, nor are – you'll see on the double-asterisk at the bottom left hand corner – nor are any of those proceeds that benefit Alabama reflected in this chart, because those remain competitive proceeds. There's more that we'll go after as well as additional dollars we'll go after under NRDA. There's still some competitive money we can get at, and I'm not going to get in the weeds today. But on the RESTORE Act and the streams of money that relate to the Alabama Council's function, you'll see under the RESTORE Act, Bucket 1, Bucket 3, Bucket 5. Today's really about Bucket 1, the Direct Component. The figures you see here for the purposes of this chart are totals. I want to point out that the NRDA funds and the RESTORE Act funds come in over 15 years, so there's only so much you can do at one time, because the money's coming in over 15 years. What the State of Alabama received that the Alabama Council has jurisdiction over is in Bucket 1, 3 and 5, the totals for those equals \$725 million. Now again, let's jump down to the corner and say that Alabama has already had placed, either as a first priority or as a categorized priority funding under the Federal Council Bucket 2 work, approximately \$26 million worth of project work – again, ecological project work – under the purview of the Federal Council. You are not going to see that on this chart, because that money is not percentage-wise or amount-wise fully dedicated

to the State of Alabama. What you see here are the figures in the programs and amounts that are, so you come down and the total is \$1.38 billion. All our numbers are rounded – there’s interest that may begin here and there, but I want to kind of give context to what that is. The Center of Excellence is really research dollars, and anyway, that’s a little bit fast, but an overview. Let me give you a few updates...NRDA, that I mentioned first...the Alabama Trustee Implementation Group (that’s TIG...another acronym). The Alabama TIG recently held public meetings in both Dauphin Island and Gulf Shores to accept public comment on that group’s first post-settlement restoration plan and environmental impact statement. That comment period closes January 30. Written comments online and by mail can be submitted to a website Eliska will show you at the end – it’s where you can get to all this information, but I wanted to remind you of that date because it is coming up quickly. Also, the Alabama TIG has already begun work on its efforts for restoration Plan II. Those of you who are signed up for email updates, which Eliska will mention at the end, will be getting emails announcing all these dates and deadlines. The email you got with a February 3rd deadline for entry of projects and suggestions into our portal relate to what’s called the public scoping effort for that second restoration plan. The Alabama TIG is asking for project suggestions that relate to ecological restoration. That’s what that NRDA plan will be for, so please watch that deadline. NFWF, again as I mentioned, also very habitat, natural resource and ecological-based criteria and eligibility requirements for that effort. Phase IV funding cycle the email for that just went out yesterday or the day before – the deadline for that is February 24th. Again, you’ve got to get your suggestions in for us to have time to look at them before we then have to make some decisions and work with NFWF. Finally, the Federal RESTORE Council, there are no dates of importance there, but at the December 16th meeting the Federal Council had, the public meeting in New Orleans, they did affirmatively vote to adopt an updated Comprehensive Plan. That Comprehensive Plan guides Bucket 2 money that I mentioned in the Federal Council as well as Bucket 3 money. The Federal Council has to approve the Bucket 3 money the Alabama Council wishes to expend. Also, the Federal Council’s very busy setting up a new grant system and the change in administration...some of the federal partners are changing, working on processing grants. In that phase, again, in Alabama has about \$13 or so million already allocated for funding with another 13 or so categorized or tied up. Thank you...I’m done.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you, Patti. Now, Eliska Morgan will talk to you a little bit about the review of the Bucket criteria.

AGENDA ITEM #III AND #IV: REFRESHER ON RESTORE ACT “BUCKETS” AND BUCKET 1 CRITERIA AND REVIEW OF PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR MIP DEVELOPMENT

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Good afternoon. Thank you all for being here today. Probably all of you have seen this chart many times and recognize the fact that we have five buckets under the RESTORE Act. As you know, 100% of the Clean Water Act penalties from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill would have gone into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund had it not been for the hard work of our Congressional delegation, which passed the RESTORE Act, sending 80% of the penalties to the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund. This money is then broken up into 5 different buckets. As you can see, Bucket 1 is the Direct Component which is what we’re going to be focusing on today where 35% of the penalties are distributed equally among the Gulf Coast states. Bucket 2, which is the Council Selected Restoration Component, goes to the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council to be distributed gulf-wide. Bucket 3 is the Spill Impact Component which is 30% divided among the Gulf Coast states based on a formula. Alabama will receive 20.4% of this bucket, and projects from this funding will also be determined by this Council. Bucket 4 goes to NOAA...it’s 2.5% plus interest for science and technology programs, and then Bucket 5, of course, it’s the Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program, 2.5% plus interest, and the Dauphin Island Sea Lab...their proposal was accepted by this Council, and we are still working on the agreement with the Sea Lab since the settlement has become final, and we know what the additional monies are, we’ve asked them for an updated budget for how they use the additional funds that will be deposited by BP. That’s the

status of that, and we hope it will move forward quickly. So, for Bucket 1, what's the eligible criteria for projects and programs that can be funded? Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystem/environmental projects around the Gulf Coast region, mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources, implementation of marine coastal or comprehensive management plans, including fisheries monitoring. So, that pretty much covers the gamut of ecological and environmental projects. We also have workforce development and job creation, promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region, including recreational fishing, promotion of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast, improvements to our State Parks that were affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, coastal flood protection and related infrastructure, infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure, and planning assistance. So, I have to switch slides here, and I apologize...there was no easy way to do this. We're going to go through the process that was recently released by the Council for project selection for Bucket 1 to develop their Multiyear Implementation Plan. You should have picked up a print out of this flow chart out front. We've broken it out a bit to run through it to explain how the Council will get to an end result of a Multiyear Implementation Plan. The first step in the process is to invite, inform and communicate with the public. We've been doing this over the last three years. We go out and visit with groups, we have a presentation we give, we meet with individuals, anytime someone wants to sit down and talk about the process, then we're happy to visit with them. The submitter enters a project into our Project Suggestion Portal, and at that time, the Administrator determines if the project is complete, meaning it's got a budget outline attached, it's got the necessary information to deem it complete. If it's not complete, then we notify the submitter, and assuming they want to keep this on track, they will submit the information requested, and it goes back up into the queue. Once it has been determined complete, the Administrator posts those projects onto the portal for public viewing. We've been doing this now since March of 2014. Then the Administrator will determine, for this process, if the project suggestion meets RESTORE Act eligibility criteria. If it does not, we will notify the submitter that it does not meet the criteria, and basically, the project is then done for this process. If it does meet the criteria, the Administrator further reviews and denotes those project suggestions that meet the focus area set by this Council for MIP funding. If you'll note, the Council has determined this first round MIP will focus on economic and infrastructure projects including related planning assistance. The Administrator then prepares all project suggestions for Council members to review. This is where we are today. Council members have projects...we had a deadline for entering projects for this first round MIP development, and that deadline was January 13th. So, those projects entered by January 13th – all the projects currently in the portal – will be considered for this round. The Council members will recommend what we call an RFE to move project suggestions forward. RFE stands for Request for Evaluation. With all the projects in the portal, we can't do a detailed evaluation on every project. Obviously, there's not enough money to fund all the projects, so we really have to narrow that field to get to a point that we can validate the projects that are in there and check for things such as budget reasonableness, environmental compliance issues, and really validate that particular project. Council members decided that it would require four members to move a project forward into this RFE stage, so if a project does not receive a recommendation from four Council members, then it basically gets put on hold and goes back into the queue for future consideration. If it does receive the required four RFEs, then the Administrator will go back to the Submitter and ask for additional information we will use to conduct a detailed evaluation, and again, that's the feasibility of the project, budget reasonableness, readiness, regulatory status, environmental impact and so forth. These are some of the factors – and this is on Appendix A that you picked up – in the blue box that will be considered by the subject-matter experts that we will use to review these projects. These are not disqualifiers...they are just factors that will be considered as projects are validated. Demonstrates benefit in relation to cost, addresses short-term vs. long-term economic benefits, demonstrates a need and shows the impact of no action, demonstrates that it does not create adverse impacts, expands or promotes an existing industry or offers diversification, demonstrates short- or long-term job creation, demonstrates feasibility of success with measurable outcomes...this part's very important...demonstrates budget reasonableness, demonstrates post-implementation sustainability, which is also very important, addresses risks and uncertainties, and addresses all the environmental compliance

issues, uses cutting-edge technology for construction or implementation, and addresses the readiness and the length of time for completion, and if applicable, demonstrates it is based on best available science. We will also look at the possibility for outside funding sources – outside meaning outside of any oil spill funding sources. So, once we know all the RFE projects, we will post those on the website for public viewing, so you'll know what projects have moved forward. The Administrator will then provide the detailed reports to the Council members on each RFE project, and at this point, the Council members will review the reports and then consider additional factors that will guide them in developing a project slate or slates. The factors they will be looking at are the availability and timing of RESTORE funding, potential leveraging for funds, geographic location, disproportionately affected areas, was project included in a strategic or comprehensive plan, potential for funding from another source – meaning from another oil spill funding source, is that project a better fit for Bucket 3 or for NRDA or NFWF, annual recurring costs for a particular project, the overall benefit to the community or region, who is the best entity to implement the project, is there a possibility to implement the project in stages. Those are some of the factors...there may be more depending on the nature of the project. Once the members have reviewed these projects, they will then determine whether or not a project will be included in the draft MIP. If it's not, then once again, it goes back into the queue for future consideration. If it does make it into the draft MIP, the Administrator will prepare the MIP and present it to the Council for review. The Council will adopt the draft MIP then release it for 45-day public comment period. The Administrator will gather and summarize the public comments at the end of that period, and Council members will review and consider public input. The Administrator will then incorporate revisions and deliver the draft Final MIP to the Council which will then finalize and adopt the MIP. It will then be submitted to Treasury for approval, and then we will have to submit grant applications for each individual project. Alright, that's the process...are there any questions? Casi.

Casi Callaway (Mobile Baykeeper):

Biggest question for you is this final and permanent and the one you're using for the rest of our natural lives, is it amendable after you do this one round, and the other question, I guess, is how will you present the public comments you receive in that 45 days and the fourth question is will you make public comments that will be made on this original draft process you received on the process from 2014 so we can see what thoughts y'all took into account when you decided on this process?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

This process is for this particular Bucket 1 first round MIP. That is not to say that it may or may not change in the future. Obviously, this is the first time the Council will have gone through this process, so we may learn some things that might work better in the future, so we'll see. Let's see...the comments...they will be posted online for the draft MIP, so it will be more of an official response to comments like you would see with other similar public comment periods that you have seen with the other funding sources. That's what I imagine. The draft framework...I don't know...that was not a requirement under the statute or the regulations, and so I can't answer that at this time.

Questioner Unknown:

If a proposal doesn't meet the criteria, are you notifying the author of the proposal at the time you find it's not appropriate or if it's missing a component...do you let them know?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Yes, if a project's missing any information in order to make it complete and put it up on the portal, I notify them immediately. We, quite honestly, have not had a project entered that didn't fit the criteria.

Questioner Unknown:

When that proposal is submitted do you get the recommendations from the four Council members before it's proposed or is that after the proposal meets the criteria? At what point do you seek the Council's recommendations?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

All of projects, when they come into the portal, they're reviewed and they immediately go up for public review, so they're available to the Council and the public at that time.

Carletta Davis:

Could you talk to what the criteria the Council will be using for how the appropriate entity will be chosen to implement the project if the project is chosen?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Much of that may depend on what type of project it is, so it's hard to say definitively how that will be determined. Obviously, there are certain requirements from Treasury as far as risk assessments...there's an operational self-assessment which is fairly extensive as far as the grantee's ability to manage a federal grant that looks at their history of managing federal grants, so I think that those are probably decisions that would be made on a case by case basis, so it's not a black or white type of question that you can answer. I think there will be some subjective areas with respect to the type of project, the amount of the project, that sort of thing.

Jill Mastrototaro:

Could you speak a little bit to Appendix A once a project is actually recommended for RFE...there's a reference to an in-depth review that would be done by subject-matter experts. Can you give us a clearer sense of how those subject-matter experts will be selected and what that in-depth review will entail?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Again, this is going to be determined by what type of projects are put forth by the Council for review. So, for example, if it's a workforce development project, economic development project, we have not contracted with anyone or determined exactly who that entity or who that expert might be, but we imagine...there's a hope we will be able to rely, perhaps, on some of our public universities that have expertise in these areas. The same might be for a road project...ALDOT's an entity who could validate the budget reasonableness, for example, a mile of asphalt cost X number of dollars. So, a lot of it will depend on what is put forth. Any other questions before we move on? Okay, before we get into public comment...is that next on the agenda, Jimmy? I just want to show you the amount of money that the Council will be looking at for Bucket 1. For Bucket 1...sorry, it was too long to be all on one line, as you can see, what we have today in Bucket 1 is just over \$66 million, and BP's first deposit will be in April of this year for just under \$20 million. In 2018 it's only \$10 million...deposits are half of what the other years are due to their last payment to NFWF...it's a very large payment for the criminal fines, so this was part of the settlement agreement. Every other year, you see it's just over \$21 million for 15 years. The available balance for a 1-year plan, as you can see, is just over \$86 million. A 3-year plan would be about \$117-plus, and if the Council were to do a 5-year plan, which is as far out as Treasury will allow them to go, it's \$160 million. This is the website for the Alabama RESTORE Council...the web address, and I'm sure many of you have been there. And of course, we have our Alabama Coastal Restoration site that's our more comprehensive site where you can submit project suggestions and review what is currently on the portal by clicking on that tab right there and it will take you into another screen where you can find the projects, and then of course, you can sign up for email updates. We highly recommend you do that if you want any notifications whether it's NRDA, NFWF, Alabama RESTORE or Federal RESTORE – whenever we have a public meeting or some type of announcement, this is the distribution list we use, so please take a minute to sign up if you have not done so already.

Questioner Unknown:

Has the Council decided how many years they want to fund at this point?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

They have not made a decision on that, but they know they have up to 5 years, and a lot of that may be determined by what projects are put forth and the total dollar amount of those projects, so that's still a question mark. Thank you. I'm going to put the microphone out, so when Mr. Lyons calls you up, if you will – 3 at a time – line up. I've got a timer that will beep after 3 minutes, and it will warn you when you have 30 seconds.

AGENDA ITEM #V: PUBLIC INPUT

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

One other thing, and this would be for the benefit of the members of the Council and also the person taking our minutes. If you're talking about a specific project which I hope you are, please, and if you have it...know the project number, please indicate the project as it appears on the portal. It will make it a lot easier for everybody, because I, for one, will tell you...and some of the others may have memorized all those numbers. The first three coming up are Mike McMillan, mayor of the City of Spanish Fort, and after that will be Buffy Donlon and Avery Bates.

Mike McMillan:

First of all, welcome to Spanish Fort. I'm glad to have you here, as always. Always like to thank the State for building this facility for us in Spanish Fort...it takes a lot of pressure off of us. I'm here to speak in favor of the proposed funding for the road in Baldwin County. We have a unique opportunity with partnerships we have formed...state, ALDOT, BP, municipalities, county...to take a \$36 million investment and make \$120 million out of it. It's not something we get an opportunity to do very often. We all know that growth is going on here, just like in other parts of the state. It's very, very important to move this project forward in Baldwin County. We got the proposed I-10 bridge coming up, which is going to bring more and more people over here. Speaking personally for Spanish Fort, Highway 31, if we don't get that widened, when they do that bridge, we're going to have a mess for sure. Back to back, bumper to bumper traffic, and so, I'm here in support of that. Thank you for your time, and I've got to run to a meeting that started at 2:00. Thank you very much.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, now Buffy Donlon who's with Wintzell's and the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission. Next up Avery and then Bob Chappelle with the Mobile Chamber.

Buffy Donlon:

As Director Lyons said, I'm with the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission through our seafood, Wintzell's Oyster House, restaurant. I wanted to speak just a moment about the opportunity that there is to help the seafood industry. In 2010, as we all were already into the worst of the recession, it was the very worst time that the oil spill could have hit. The seafood industry...many of us and our businesses, overnight, and I'm saying overnight, lost 40% of our business. Many of us went out of business and others stayed in business, and with the help of the Alabama Seafood Commission, which was formed soon after the oil spill...they actually got the first grant money in 2012. In that period of time, it has boosted our industry, and the seafood industry is very important to the State of Alabama. A lot of us that were raised on Alabama seafood pretty much take it for granted. We don't realize what it takes to land that seafood, get it to market, get it in restaurants, so that you have this great Alabama seafood. It's been tough for our industry, and we are hopeful our request will be granted. I would like to say one quick thing about the seafood industry that I think many of you will relate to...I think a lot of you in here are maybe of the age when you will remember when perhaps your grandparents' driveways were lined with

oyster shells. You don't see that much anymore, but because of the oil spill, although it had already begun before that, people don't know that oysters are safe to eat, and it's a wonderful, wonderful product, and people so often thought that there was something wrong with them...it used to be a delicacy and people now they don't really see that those oyster shells are out there anymore, so the Seafood Commission's been very helpful in getting funding for our local reefs, and many of restaurants now are participating in the oyster shell recycling program, which is a great program to keep our oyster reefs and to keep our jobs. Thank you, and I hope that you will consider our request.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Next, Avery Bates, Bob Chappelle and Rosa Zirlott.

Avery Bates:

My name is Avery Bates...many of y'all know me on the Board there. Great to see our new mayor here. Anyway, I come here to speak on the docking facility, project #218, and the outfall line, that's 255 I think. As you know, we have to have clean water in our area to harvest oysters or we'll be reclassified and downgraded, so we can't even work in there anymore. Many of our oyster farmers have lost bottom. In fact, even on our natural reefs this year, we caught 1200 sacks of oysters...it's a disgrace to see the public reefs in such disarray as it is now...we used to catch more than that in one day. The lady spoke well of our seafood industry. Most of my whole life and my grandfather, we are terribly concerned about doing the right thing for our industry...not letting them be polluted and having a docking facility to tie boats up. We've got docking facilities in the Bayou...guess what, first five months of last year, who was number one in unloading shrimp? That's saying a lot for a little town like Bayou La Batre. Now, you're number one, look at all the other big towns, but look at us...we got insufficient docking in the City of Bayou La Batre for that major source of commerce. Not only here, but in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores, people love to eat oysters and shrimp and crab. We've got to build it back so everybody that stays in this country can utilize this resource that God give us many thousands of years ago, and we want to keep for our future generations to enhance it. Make sure you don't let any entity come in here and cover it up with silt. If you got sand to put, put it on Jeff's island...he needs it. I mean, he is losing daily. To have a great asset for tourists like Dauphin Island to waste that dirt is catastrophic and to cover up oysters with silt. If we lose the oyster, it's a travesty, so let's utilize these funds...what did Mayor Craft say...we lost a billion dollars. Let's be honest, some of these places were not affected. Montgomery got a billion dollars we could use down here on the coast. Just keep in mind, the projects that Bayou La Batre puts in by this mayor, that 218 and 255, we want clean water, good oysters, and if you move this outfall line, you'll see Rosa and about 50 more oyster farmers put their oysters in this lady's business and their businesses, but I want y'all to know, we need to be included in any working group that's going to enhance our fishing industry. The working groups have been ignored. It's our bottoms that belong to the rest of the people of the State. Why have we been left out in many areas? It's a shame not to have our voice heard at the table, and we're talking about billions and billions of dollars' worth of income to this state, to our working people. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, next up Bob Chappelle with the Mobile Chamber.

Bob Chappelle:

Yes, sir, thank you, Mr. Lyons. I just want to add some support and comments on two projects...not necessarily in opposition to oysters and seafood...I love me some oysters. The Roll On Roll Off terminal project that the State Port Authority submitted, I believe #321, we have a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of the automotive industry that exists, not only in Alabama, but in the southeast. We're supportive not only of the job impact but the financial impact on our community. It's a great further diversification of our port and our regional economy, so we hope you will give that some consideration for the investment this will pay to this region for years to come. And then I would speak to offer support

for the project related to the Three Mile Creek watershed. Not only from the restoration of the environment in Mobile but the improved recreation and the water quality as well. We're excited about that project. Over the years we've taken hundreds of people on intercity visits. Several years ago, we went to Oklahoma City, and we've seen the benefit of what an investment in a waterway can do. Officials in Oklahoma about 11 years ago on the Oklahoma River which used to only have water in it maybe twice a year, they dammed that thing up, cleaned it up, and now there's over \$50 million invested there to include a U.S. Olympic rowing facility. The rowing team trains there year round. A tremendous tourist attraction, recreational opportunity, and enhancement for Oklahoma City. The Three Mile Creek one, while not exactly the same, will provide that type of impact for Mobile. Thank you for your time.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Next is Rosa Zirlott, followed by Chris Blankenship, and Gary Keifer

Rosa Zirlott:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. I am an oyster farmer, so I can tell you firsthand what's going on with me. I am also a shrimper...I have two 97' shrimp boats, so everything that I do all rolls into that we have clean water. I'm supporting the outfall project, #255, safe harbor, #237, and I'm also needing a hatchery. What's going on with me right now it's my fourth year growing oysters. I grew 25,000, I grew 500,000, I grew 800,000, this year I've got 1.5 million in the water. This is what's going on...Alabama has the best tasting oyster around, and this is what I know...we are a warm water oyster and to compete with the East Coast and the West Coast, they think a cold water oyster is the only oyster there is. Right now, I have people in New York City, I have people in Las Vegas, and I got people in California. I have sent just a taste. I don't have enough oysters to supply the demand. I right now have just a few people that I'm supplying, because they started with me first. Everybody else, I'm saying my new crop starts in May, get back with me, the first few, I'm going to take. Now, I'm telling you, my personal experience is first off, I need the water clean. I moved here in the second round. If enough people get on the wastewater treatment plant, I'm going to get shut down if it's not moved. I've got to have that open. Secondly, the industry itself is speaking so loud for Alabama. Everybody knows our oyster. If you don't know me, look up Murderpointoysters.com, go to the In the News and look at articles, magazines are there, just tons of magazines we've been in. It's not me...it's the State, and it's the opportunity it's bringing to the state because there are 7 or 8 oyster farmers right now that's working, and I'm just telling you, we haven't even touched the demand that can come out of this. Right now, I'm looking at a \$25 million impact, and it's going to be greater than that as the years go. We need a hatchery for public and private use. After a hurricane, what happens? It takes us years to mitigate and get the money to get our reefs back. Let me tell you what I'm doing...in 10 months, from the time an oyster spawns at a hatchery to where I can start selling it. They're like kids...they don't all grow exactly the same, I tumble my oysters, but that's another story. If y'all want to come visit me at the farm, you're more than welcome, but this industry is an unbelievable industry. What I can do after hurricane if I've got a hatchery, I can spawn when it gets May, June, July, and in 10 months, there's oysters for somebody to be selling. If I've got to go through all the hoops and get the money, plant, let it grow, then open, then it has to go through predators, and it may get ate then I can't sell it, we lose. The industry still benefits so much. We can put so many people to work. It's an awesome industry. They are dying for Alabama farm-raised oysters. The reason I'm in this the first year I was in it, I opened the cage, dumped it out on my boat. In that cage was shrimp, crab, and fish...it's a sanctuary. Not only do those oysters clean 50,000 gallons of water a day, that basket that I'm using protects that oyster and also is a nursery for all these animals that are growing, so it's a great industry. If you want to know more, I'm happy to tell you more about it.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Great. Next is Chris Blankenship, he's the director of the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission, followed by Gary Keefer and Jennifer Fiddler.

Chris Blankenship:

Thank you for your service on this commission. I know there's a billion dollars' worth of projects in the portal and a lot less than that that you have to choose from to fund something. I just want to take just a minute to speak my support for project #241, continued funding for the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission. Seafood Marketing Commission was established in 2011 after the oil spill to help with the industry. The seafood industry in Alabama was devastated after the oil spill, not just the restaurants, but the processor, the harvesters, and the consumers. It was a very difficult time. In the 3 minutes Ms. Morgan gave me, I'm going to hit the high points, but I have provided something to you with more information. One thing I want to point out is this is an economically important initiative. The seafood industry in Alabama in 2010 had a \$303 million economic impact. Through the work of the Seafood Marketing Commission and others, the most recent number was \$660 million economic impact, so since the work of the Commission started, we've more than doubled the economic impact of the seafood industry in Alabama. If you translate that into jobs, in 2010, there were a little over 6,000 jobs in the seafood industry in Alabama. The most recent numbers are a little over 15,000 jobs, and that's 9,000 new jobs that have been added to the industry. We've done the heavy lifting with the Seafood Marketing Commission. The other numbers on here...they don't have 2010 numbers, because the Commission started from 0. We're looking for funding to keep that initiative going, keep that momentum going, keep the men and women of Alabama in the seafood industry working. You heard from Buffy, with Wintzell's, and what it's meant to her business, and so I'd just appreciate it if you'd support project #241. In the minute that I have left, I'd also take my Seafood Marketing hat off, and put on my Alabama – the Oyster Aquaculture Board – I'm the chairman of the Oyster Aquaculture Board...Commissioner gets his money's worth out of me. We started this initiative a few years ago to grow oysters in Alabama. Ms. Zirlott's one of the success stories. The demand for the oysters to be grown in Alabama far outpaces our ability to supply the oysters. We have a demand for probably somewhere around 20-25 million oysters – our supply right now is a little over 2 or 3 million oysters. The single biggest impediment to growing that industry is the sewer outfall in Bayou La Batre where it needs to be moved. That's an impediment for people who have capital and would like to come to our state to invest and to start large oyster aquaculture farms and some of the smaller farms from local people. The location of that outfall and the closed waters around that in the growing waters that are most optimal for this oyster aquaculture is the biggest impediment to the growth of that industry. We would speak on behalf of the Alabama Oyster Aquaculture Review Board in favor of project #255. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Great. Thank you. Next Gary Keifer, Jennifer Fiddler and then Smitty Thorne.

Gary Keifer:

Hello ladies and gentlemen. I'm Gary Keifer, and I'm on the Town Council of Perdido Beach, and I don't know if I'm in the right place or not, but I'm definitely new to politics, so bear with me. We have a project that we are fixing to start about acquiring land in Perdido Beach to put a boat ramp and a pier and a small boat house that we have BP funds allocated to do this. Well, I was talking with the mayor on the way here that they did find underwater grass on the property that we're thinking about buying, so we're going to have to get the mitigation on this grass. It looks like the funds we have allocated for this project might not be enough, so am I in the right place to try to get more funds that are so needed to complete this project?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Projects that are currently in the portal are the projects that will be considered for this round.

Gary Keifer:

Okay.

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

But I would love to talk with you after the meeting and give you some more information.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

And I want to mention one thing. We will start the process on Bucket 3 which is the same eligible criteria that Eliska showed you earlier with the exception that only 25% of those funds can go into infrastructure, so it will not be infrastructure heavy, it will be infrastructure light. We just simply do not have enough bodies to evaluate and run both of these at the same time, so we're going to look at this process we're doing for this one, and if it's working fine, then we'll use the same process, and if it needs tweaking, to speak to your question, Casi, we will tweak the process, but we will go through a similar process, and when we begin to talk about Bucket 3, and again, it will be a multiyear effort – what do they call it?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

State Expenditure Plan.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Yes, a State Expenditure Plan is what they call it. That also has to be submitted to the Feds, but I would think we would probably have to finish the evaluation process before we go any further. Go ahead...I'm taking up your time. Jennifer Fiddler.

Jennifer Fiddler:

Thank you for your time. This should be a fun committee, right, giving out all the money instead of figuring out where it's going to come from? I'm here to speak on behalf of the Working Waterfront Greenspace restoration project. It's project #332. I'm Fairhope's Public Works Director, and I have witnessed some of the issues we're having with wind erosion and beach erosion quite intimately I would say, and in that request that we have, we're asking to try to prevent some of that erosion, that beach erosion and the wind-blown sand erosion. The City did enter into an agreement to write a beach management plan for the area, so we have started to go through some of the process. We focused on the southern portions of our beaches, so we do have a little of a plan that we feel like we can go about putting in some erosion control measures for our wind and our sand. We have a whole area that we want to go, and I know we have a couple more people here from the City of Fairhope who may want to speak on this behalf. I know they'll talk about some of the issues, too, but I came to attest to the fact that we have spent a lot of money over the last 5 years stopping that wind and beach erosion, building up dunes on our north beach front park and our south beach front parks, we have spent tons of money on tons of sand...dump trucks full of sand...you've seen us on the news about it. That's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Next Smitty Thorne, then Tom Williams and Tammy Herrington.

Smitty Thorne:

Thank you. I'm Smitty Thorne. I'm the Deputy Director of the Alabama State Port Authority and Chief Operating Officer. I'm here to speak on behalf of our project, #321, which is the vehicle processing and Ro-Ro (roll on, roll off) Vessel Terminal to facilitate import and export of vehicles made in Alabama and the Southeast. Alabama's the 5th largest state in automobile production and the Southeast is growing every day in this production. We're the 9th largest port in the United States, and we exist on our earnings. We do not receive funding from the State's general fund. We plow our earnings back into the Port, we get federal grants occasionally, and we do a lot of public-private projects for funding. We want to take 67 acres that was the oldest facility at the Port, a coal handling facility that's been there since 1928, and repurpose it for the handling of import and export of automobiles. This project, we're asking for \$25 million from the RESTORE Act. It's a \$52 million project, and we believe it will return \$130 million. It

will create 615 permanent jobs with a \$44 million personal income and consumer impact. It will have \$34 million in business revenue, creating \$3.7 million in taxes, \$10 million in local purchasing for the facility, and the construction of \$35.5 million will create \$35.5 million in personal income and \$2.9 million in taxes. Automotive has driven a lot of what we've done at the Port in the past years starting with our \$300 million container terminal, our \$100 million Pinto terminal where we bring steel slabs in for the steel plant. Steel plants creating automotive coil. We're bringing in import automotive coils, we put in a \$35 million facility for handling coils. Just so much of what we're doing now is driven by the automotive industry. We're now the 2nd largest import steel facility in the United States behind Houston. Automotive is growing, our Port is growing, and we need the funds to keep this moving. I thank you for your time.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, next, Tom Williams, City of Satsuma, then Tammy Herrington, then Casi Callaway.

Tom Williams:

Thanks you, Mr. Lyons. Let me take the opportunity to thank the Council for the work that you do and the work that you're charged to do, for your time and your effort. We appreciate that...everybody in this room I'm sure. I'm here to speak on behalf of project #223, it's a Northwest Satsuma Sewer Infrastructure project, \$1,454,929. It would provide infrastructure of sewer and water service to those residents living in the northwest part of the City of Satsuma which is on the west side of the interstate. The high ground water level and the number of septic tanks in this area is of great concern to the City. Each of these residents has a residential well and our stormwater runoff in this area goes two ways – it runs north into Steel Creek which eventually runs into Gunnerson Creek. The southern part of this area, the stormwater eventually runs into Bayou Sara, and all of it eventually winds up in the River. This project will protect the health of our citizens and protect our environment, our natural resources of a marine and wildlife habitat. Steel Creek, Gunnerson Creek and Bayou Sara at the present time are slow-moving freshwater pristine streams. They're a haven for fish and wildlife – birds, kayaking, canoeing, boating, camping, and hiking. Through Ms. Ludgood's efforts, we expect that all of these waterways will be a part of the State's Blueway Kayak and Canoe Trail. If these waterways were ever contaminated, it would devastate the economy in the northwestern part of the Mobile-Tensaw watershed. The Satsuma Wastewater Treatment Plant is more than capable of handling the increased volume and our discharge from our wastewater plants exceeds all standards at the present time. Our project is also included in the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program CCMP, and I would respectfully request that we have at least 4 of the individuals that it requires for a Request for Evaluation for this project, and I thank you very much.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Tammy Herrington, followed by Casi and then Chad Hennis.

Tammy Herrington:

Hi, I'm Tammy Herrington. I'm the Executive Director for the Conservation Alabama Foundation, and I want to thank you for all the work you've already done and thank those of you who are new Council members. I look forward to working with you in the coming year on these projects. I'm really more here to talk generally, not about a specific project. We worked with a group – Alabama Renewal Group – over the past several years, and we've met with many of you, and one of the things we've been talking about is looking through what we call the triple-bottom line, so as you choose projects, we want to encourage you to look at projects and choose projects that will help, not only our economy but our environment and our community. We're excited to hear there are so many people out here today talking about projects that will impact positively our seafood, our water, our communities, our businesses. All of you know this was a huge economic disaster for the two coastal counties because of the environmental impact it created. We all saw in our community how largely tied together our environmental and economy are and how that does impact so much what happens in our coastal communities, so we would encourage you to choose

projects that would positively impact all three of those areas. We also just want to mention that we think the worst thing that we could do is cause more environmental harm for our community. While we hope that you will look at projects that will use sensitive approaches whenever possible that we would commit through these projects that we choose not to do any additional environmental harm to our communities. I also want to speak briefly to the process. I know we're focused largely on projects today, but we mentioned the Multiyear Implementation Plan and the process that you put together. Thank you so much for your hard work on that. There were many of us who made comments about that process and those were some of the questions that were asked Eliska about earlier about how those comments were incorporated, and I know there were many people here today who are speaking about projects and the other thing we've talked a lot about is that process and how we incorporate public input and the transparency that goes along with that, so when we're looking forward, say for instance Pot 3 that Director Lyons mentioned earlier, the State Expenditure Plan, we hope that you will incorporate the expertise of groups like ours that are looking at how we need to meet those federal, meet the Comprehensive Plan through the federal process as well and thank you very much for your service. We're grateful for the work that you're doing.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Casi Callaway with Mobile Baykeeper, followed by Chad Hennis and Walter Ernest.

Casi Callaway:

Thank you. I'm Casi Callaway, the Director of Mobile Baykeeper, I probably don't have to repeat too much after what Tammy just said, but I do want to start with the process. The process is something we've worked on now for 6 ½ years, and I am a broken record in saying that we need a review processor a review team. We completely understand the way you cut it to making sure that the projects were supported in the process you got together that you want for Council members to select those projects before you review everything. That's brilliant. But there is an easy and ready group of people who want to participate in that process that we have heard you all individually at different points say that you support, and that's through the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program. You have a ready-built group in every way shape and form – you've got a Science Advisory Committee, you've got a Business Resources Committee, you've got the community involved, you've got citizen groups on the ground who can see how these processes and projects work. Please take a look at that, if not in this process understand, but before you move on to the next process in phase 3. Public comment...the public wants to know when they show up to a meeting like this that it's not just to speak to the air and the wind. We're wanting to know that you're responding us, that you hear us, so finding a way to make sure you're putting that information back out is critically important. On the projects as well, we have a long list of yes's and no's that I can send you, but I didn't bring the yes/no list with me to go over every single one, so I'm hoping that it's going to be acceptable to submit comments in writing after today's meeting. On the general, and I've love to know what the timeline is on that. In the general, I would also add that some of the projects we see that give us caution are projects that directly and privately benefit one individual company or organization. That's not what we want to see with this money. We don't think that's what it was intended to do. This was a community-wide impact and the money should go community-wide and make an impact community-wide. We also want to see that every single project, again to repeat what Tammy said, to drive this home, is that the projects should not have an environmental impact. I would prefer zero environmental impact, not need an environmental permit, but that's not going to be perfect. I think that looking at every single project to insure it does not have an environmental impact or that you are mitigating in a way that is a large multiplication of what you do impact. This is vitally important. This was an environmental disaster, not just at an economic disaster. The environment was impacted, therefore our economy was impacted. The other thing I would say, too, is that we've got to make sure – we definitely believe that infrastructure projects, such as stormwater, waste water treatment facilities, upgrades on projects like the outfall line are vitally important to Bayou La Batre, but everywhere. You've got sewer infrastructure problems, you've got massive stormwater problems throughout both

communities that need to be addressed. That is the single biggest economic benefit that all of our communities in Mobile and Baldwin Counties could have. And the last thing I want to say, too, is that we've got a big deal to look at the dollars. How much did this cost? Y'all have a big deal looking at these dollars. You're doing it all yourselves. How expensive is this project? How expensive is maintenance? Is that sustainable? Please take a look at these projects to make sure you're able to get to the longest term solutions and putting the best money foot forward, if you will.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thanks, Casi. Chad Hennis with Saraland Water and Sewer, then Walter Ernest and Terry Williams.

Chad Hennis:

I appreciate having the opportunity to speak today. I'm with the Saraland Water and Sewer Service. In 2015, Saraland Water acquired the Saraland Sewer System and today I'm here to ask for your help. Our plant's in bad shape, trying to improve it. Our outfall line in Bayou Sara basically needs some help. We used our pumps up in the water department, we're land-locked, we have a lot of rural water systems around Saraland that we can't encroach or go into their areas. Basically, we're land-locked. I need some help, and I appreciate all the help y'all can give. Thanks.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, Walter Ernest with Pelican Coast Conservancy.

Walter Ernest:

Thank you, Mr. Lyons. My name is Walter Ernest. I'm the Director of Operations for the Pelican Coast Conservancy. We're a land trust. Briefly, I want to encourage you to consider land acquisition activities. There are numerous projects in the portal, too many to list today, but they're all quality projects ranging from Weeks Bay to Dauphin Island, Eastern Shore to the Brookley Bayfront. I could go on and on. Projects that come to mind today are 104 and 238. Project 104 is for Neotropical bird habitat on Dauphin Island. As you know, it's an important migratory birding area. The National Audubon Society named it a Globally Important Birding Area. And Project 238, that's the Brookley Bayfront Park, to create some green space for Brookley to tie into Mayor Stimpson's Green Broad project. These are just two...I could go on and on...there's projects on the Eastern Shore, projects in south Mobile County and Baldwin County. I hope you will use funds from Buckets 1, 3 or 5 for either outright land acquisitions through fee simple means or permanent conservation easements. Also, I look forward to your approval of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab as your Center of Excellence. They'll do a great job and thank you for doing that. Thanks.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Terry Williams, next Jill Mastrototaro and then Charles Hyland.

Terry Williams:

My name's Terry Williams. I just want to thank you for serving on this Council. I think it's probably very difficult, but it should also be very rewarding. I am the new mayor of Mt. Vernon, and my first time as a public servant. Our project, I believe it's number 319, is a new water system plant for the Town of Mt. Vernon. I inherited a 54-year-old treatment plant that has been patched and patched for years. Any part that goes down now has to be made, and we're having one made now – a multiboard to have our line fully regulated. It would help the northeast part of the County to grow. We're also trying to annex to our north and west. We'll have more citizens added to our town. There's another impact significant to our growth. Also, in Mt. Vernon, there's a great place to build a marina – you have the boats on the coast when a storm comes, they come north. We've got lots of good water and lots of good fishing. The water treatment plant is important to our growth, and I hope you will consider it. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):
Next Jill, then Charles Hyland and Carletta Davis.

Jill Mastrototaro:

I'm Jill Mastrototaro, policy specialist with the National Wildlife Federation working on the Deepwater Horizon recovery efforts in Alabama and Mississippi. I want to thank the Council thus far. We recognize that your work is key to holistic, coordinated to Gulf-wide restoration, and it comes home here in Mobile Bay, and as you move forward, we understand this is a process you try to use for Pot 1 and actually Pot 3. We feel like Pot 3 with the State Expenditure Plan has a much higher bar associated with it because of its connection to the RESTORE Council and the federal regulations connected to the Council's work. So, we'd love to sit down and talk with you about some potential opportunities to strengthen the process that you're looking at. We feel like, particularly from a science point of view, we had recommended in our comments two years ago, almost to the day, when the draft Pot 1 process was proposed that science review be a critical piece of what is built into the process that you have developed, and we urge you to as you look at the RFE in-depth review piece we end up with experts that you have a science review process built in, and there are many folks in the academic community but also the non-project community and beyond that can provide a supportive resource to help with that type of review. As it relates to the triple-bottom line benefit, certainly Pot 1 is a great opportunity to leverage projects that are not just more traditional in their infrastructure components, but they'll benefit businesses that were impacted here. It's really exciting to hear some of the energy around water quality projects and outdoor recreation projects that support the businesses that connect infrastructure. That gets back to the heart of what makes coastal Alabama – our resources, our water quality, our wildlife and fisheries. And, finally, I would ask that given that there was an opportunity for public comment recognizing that it may not have been formally required under the RESTORE Act, I'm a bit disappointed that there was no opportunity to get some kind of response from the Council to those comments. Would love to continue the conversation of how we can help make a more robust process that you're going to be working towards. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):
Thank you, Jill. Charles Hyland next, then Carletta Davis and Pete Barber third.

Charles Hyland:

Good afternoon. I'm Charles Hyland, the Director of Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to speak to you today. I would like to ask for your consideration of two projects. The first is project ID #277. This project would allow us to connect public sewer in the Dog River area where septic tanks are currently failing. This particular project would impact about 440 households that exist today and also would allow for future development. This is an area south of Dog River on both sides of Dauphin Island Parkway. The completion of this project would benefit the community by eliminating potential discharge to surface waters and improve overall water quality, help protect the seafood industry and enhance overall public health. The second project is #278, the Perch Creek CIPP project. This would allow us to line some existing sewer lines down in the Perch Creek area on both sides of Dauphin Island Parkway. This also would benefit the overall environment and the community and help protect public health. It would allow us to line about 27,000 linear feet of existing sewer line. In this particular process that's used, it's the most economic and environmentally friendly approach, because you don't have to dig up the sewer lines. You just basically line the existing sewer line which actually extends the useful life of that pipe 50 to 75 years. We certainly appreciate the work that you do, and we would ask for your favorable consideration for both of those projects, and thanks for this time to speak with you today.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):
Carletta Davis, Pete Barber and then Eva Golson.

Carletta Davis:

Good afternoon...Carletta Davis, Chairman of Coastal Community Council for MORE. I, too, would like to thank this Council for all of the hard work that you all have put into coming up with a process and doing all that you've done thus far, especially like to thank Eliska for coming out and meeting with us to explain, personally, the processes of this board and what's going on. I stand in the gap today for the minority communities that have submitted projects into the portal. There are several that I'm aware of including the ones for the City of Prichard but also numbers 326, 175, 176, 177, 179 and 305. The minority community was impacted by this horrific spill just as much as the other communities were. I think we often forget that a lot of the workers that worked along the coast were minority workers and therefore were impacted because they lost jobs and businesses. So, our association – we're a coalition that put in a project to try to spawn the invention of the commercialization of products that are inventors, so we put in for an inventors lab to be placed in north Mobile County, in Prichard, to again, spawn commercialization of products and prototypes, and so we hope that you would consider this project that we know that it will create jobs and businesses, and also it will spawn off growth in other industries such as logistics and it would also go towards the diversification goal that you have for your Council. So, again, we thank you so much. We hope that you strongly consider our project.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Next, Pete Barber with Alabama Seafood Association and behind Eva Golson will be Jennifer Denson.

Pete Barber:

Good afternoon. I'd like to speak in favor of the moved outfall line and also the extra dock space in Bayou La Batre. It's kind of interesting that both of these were action items after Hurricane Katrina and the process chaired by Ricky Matthews. They're not new ideas, but is something that is definitely needed. And speaking to Rosa's concerns about needing a hatchery, we're partially there. In fact, Eliska knows...NFWF, NRDA, everything...we have proposed all kinds of things for creating that hatchery with Bryant High School, and if those are still on it...I don't know any numbers. The project, everything you heard from the seafood industry is very necessary. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, Eva.

Eva Golson:

I don't have anything to say...I must have signed the wrong paper.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Jennifer. Jennifer Denson, and then we've got Jonathan Smith and then Vicki Howell.

Jennifer Denson.

Good afternoon. Thank you so much for giving the opportunity to share some information with you. I'm Jennifer Denson, the Executive Director with Partners for Environmental Progress. For those new to the Council, we're a business association made up of local industry – everything from Evonik to industrial suppliers to providers that work with them, Austal, the Port and others - really focusing on applying best environmental practices on businesses and industry. I'm not going to speak particularly about any one specific project, but a little bit about the process as well. We feel strongly that requiring the subject-matter experts to evaluate the complex issues involved in these projects and to ensure that the projects added to the MIP are using best available science and it will not have adverse environmental impacts is absolutely crucial to the entire process. We also feel it's important to all the projects that make it to MIP are consistent with the NEP's CCMP and all of the watershed management plans that have been going on throughout our area. Many of the projects in the portal are very well-designed and they're needed, but it's

imperative the Council allow those with the highest priority, the highest need, and the best beneficial impact those economically and environmentally are allowed to rise to the top. I hope that the RFE will allow the subject-matter experts to make sure that all the projects are using best environmental practices, best management practices, green infrastructure, LID development practices and more. There are so many projects in the portal that are worthy and certainly more than we have funding for, and I do not envy your position at all. I know that you all have competing priorities for making these decisions, so overall, we ask the Council to select infrastructure projects that not only are important for the environment, but have true significant environmental impact as well. Projects that have that triple-bottom line, as you heard today from Tammy and Casi and others. So, there are a number of projects that we support because they meet that triple-bottom line, some of which you heard today, for stormwater management, utility companies talking about sewer infrastructure. Frankly, especially in Mobile, the infrastructure is crumbling and needs to be addressed long-term and short-term. And certainly the Three Mile Creek project the Chamber spoke about, the watershed restoration as well as the greenway, those are all projects that will bring economic and environmental and social benefits to the community, and that really is where RESTORE Act money should be spent.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Next, Jonathan Smith with the City of Fairhope, Vicki Howell follows Jonathan and then Skip Jones.

Jonathan Smith:

Good afternoon and thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for project number 331 for a Fairhope Area Community-based Land Use Plan. As you all know, Fairhope is an extremely unique town. We have many resources which include our parks, our pedestrian network, our watersheds. We have eight tributaries that go to the Fish River watershed, so that's 8 tributaries that go into Mobile Bay. Our Central Business District in downtown directly relates to tourism. Our dedicated and involved citizenry is also one of our major assets. Project 331 is the Fairhope Area Community-based Land Use Plan. This project will be used to evaluate all our City ordinances relative to development with data. With the data collected during this process, the City will develop regulatory provisions that will allow us to be better stewards of our environment and our development processes. These planning efforts are imperative to Fairhope and our region. Healthy development practices are not only critically connected to our environmental resources, but they're also tied to our regional tourism and effort toward land acquisition, clean industry, economic development, and quality of life enjoyed by our coastal Alabama residents. Again, I'd like to express my support for project 331, and thank you all for your time. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Next is Vicki Howell.

Vicki Howell:

Good afternoon everyone. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you and thank you to the Council for your unenviable job to figure out how to fund all these projects, but I am going to speak up for ones that I hope you guys will fund. I wanted to follow up on Ms. Davis' comments – I'm standing her as a representative of the NAACP, particularly our economic development committee. We understand that for a community to grow, all segments of the community have to grow. Now, we hope that from this Council, the projects that are created, that you will see the benefits of creating an economic infrastructure in some of our most underserved areas. In particular, I want to put a word in for 175, 176, 177, and 179, and those are the projects in Africatown. I had the distinct honor of writing the history of the Birmingham Civil Rights Trail, and I can't tell you how big a tourist attraction that has become. The history of civil rights, the history of African American heritage is a huge, huge industry, and so these projects will give the Africatown community the opportunity kind of to polish that diamond in the rough to bring the people here who are going to want to get the oysters, to go to the hotels, and bring economic

development and tourism dollars into the area and to a unique experience these particular project will bring to the area. Also, I stand to ask your support of project 305, it is the Community Enterprise Investment Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Revolving Loan Fund for small businesses. We really believe that...I've been involved in some projects here with task force, a segment of the Chamber that deals with minority businesses, and I can't tell you the number of businesses that are out there who need the help and support of growing, because these kinds of funds will allow them to get access to funds that they might not get otherwise. It's so very important that we fund this...\$1.5 million is not a lot, and we're going to supplement that hopefully with investor dollars as well as banking dollars, because these private lenders together with the business owners will create the kind of economic impact that that \$1.5 million doesn't sound like a lot, but it can do a huge uplift in our community by providing businesses with the tools to create green energy, create sustainable projects and I think addresses the triple impact economic – economy, environment, and community. Finally, I also want to put in a word of support for the Inventor's Lab, #306, and of course, the City of Prichard for land acquisition and for conservation project 127. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Skip Jones is next, Chris Nelson and Melanie Baldwin.

Skip Jones:

I'm a resident of Fairhope, and I'm on the Fairhope Harbor Board. Jennifer Fiddler spoke a few minutes ago about one of the 3 elements in project 332 and her emphasis was on the beach nourishment and restoration for the project. The other two parts are waterfront infrastructure improvement and repair and the third one is stormwater management and public education about stormwater management. The Harbor Board for about the last year or so has been developing a plan to – Fairhope has two "harbors" – we have the Fairhope pier which is a huge recreational resource, and it also has about a 30-slip boat harbor. Fairhope also owns the north side of Fly Creek on the north side of town, and we have a harbor there that almost 100 slips and a boat repair facility. Both of these facilities need repair, and they also need some development to encourage – use both of our residents and a growing number of boat owners to using Mobile-area and Fairhope and Dog River, and we hope use Fairhope as a stop on their cruises from the north to the south and the loop cruises all along the eastern United States. The plan to restore the harbors includes infrastructure – both depth management which would be dredging – some of that might tie into Jennifer's nourishment program because the pier is right in the middle of our beach area. We also hope to create more jobs and improve the environmental relationship of the harbor and Fly Creek. Stormwater management and education part of the project both would affect the quality of water in the Bay and also affect how citizens' appreciate how to manage stormwater. Thank you for allowing me to speak, and I certainly appreciate y'all's considerable effort on this.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Next is Chris Nelson, followed by Melanie Baldwin and then Ray Neihuss.

Chris Nelson:

Thank you, I appreciate this opportunity. I'm Chris Nelson with Bon Secour Fisheries. I participated as a result of an invite by our previous Governor to be on the Coastal Recovery Commission which went on during the initial stages of the recovery from the oil spill, and I chaired the seafood committee during that effort, and we identified several major issues, one of which was the creation of some sort of marketing arm in the state that would allow us to compete with other regions as well as other states along the Gulf Coast. The Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board had been very successful and had been very well funded and continues to be for a number of years. I would like to speak in favor of funding the Current Seafood Marketing Commission. I understand that's project 241. We have done a lot of good with it. I know Ms. Buffy spoke about it earlier, and Chris Blankenship has done a very good job of leading us through that very successful process so far, and we need to continue to fund it. I will say that

as you market, you create competition, and I'm sure Buffy can speak to the fact there have been a few more restaurants to serve this good Gulf seafood we've promoted, and particularly in Alabama. In order to help us compete better, we need to do one of the other things that the CRC suggested which is modernization of our shore-side facilities. We're being out-competed by overseas facilities as well as those regionally in other states that bring in product to take advantage of the markets we're creating. Finally, I'd like to speak in favor of dealing with the clean water issues that we are facing in Mobile Bay and in Alabama waters, primarily the one that was mentioned earlier – the outfall in Bayou La Batre. We need to deal with that, so we can continue to grow oysters. Oysters need clean water. My father went up to Washington, DC – he always reminds me – in the early 70s to testify in favor of the Clean Water Act, and we continue to need the very, very clean waters provided by that in order to serve oysters raw. Thank you very much.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Melanie Baldwin with the City of Prichard, next Bob Riggs, and then Ossia Edwards, City of Prichard.

Melanie Baldwin:

Good afternoon. Thank you for having this hearing. I am speaking on behalf of projects 127 and 211, and there's 210, but 211 and 127 would regionally enable us to meet with Saraland and Chickasaw and enhance Chickasabogue Park with canoeing and things of that nature. All of us, I believe, in Saraland, Satsuma, and Chickasaw have put in to be able to develop Chickasabogue Park through kayaking and things of that nature, and that will bring ecotourism dollars, so we would like for you all to think about 127 and 211. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Bob Riggs.

Bob Riggs:

Yes, I appreciate the opportunity to speak on behalf of 332, which is the Fairhope Waterfront Redevelopment project. You've already had two speakers address this, and I'll be real brief but perhaps a different facet of this project. As you're well-aware, with Gulf Shores and Orange Beach and all of Baldwin County is a tourism mecca for the entire State. Sometimes we forget the Eastern Shore, particularly Fairhope. Fairhope is an enormous tourist attraction. The Grand Hotel, our art festival each year is one of the largest in the nation...over 200,000 people attend this festival each year. Throughout the year, there is ongoing tourism with film festivals, writer workshops, on and on and on. This is a tremendous aspect of our community. Finally, we're getting ready in Fairhope to open a new, state-of-the-art 15-field soccer complex. It's going to be a major new commitment to our tourism industry. Faulkner State Community College just recently open a beautiful outdoor amphitheater where there's a whole host of activities going on. This waterfront development project would tie right in with the tourism emphasis for Fairhope and the Eastern Shore. Skip alluded we have already in our Fly Creek complex over 500 recreational yachts, sailboats and other vessels, and we've become increasingly the point of destination for cruising yachts, loopers, and others during the migration from the Great Lakes who go down to South Florida each year. More and more yachts are coming into our community each year and each month, they enjoy and delight and spend time and their money in Fairhope which is a good thing, so this project would create a beautiful new waterfront and attract tourists of all nature but also the tourists who are traveling and recreational tourists who are using their vessels. Certainly appreciate the opportunity and give us an enhanced opportunity to increase tourism to our City. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. Ossia Edwards, City of Prichard.

Ossia Edwards:

Good afternoon. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to appear before for the City of Prichard. If you look at all three of the projects – 127, 210 and 211 – actually, there an extension of one another. Just to give you a brief little history, to see how all this fits together, it has been a long road for us. I can say 2001, I think it began with Mobile Estuarium, Auburn University, Baykeepers, others, Boy Scouts in order to pull certain programs and projects together. What we did...we looked at the streams, and we looked at areas where we could abstract our undeveloped pocket parks. They came in, these organizations, and they taught us how to do this ourselves. We also organized what we call PERK, Prichard Environmental Restoration Keepers, and those are people who go out into the community and work with the schools and so forth. They're in the process right now of the third pocket park. Because we know this is very important, they talk about health, changing lifestyles, and as I speak, we have begun as far as our bike trail. It starts at Prichard Stadium and it goes through our rich, historic area, and then hopefully, we will connect with Chickasabogue, and hopefully, later on, to our schools in the City of Prichard. We look at, and I have said this before, that if you look at, we have 8 watershed areas. Those watersheds we monitor closely, we have signs up and so forth. Christian Miller is the one that worked with us on that project, but the problem is, and I've said before, the streams and mini-streams and tributaries and so forth that we have in the City of Prichard, we have many that we can launch as far as kayaking and canoeing and so forth. We need to have also a fishing pier so that we connect with the culture about keeping those people who traveled those tributaries and so forth. The other thing that I wanted to mention is the fact if you look at the many, like Thomas Springs and so forth, we have more streams and creeks I think than anyone for the most part. And I've said if those streams are not clean, and we've tried our best to do so, then every one of our streams and tributaries, they filter out to Chickasabogue Creek from Chickasabogue Creek to Mobile Bay from Mobile Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. My question is, if we don't clean the small streams and creeks, then how are we going to keep the larger bodies of water clean? So, if you look at the three projects, they're ongoing, we have established, we have a historic commission that's now able to buy land, homes and so forth. We have such a rich, rich history, so I dearly ask you to please consider these projects. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Alright, we've got one more that just came in. Jackie Antalon.

Jackie Antalon:

Happy New Year everyone. We're still here, we're still here, we're still here. Hello, I am here in two capacities. One, I will start first as a member of the Gulf Future Coalition, and I will say that we're here to ensure that you remember the work that the on-the-ground grassroots communities did to enable the State to get this money, to enable you to be sitting at this table, to enable you to distribute the monies. We are looking for you to be held accountable for the equitable distribution of the funds. Not only in the number of projects, but also in the dollar value of projects. We have several concerns, one of the core concerns is again transparency. We still have serious concerns about transparency, and the second issue is meaningful engagement. Several have been invited and very few have attended. There is a selection of who will, and we feel there is a scope of entitlement. If you look at the demographics of our coastal communities, it is not reflected by this Council, so we are appealing to you, morally, in the distribution of these funds. That's the end of Gulf Future. I am here in support of Project #333. It exceeds all

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

What's that project number?

Jackie Antalon:

333. It exceeds all elements of RESTORE. It stands within itself without any other self-explanation. We would love to have each and every one of you remember that impacted communities, those communities that have oil and gas lines coming through their communities. This is a historic black community –

Coden, Alabama – which is almost over 300 years old, so we are appealing to you to do your job for the work that we have done to bring this money to our community. Thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Thank you. This is all of the cards that we've had representing people who wanted to speak. There's some time left, not a lot, but we've got some time left, so if there's anybody who didn't know about the cards or would like to speak, same limitation, same 3 minute limitation, we'd be happy to have you come up here, very clearly tell us your name and who you're with, so we can be sure and record it. The cards give us information we can get to be incorporated into the minutes. Is there anybody else who would like to speak? Well, I never hate ending a meeting early (laughter). Eliska has something else.

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Just real quickly, if anyone does have additional comments that they would like to send to us in written form, then if you go on our website, and I'm trying to get back to that slide...it's locked up, the restorealabama.org...if you go...well, it's just decided it won't let me go there. It's restorealabama.org, and you can go on...there is a website email address, agcrc

Patti Powell (State Lands Director, Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources): It's the top icon here on the comprehensive site...click on the top and it will take you there.

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

There we go, sorry. But thank you, the comprehensive site will allow you to get to this site. If you go here, on the homepage down at the bottom, the email address is there...agcrc@dcnr.alabamtha.gov, so you can email us at that address, and we are happy to take comments on projects as well, and they will certainly be distributed to the Council members. Thank you very much for being here today.

Casi Callaway:

Is there a timeline?

Eliska Morgan (Council Executive Director):

Yes, the Council members have been given a deadline of February 17th to have all of their RFEs submitted to us, and then depending on what we get project-wise, there's not a deadline for detailed reviews and having those back, because we don't know how long that process might take just yet. Thank you for asking that, Casi.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, one other thing, I just wanted to offer...Franklin, do you have any comments on behalf of the Governor?

Franklin Johnson (Deputy Chief of Staff, Proxy for Governor Bentley):

Thanks, Jimmy. I just want to say thank you all for being here, for your passion for projects, and the Governor certainly looks forward to reviewing the projects and all this process, so thank you.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Any other Council members have any comments they'd like to make?

Tony Kennon (Mayor of Orange Beach):

Yes, I'd like to encourage us to – after February 17th – go to work, and let's get these projects approved and the money spent and get things done. Things have drug on way too long.

Director Lyons (AGCRC Vice-Chairperson):

Okay, on behalf of the Council, I'd like to thank you all for being here, for those who took the time to speak...we appreciate your comments, your comments have been noted and the minutes will be written and distributed to the members of the Council. We've individually made notes, so we'll be working on these, and as Eliska said, if you've got some written comments, go ahead and get them in. I think, Casi, you said you had a list you want to send, so that's a perfect place to do that. Again, thank you very much for your time and patience and for getting us out of here on time. Thank you.

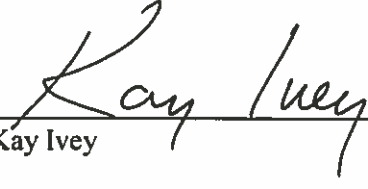
NEXT MEETING DATE:

No future meeting date was announced.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned by Director Lyons – 4:55 p.m. Central Time.

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By: 
Governor Kay Ivey
Its Chair

ATTEST:

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Director James K. Lyons
Its Vice-Chair



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Attachment 4

RFE Projects Posted on AGCRC and Alabama Coastal Restoration websites



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AGCRC releases list of Request for Evaluation (RFE) Projects Submitted by AGCRC

The following spreadsheet indicates those projects (listed numerically by its online portal identification number) which received at least one RFE by the AGCRC. Those projects receiving **4 or more** RFEs (highlighted in yellow) will move forward to the next step in the Project Evaluation Process. A Request for Evaluation **does not** guarantee a project will be funded; however, it does mean the project will receive further consideration by the AGCRC during development of the Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP) for "Bucket 1". For detailed information on the Project Selection Process for First Round MIP Development, please click on the following link:

[Selection Process](#)

[Final RFE Spreadsheet](#)

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Request for Evaluation (RFE) Submissions for First Round Multiyear Implementation Plan Development

ID #	Project Name	Bentley	Collier	Craft	Downey	Elliott	Kennon	Ludgood	Lyons	Stimpson	Wilson	TOTAL
79	Aloe Bay Harbour Town (Town of Dauphin Island)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			8
84	Restoration of Cotton Bayou and Terry Cove Canals						1					1
98	Stormwater Quality Rehabilitation Project						1					1
100	Dauphin Island Sea Lab Research Building		1				1	1				3
103	Gulf Coast Wildlife Recovery & Interpretive Center: Phase I			1			1				1	3
107	Gulf Coast Environment Research Station			1			1				1	3
108	Expansion of Auburn University Shellfish Laboratory		1				1					2
128	Development of a sustainable groundwater management plan to support long-term economic growth in Baldwin County			1			1				1	3
155	Sanitary Sewer Construction Project		1				1					2
175	Historic Africatown Welcome Center	1			1			1	1	1		5
179	Conservation, Preservation and Protection of Hog Bayou, Mobile County							1				1
185	Low Pressure Sewer System to Replace On-Site Systems in Sensitive Riverine Areas		1				1					2
196	Mobile County Soccer Complex and Aquatic Center							1				1
198	Development for a Regional Strategic Plan for the Coastal Alabama Region			1			1		1	1	1	5
201	Southeast Mobile County Sanitary Sewer/Oyster Reefs Protection Project		1				1					2
203	Using Off-Bottom Oyster Farming to Restore Alabama Oyster Reefs		1				1					2
211	Drainage and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements of Facilities along West Turner Rd and Dunlap Cir (City of Prichard)	1					1	1		1		4
212	City of Chickasaw Sewer Rehabilitation Project						1					1
213	Reuse Water System for the City of Foley and Blue Collar Country Sports and Entertainment Complex						1					1
215	Dauphin Island Wastewater Treatment and Outfall Improvements						1					1
216	Dauphin Island Water Supply						1					1
217	Planning for Economic Diversification of Bayou La Batre and Surrounding Area						1					1
218	Redevelop City Docks (City of Bayou La Batre)	1	1		1	1	1	1				6
219	CHARLIE DMMA Rehabilitation and Bayou Coden Maintenance Dredging						1					1
220	DELTA DMMA Rehabilitation and Bayou La Batre Maintenance Dredging						1					1
221	Enhanced Nutrient Removal at the Saraland Wastewater Treatment Facility						1					1
222	City of Saraland WWTF Upgrade							1		1		2
223	Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1	8
228	Mobile County Blueway Trail Development		1		1		1	1	1	1		6
236	Wastewater Reuse Project for the City of Daphne & the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay			1			1					2
237	Safe Harbor Dock Facility (City of Bayou La Batre)		1		1	1	1	1	1			6
239	Biofiltration for Wastewater Corrosion Control & Elimination of Sanitary Sewer Overflows			1			1					2
241	Alabama Gulf Seafood Marketing Program	1	1	1	1		1					5
245	Baldwin Beach Express	1					1					2
247	Aloe Bay/Mississippi Sound Water Quality Enhancement Project (Town of Dauphin Island)		1		1		1	1			1	5
250	Promotion of Year Round Tourism Opportunities on Alabama's Gulf Coast		1	1			1					3
251	Spanish Fort Estates Erosion Mitigation and Battlefield Preservation			1			1					2

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255	Extension of Effluent Force Main from Bayou La Batre WWTF	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		8
256	City of Saraland Potable Water Expansion Project						1					1
257	Saraland Water Service Water Meter Upgrade and Replacement						1					1
260	Water Distribution System Upgrades (City of Bayou La Batre)		1	1	1		1	1	1			6
261	Collection System/Lift Station Upgrades (City of Bayou La Batre)		1		1		1	1				4
266	Perdido Watershed Access Improvement					1	1					2
272	Lillian Park Beach Habitat and Shoreline Protection Improvements					1	1					2
274	Mobile County Sediment Reduction Program							1				1
276	Grand Bay Sewer Service Project		1				1					2
277	Low Pressure Sanitary Sewer for Dauphin Island		1				1					2
278	Perch Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Project			1	1			1	1	1	1	6
287	Expansion of the Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center			1	1		1				1	4
291	Aloe Bay Harbour Town (Design/Permitting, Town of Dauphin Island)		1	1	1	1	1		1	1		7
296	Promotion of Year Round Tourism Activities on Dauphin Island with Emphasis on the Off-Season		1	1	1		1	1				5
310	Longevity, Stability & Water Quality Improvements, Bon Secour DMDA					1	1					2
313	Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary Shoreline Restoration & Management				1			1				2
315	Baldwin County - Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Right of Way Acquisition			1		1	1			1	1	5
319	Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant	1					1	1		1		4
320	Replacement of Substandard Facilities at the ADEM Coastal Office & Mobile Field Office	1		1			1	1	1	1		6
321	Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		8
322	Ambassadors of the Environment Program (City of Gulf Shores)		1	1		1	1			1		5
324	Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Study		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			7
325	Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor		1	1				1	1	1		5
327	Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	7
328	Mobile Area Storm Water Mapping & Resiliency Planning	1	1		1			1	1	1		6
329	Mobile Greenway Initiative			1		1		1	1	1		5
330	Three Mile Creek Watershed Restoration	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		7
331	Fairhope Area Community-Based Comprehensive Land Use Plan			1	1	1	1		1		1	6
332	Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project (City of Fairhope)				1	1	1		1		1	5
333	Southwest Coastal AL Resiliency and Stewardship Center	1						1	1			3



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Attachment 5

March 7, 2018 Public Meeting Notice and Meeting Transcript



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- [State Expenditure Plan \(Bucket 3\) Project Selection Process and RFE Projects](#)

Meeting Location:

Five Rivers Delta Resource Center, Tensaw Theater
30945 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527

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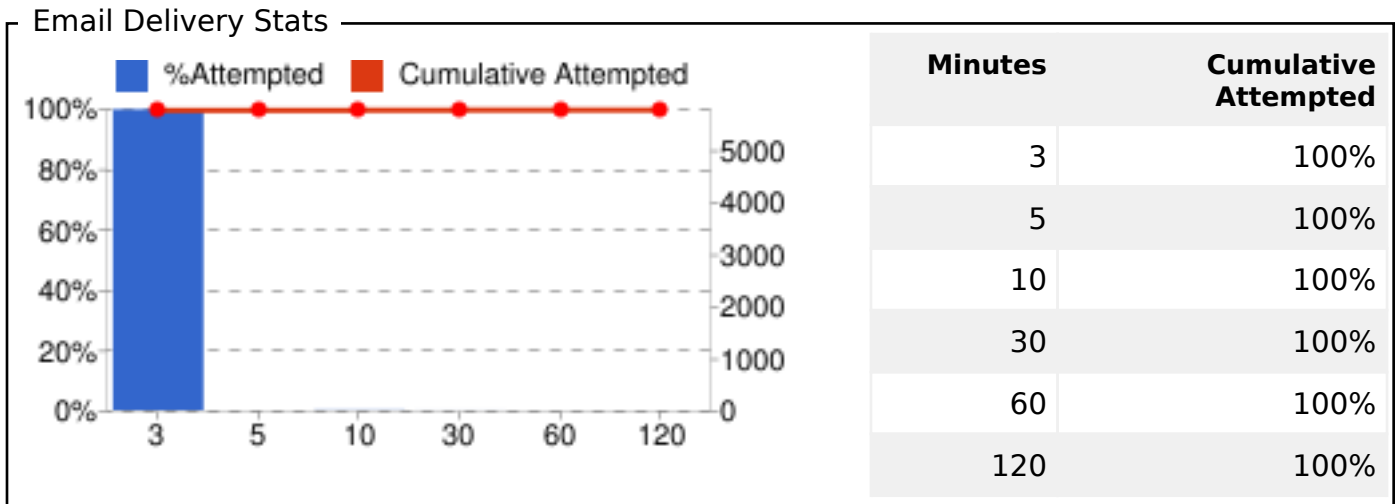
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2:40 PM

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have 100 percent attendance so we can call this meeting to order. Just a little bit of background as to what we are going to do today. We are going to start off with a little bit of background information on the Restore Act, the process and leading all the way up to where we are in the process. And we will have several slides on the projector and then we will go through the background and then we are going to vote...as you are well aware we did a voting [RFEs] as a council and selected projects to be considered for Bucket One first. Each one was considered for further evaluation that yielded us a list of I don't remember how many, but probably close to sixty projects. We then did the same process for the Bucket Three monies and again for Bucket Three plus and new projects that got four more votes were moved to a list for further evaluation. Eliska Morgan is here and she's going to walk you through basically a little bit of background on the slides. I know you have heard and seen it all before, but a little bit about our process and kind of taking you all the way up to where we are today, which is a date where we will be actually voting on projects to be included in our multiyear implementation plan for Bucket One and our State Expenditure Plan for Bucket Three. We had originally voted to do Bucket One and Bucket Two and Bucket Three but we are able to advance the Bucket Three alone and see where we are going to be. Bucket Three is the State Expenditure Plan. It requires a separate plan. Bucket One gets submitted after public comment to Department of Treasury for their review. Bucket Three goes to the Federal Restore council for their review after. And it will be — we are not going to have time today to take comments from the public on these projects, instead we are going to go through them one by one and explain the projects and vote. We will not have time for public comment here. But when these plans are submitted in draft form, they will be released to the public after which there will be a 45-day comment period. Those comments will be taken into consideration. And before it is submitted to the Department of Treasury or the Federal council depending on which plan. So, I'm going to go ahead and turn it over to our director, Eliska Morgan, who's going to go through the next series of slides.

MRS. MORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon. Thank you all for being here today. I'm going to try to run through this as quickly as possible because it is a good bit of information and much of it I know most of you have seen before. These are all of Alabama's Recovery Efforts. We have four different funding efforts that we basically have as a result of the oil spill. We have NRDA, the Natural Resource Damage Assessment. Alabama received \$296,000,000. Our trustees are Chris Blankenship, who is our commissioner for the Department of Conservation and Nick Tew who runs the Geological Survey of Alabama. We have projects ongoing under this effort and we have for quite a few years and so we expect a plan to come out soon under that funding source. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund these were the criminal fines as a result of the oil spill Alabama receives \$356,000,000. We just received our last deposit this past February. We are entering our fifth year of funding projects under this effort. The Alabama Council, which we will talk about in a minute. And then, of course, the Federal Council, which is the total that goes into this Bucket Two basically is a \$156 billion. That money is spent gulf wide so it's competitive for the State of Alabama and there is not a designated amount for the State of Alabama. I know many of you have seen this chart over and over again. As a result of the Restore Act, the Clean Water Act Penalties 20 percent went to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and then 80 percent into the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund. And today we will be talking about the direct components, which is what we refer to as Bucket One. And then the Spill Impact Component what we refer to as Bucket Three. For Bucket One we will develop a Multiyear Implementation Plan, obviously developed by this council, reviewed and approved by U.S. Treasury. For Bucket Two there is a funding priorities list that is developed by the Federal Council. The Bucket Three we developed a State Expenditure Plan by this council and will be reviewed and approved by the Federal Council. And then our Centers of Excellence Research Grants Program selected by the Alabama council and it's overseen by the Treasury Department. And an agreement has been executed with the Marine Environmental Science Consortium or better known as the Sea Lab, they are Alabama's Center of Excellence Research. So how much money do we have available? As of, I guess, next month in Bucket One, Alabama will have available almost \$98,000,000. And then we will receive annual payments of \$21.2 million through 2031 for a total of amount of \$374,068,532. For Bucket Three, next month we will have a total of \$85.6 million and with annual installments of \$18.5 million, we will have at the end of 15 years \$327,043,147. So quite a bit of money to spend...to

come in over a long period of time. So, I know many of you have seen this chart before. I know you can't see it from the back of the room, and it's very difficult to read, but actually with this new system, it's a little easier to read. I'm going to start...I'm not going to go through the whole process. This is the process the council developed to select projects. And I'm going to start about this point which is the council members recommend RFEs, Request for Evaluations, to move a project suggestion forward. Our Chairman mentioned this a minute ago that it takes four RFEs – four members to submit an RFE to move a project forward. So, we had a pretty large universe of projects in our portal and they narrowed those projects down through this process to — at the end of the day — about 60 projects. As the administrator, we then contacted the submitters of those projects. We asked them to complete detailed information about their projects, and we then forwarded those packets of information to our program manager led by Volkert Engineering to have their subject-matter experts evaluate the proposals that were submitted to the council. At the same time, we posted a list of all of those RFE projects on our web site. So what factors did our subject-matter experts look at when they were evaluating these projects? There is obviously a list of about 11 or 12 different things — I'm not going to read through them all — whether or not it addresses short term versus long term benefit, is the budget reasonable, what are the potential risks and uncertainties, what type of environmental compliance will be needed to implement this project and what might be the long-term commitment from a funding aspect for a particular project. After the Volkert team reviewed these projects, they provided summary reports to the council that — to the administrator who then shared them with the council. The council members reviewed the reports and then had another list of additional factors that they considered when determining whether or not to move those projects forward. And you may remember this, this was on our Appendix A that went out as far as our project selection process last year, year before. The availability and timing of RESTORE funding was important, potential for leveraging, geographic location, was the project in a disproportionately affected area, what were the annual recurring costs, and what was the benefit to the particular community or region, and was there an ability to implement these projects in phases. So, this is where we are today. Council determines if project will be included in the draft MIP, Multiyear Implementation Plan or the draft State Expenditure Plan. If the project is determined...or if the council votes to include a project in a plan, then what we will do from here is take those projects. We will develop the plan and incorporate those projects into a draft MIP or a draft SEP in which the council members will review that plan. They will then adopt the MIP and the SEP, the draft version, which will then be released to the public for a 45-day public comment period. The administrator will then gather and summarize those public comments and have the council members review and consider the public input. And then the administrator will incorporate those revisions as appropriate into the final MIP and SEP and present it to the Council. The Council will then finalize those plans and adopt those plans. At that point the administrator submits those plans to Treasury. So, it's the MIP Treasury and SEP to Federal Council for approval. And once we receive approval on those plans, then we will be able to go in and submit individual grant applications for each project that has been included in each plan. If a project is not included in either of these plans, then it remains in the queue for future considerations by the council. So, I want to make some key points about some of their process and some of the discussions that have been had by this Council. The Council intends to distribute RESTORE Act funds between Baldwin and Mobile Counties on an equitable basis for projects deemed viable. While this equity may not be realized in the first round, it will be achieved over time as amended plans are developed. Viable projects not selected for first round funding will be eligible for consideration in amended plans. A total of 60 projects were evaluated by ADCNR's external program management team led by Volkert Engineering. No projects were deemed ineligible. Seven projects were deemed regional in nature by Council members. Mobile County had a greater number of RFE projects of those 60 with a total dollar amount nearly two times that of Baldwin County. With limited funding available a number of Mobile County projects were set aside but will be eligible for future considerations in amended plans. Several other projects did not move forward for a number of reasons. For example, they may be eligible for other funding sources, some of the others that I had up on the screen at the beginning, or they have already received funding from other sources. There will be an opportunity for public comment during the 45-day comment period, which begins upon release of the draft MIP and draft SEP. We will make those announcements when they are released through our alabamacoastalrestoration.org distribution list. So, if you have not signed up on this web site, then, please, I encourage you to do so. Again, we can provide the address at the end of the meeting for anyone who does not have that information and would like to go on and sign up for future notifications. In addition, the project submitter...so when you see projects up here on the screen in a few minutes that the council will vote on, we have listed the entities who submitted the project. So, the project submitter may not ultimately be the project implementer, which means they may not end up being the sub-recipient. And those are for various reasons, some of it has to do with the requirements necessary to actually manage a Federal grant and these are considered Federal grants. So, with that, Mr. Chairman, I think we are ready to go to the first project. I'm sorry for the way this fits [on the screen]. I apologize, it's a little bit smaller screen here. So, Number 79 Aloe Bay Harbour Town, Phases II and III. This is the

Town of Dauphin Island. The total request in our evaluation packet or the total request being considered here is \$14,346,382. This project proposes to develop a business district with public facilities along Aloe Bay to enhance economic and tourism opportunities for the Town of Dauphin Island. Phase II will develop the design and environmental permitting, establish costs and prepare construction plans and documents. Phase III will facilitate the construction of the project. It's important to note that there is a Phase I that we will get to in a few minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We've got the Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases II and III up for consideration. Do I have a motion on this Project Number 79.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So moved by Mr. Bonner. Do I have a second?

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second by Mayor Kennon. I'd like to call for any discussions from the members. Any discussion by any of the members? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will go ahead and call the motion. All in favor say aye.

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project Number 79 passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 175, Historic Africatown Welcome Center, \$3,581,762. This phased project will include planning, engineering/design, permitting and construction for the Africatown Welcome Center and tourism program. The Welcome Center will provide the public with information about the Africatown community and surrounding Gulf Coast Region in addition to providing a stand-alone location for the preservation and viewing of historic documents and relics significant to the Africatown community.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project Number 175, the Historic Africatown Welcome Center. Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Moved.

MAYOR STIMPSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any discussions on this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: (Inaudible) I will say that this project almost took on some additional significance with the false alarm that we had in the location the Clotilda, but that has turned out to be false, but I think there are some renewed significant finds if anything does happen. So, any discussions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. I will go ahead and call the question since there are no discussions. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 218, Redevelop City Docks, for the City of Bayou La Batre. The request is for \$21,028,000. This phased project includes a feasibility study/planning, engineering/design, permitting and construction to repair Bayou La Batre's City Docks. The project intends to provide ecotourism opportunities and facilities for public use.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. We have Project Number 218, Redevelop City Docks in Bayou La Batre. Do I have a motion?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner.

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing no discussion, I will call the question. All in favor say Aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 223, Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project for the City of Satsuma, \$1,760,700. This project will extend water and sewer infrastructure under I-65 to provide potable water, fire protection and gravity sanitary sewer to households currently relying on individual wells and on-site septic tanks. This project will improve water quality with the removal of approximately 100 septic tanks and will provide growth opportunities for the City of Satsuma.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 223, the Satsuma Water and Sewer project. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon with a motion to second. All right. Any discussion on this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 228, Mobile County Blueway Trail Development for \$8,000,000. Mobile County proposes to develop and implement a comprehensive Mobile County Blueway Trail Project that integrates conservation and protection of coastal resources into increased public access for the entire county. Phase I of this project includes a planning process to inform the development of a Blueway Master Plan, which will include a facility/infrastructure construction element. Phase II includes implementation of the trail construction and a promotional media campaign.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have project Number 228, Mobile County Blueway Trail. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR CRAFT: So moved.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Craft has moved and Congressman Bonner has seconded it. Any discussion on this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No discussion. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 260, Water Distribution System upgrades in the City of Bayou La Batre, \$5,306,000. The City of Bayou La Batre proposes to replace 86,200 linear feet of 2-inch water lines with 6-inch or larger lines to improve water pressure and fire protection. The increased capacity will allow the City to be prepared for residential and commercial developments and will result in lower insurance rates for residents due to more adequate fire protection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 260, Water Distribution System Upgrades in Bayou La Batre. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon and seconded by Commissioner Ludgood. Okay. Any discussion on this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: If there are no further discussion I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 291, Aloe Bay Harbour Town, Phase I Town of Dauphin Island for \$2,183,485. This is the Phase I of the first project that the council voted on at the beginning of this process. This project proposes to develop a business district with public facilities along Aloe Bay to enhance economic and tourism opportunities for the Town of Dauphin Island. Phase I includes planning, design and engineering, acquisition and permitting. This phase will gather information, define problem areas, identify potential solutions and alternatives, and develop a timeline for implementation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 291, Aloe Bay Harbour Town, Phase I Dauphin Island. Do I have a motion?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MAYOR STIMPSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner so moved and Mayor Stimpson seconded. Do we have any discussion on this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: None opposed, it passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 315, Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Right of Way Acquisition for Baldwin County. This submittal seeks funding for Right of Way property acquisition to accommodate the proposed 24.5-mile Baldwin Beach Express Extension between I-10 and I-65. The objective is to acquire all right-of-way necessary to move to the construction phase. Regional economic recovery, tourism, industrial growth and public safety are supported and enhanced through the completion of this project.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project 315, the Baldwin Beach Express Extension of the Right of Way Acquisition. Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BURT: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So moved by Commissioner Burt, second moved by Commissioner Ludgood. Any questions or comments?

PUBLIC: I would like to suggest that since you can't see the dollar amount. I think it would be fair that we announce the amount.

MRS. MORGAN: I apologize.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, the amount of the project is \$11,340,000.

PUBLIC: There are a number of slides that are that way, too.

MRS. MORGAN: Thank you. I apologize.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to second. Any discussion on the project, further discussions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passed.

MRS. MORGAN: Okay. Project Number 319, Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant for the Town of Mount Vernon, \$1,500,000. This proposed project will include significant upgrades to Mount Vernon's water treatment facility including a concrete clearwell and baffles, induced draft aeration, a new treatment building, electrical and HVAC and a chemical feed system. The construction of a new component at the Water Treatment Plant will enable the Town to comply with ADEM and EPA minimum standards and regulations and will improve water quality.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project Number 319, Mount Vernon Treatment Plant and the amount is \$1,500,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MAYOR DOWNEY: I second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon so moved, Mayor Downey seconded. Any discussion? Any discussion on Project 319? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: 319 passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Okay. Project Number 321, Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics Railroad Terminal, the Alabama State Port Authority. The requested amount here is \$28,767,710. This project will convert a derelict former Bulk Handling Facility into a state-of-the-art roll-on roll-off Mobile Vehicle Processing Facility at the Port of Mobile. The development of this facility will allow automobile and equipment manufacturers in Alabama and other neighboring states access to a more cost-effective deep-water gateway for exporting American-made products as well as importing commodities and components that support those manufacturers creating jobs and improving the regional and national economy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 321, the Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics Mobile Terminal, \$28,767,710. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR CRAFT: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Craft so moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Wilson seconded. Okay. I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on this project?

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Mr. Chairman, could you announce maybe the whole amount and how this is just a part of it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah. The project value of this project including all engineering, land, construction, what not is going to be right at about \$60,000,000. And we expect to be able to build this project and have it operational by the end of 2019. Any other discussions or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Okay. Project Number 322, Ambassadors of the Environment the City of Gulf Shores, \$9,748,254. The City of Gulf Shores will construct a state-of-the-art facility utilizing the latest green building technologies, on 11.86 acres of City-owned property located adjacent to Gulf State Park. The architecture will mimic functional natural cycles found in the many habitat types that are easily accessible in coastal Alabama. The purpose of the Gulf Shores Ambassadors of the Environment Program is to create a sustainable-designed ecotourism program where participants can learn about the ecology, biodiversity, sustainability and resource management of the Northern Gulf of Mexico in order to promote conservation and stewardship of our natural resources.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 322, Ambassadors of the Environment City of Gulf Shores, \$9,748,254. Do I have a motion?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MAYOR STIMPSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner moved and Sandy seconded.

MAYOR STIMPSON: Can we get Mayor Craft to explain what the model looks like?

MAYOR CRAFT: The Jean-Michel Cousteau group does the ambassadors of the environment program, and they operate on the coastal areas -- primarily on the west coast. They have an education center on Catalina Island, ecotourism centers all over the pacific, and areas out there focused on ecotourism and major resources. My daughter happened to work for the ecotourism group, and I met that family, and I encouraged them to look at what we have here, and they are very much excited about the opportunity to focus on ecotourism, some educational process and our goal in getting that is to make sure that future generations do a better job than we did in protecting our environment and further ecotourism and environmental sustainability.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 324, Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Study submitted by the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association, \$375,000. This project proposes the development of a planning level feasibility study of the 164-acre Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club property to determine long-term economic sustainability for the facility, as well as to inform alternatives for the best use of the property. There is a possibility that future improvements to the Isle Dauphine property could positively impact and enhance the Town's Aloe Bay Harbour Town project.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project 324, Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Study, \$375,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Mayor Kennon has made the motion, Mayor Craft has seconded it. Any discussion on this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No discussion. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 325, Innovating St. Louis Street Mobile's Technology Corridor. The request is for \$5,885,500. The project proposal includes the design and reconstruction of infrastructure within the St. Louis Street right-of-way and in the City of Mobile. The planning, design, and reconstruction of the existing utility, streetscape, roadway and storm drainage infrastructure would represent a significant milestone. Comprehensively, this phased initiative correlates with broader objectives for fostering additional business developments and economic revitalization opportunities within the corridor and surrounding areas.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project Number 325, Innovating St. Louis Street Mobile's Technology Corridor, \$5,885,500. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wilson has moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Ludgood. Okay. We have a motion for second. Any discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sandy, I don't have a question, but if you can elaborate a little bit more, because I think this ties in with the work that's been done on St. Louis Street.

MAYOR STIMPSON: Right. (Inaudible) Technology Corridor for a couple of years. It's hard today see what it can really look like, but we have underlying infrastructure problems, and really, this is under the street (inaudible).

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a second. And further discussion or requests? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No questions, all in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, before I move on, I'd like to mention to all of you that the handouts that have the list of the RFE projects, I would like to clarify real quick. The first column is what the estimated cost of the project is. Some projects do have some leverage dollars. The second column is what was entered into the portal as the RESTORE amount of funding being requested. And then the third column was actually what was submitted to the Council in the evaluation packet. Because some projects were submitted four years ago, there were some differences in the cost that was submitted in the portal and what was submitted on the evaluation packet when more detailed budgets were flushed out. But the numbers that the council is voting on are the actual numbers that they are agreeing to commit to these projects at this particular time. So, I'm sorry that I didn't mention that before. On to the next Project Number 327, Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements, \$56,800,000. The Alabama Department of Transportation, Baldwin County and the cities of Spanish Fort, Daphne, Fairhope, Orange Beach, and Gulf Shores are cooperatively pursuing the completion of five major infrastructure projects long-needed in the Gulf Coast Region to reduce congestion and enhance access to and between the surrounding areas. The project partners seek to leverage funding from three major sources to add additional lanes to three major state routes in five separate projects, totaling 18.31 miles of capacity improvements.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 327, Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements, \$56,800,000 do I have a motion?

MAYOR CRAFT: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any questions or comments on this project or any of its components? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I understand this project has a substantial amount of leverage from other sources so the actual total dollars of the project is 130,000,000 altogether, so we are getting a lot of bang for our buck in this project. Any other comments or questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 329, Mobile Greenway Initiative the City of Mobile, \$9,700,000. The Three Mile Creek Greenway Trail, once constructed, will provide a continuous 12-mile path for runners, walkers and cyclists immediately adjacent to Three Mile Creek in the City of Mobile. This phased project will reconnect neighborhoods with

designated access along the trail and includes artwork which interprets the historic significance of Three Mile Creek while providing the opportunity to combine recreation, commuting and culture.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 329, Mobile Greenway Initiative, \$9,700,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Wilson has moved, Mayor Kennon seconded. Any discussion from this project? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Okay. Project Number 332, Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project for the City of Fairhope. The amount of funding for this project is \$6,200,000. This project will include improvements to the Fairhope Municipal Pier, Pier Landing and South Beach Park to ensure resiliency, sustainability and human interaction of the City of Fairhope's most precious resource: its waterfront. This project will be implemented in phases with design and construction plans intended to incorporate low impact development standards and green infrastructure methodologies.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project 332, Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration for the City of Fairhope, \$6,200,000 do I have a motion?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion or comment on this project? Discussion or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Okay. The final project on the slate for Bucket One is a planning grant to amend the Multiyear Implementation Plan. That grant will actually go to ADCNR to help fund administrative costs to actually administer this program. So, obviously, it's to develop the MIP, which will prioritize eligible activities for direct component funds and to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, business and organizations in the Gulf Coast Region of Alabama for \$300,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a planning grant for the Multiyear Implementation Plan for \$300,000. Do we have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved and Commissioner Ludgood seconded. Do we have any discussion or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will comment that I think this represents a good value for the work the Department of Conservation is doing in administering these grants. There is a lot of hard work that goes into it in the case of all of these grantors that not only write the plans, but it's a lot of follow-up work that has to be done to ensure that all the subrecipients apply with the federal law and the rules that are put forth by the Department of Treasury. And we know from early on, the Department of Treasury will be watching very closely, and we've had several visits already by the inspector from the Department of Treasury, so this is very important, and I think represents a very good value. Any discussion or comments on this? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No discussion or comments, all in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: This finishes with Bucket One.

MRS. MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, if I may, the total funding now committed to the Bucket One Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan is \$186,821,125.00.

MR. CHAIRMAN: One thing also, we have sort of a sketchy diagram that's been done, and this will be done over roughly a five-year period of time.

MRS. MORGAN: There is one project that's a six-year project.

MR. CHAIRMAN: One that's a six-year, but basically, that's the plan for these five-year plans, one six-year plan. Alright, on to Bucket Three.

MRS. MORGAN: Okay, so the first project on Bucket Three is Project Number 84, Environmental Restoration of Cotton Bayou and Terry Cove, City of Orange Beach. This project is \$500,000. This project will develop an ecological understanding of the environmental and ecological health of the Cotton Bayou/Terry Cove system with an outcome to understand what restoration activities would enhance the overall health of the system. This planning activity will provide engineering and design and a cost estimate for proposed restoration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 84 the Environmental Restoration of Cotton Bayou and Terry Cove City of Orange Beach \$500,000. Do we have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Ludgood seconded it. Do we have any discussion on this project? Any discussion or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 103, Gulf Coast Wildlife Recovery and Interpretive Center Feasibility, Planning and

Preliminary Design for the City of Orange Beach. Their request is for \$275,000. This project proposes planning and design to expand the Gulf Coast Wildlife Recovery and Interpretive Center in Orange Beach. Once implemented, this facility would provide rehabilitation services for a variety of species as well as tourism and stewardship opportunities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project Number 103, Gulf Coast Wildlife Recovery and Interpretive Center: Feasibility, Planning and Preliminary Design, \$275,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MAYOR DOWNEY: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mayor Wilson and seconded by Mayor Downey. Any questions or comments? Comments or questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: That passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 107, Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station, Auburn University for \$9,000,000. This project proposes the construction of the GCERS facility in Orange Beach to support fundamental and applied engineering research for coastal issues in Alabama including water quality, restoration and protection of natural resources and coastal emergency management. Additionally, this project includes two years' funding for operations and maintenance of the facility. This phased project will include planning, engineering and design, construction, and O&M.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 107, Gulf Coast Engineering Research Station, \$9,000,000. Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BURT: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Burt moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second, Mayor Craft. I have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussions on the project or comments?

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: (Inaudible) Even though this is submitted by Auburn University, based on all of the information we have received, this is absolutely a collaboration with all of the institutions in the state, doing work in these areas, and that they will be working together...that they are finding that piece of work that is not being done, and that will be their nature. So, concerns that I had that this was going to duplicate University of South Alabama - what I now have learned is that this will add value to the University of South Alabama - this is what we were told.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any further comments or discussion, questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MAYOR STIMPSON: I abstain.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I note that Mayor Stimpson abstained.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 156, Characterization and Delineation of Significant Sand Resource Areas Essential for Beach Restoration Offshore Alabama, the Geological Survey of Alabama. And the amount is for \$922,500. This project will update the Offshore Alabama Sand Information System platform through collaboration with interested governing and private partners; acquire data and characterization of offshore sand resources through the use of OASIS update and will disseminate work through OASIS platform publications and presentations. Designated a regional project by the Alabama Council, results of this research effort intend to inform future restoration efforts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 156, Characterization and Delineation of Significant Sand Resource Areas Essential for Beach Restoration Offshore Alabama. This is a regional project, expands both counties and will provide information on projects in Coastal Alabama. The amount is \$922,500. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR CRAFT: So moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Craft moved and Wilson seconded. Do we have any discussions on this project? Any comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

COUNCIL: Project Number 198, Development of a Regional Strategic Plan for the Coastal Alabama Region submitted by the Coastal Alabama Partnership for \$562,500. This project proposes to develop a regional brand and marketing effort focused on ecotourism; identify and develop an online resource directory and advertise and publicize the brand developed with online marketing and paid advertising. Phases I and II of this effort have been funded by other sources. This project funds Phase III of this planning effort.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 198, the Development for a Regional Strategic Plan for the Coastal Alabama Region which includes Mobile and Baldwin Counties, \$562,500. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wilson moved and Congressman Bonner seconded. Do I have any discussions? Questions? Comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No discussion, questions or comments, I'll go ahead and call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Opposed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Ludgood opposed.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 212, City of Chickasaw Sewer Rehabilitation Project, \$1,250,000. This project proposes to rehabilitate aged and deteriorated gravity sewers to reduce inflow and infiltration resulting from wet weather events. Implementation of the phased project will include closed-circuit television inspection of the gravity sewers, evaluation of the physical condition of the pipe and identification of the most cost-effective rehabilitation method. The implementation of this project will protect the water quality of Chickasaw Creek, Mobile River, and the Mobile Bay Estuary system.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. This is Project 212, City of Chickasaw Sewer Rehabilitation Project, \$1,250,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Commissioner Ludgood. Any discussion or questions on this project? Comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 241, the Alabama Gulf Seafood Marketing Program for \$2,852,135. This project proposes the continuation of the Alabama Gulf Seafood Marketing Program for five years with strategies focused on expanding the value, pride, brand and global market share of Alabama seafood. This program was created by the Alabama Seafood Marketing Commission, which was established in 2011 to increase business for Alabama's seafood industry. Alabama seafood is defined as any seafood product sold by Alabama businesses and sources from Gulf and local waters.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, we have Project 241, Alabama Gulf Seafood Marketing Program for \$2,852,135. This is a five-year program as I recall. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR DOWNEY: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Downey moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any comments, questions, discussions on this matter? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll go ahead and call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 247, Aloe Bay/Mississippi Sound Water Quality Enhancement project in the Town of Dauphin Island for \$11,500,000. This project proposes the construction of a new Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to replace the existing facility currently providing sewer treatment to Dauphin Island residents and visitors. Implementation of this project will significantly enhance water quality discharge into Aloe Bay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 247, Aloe Bay/Mississippi Sound Water Quality Enhancement Project Town of Dauphin Island, \$11,500,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Craft second. Any discussions or comments? Questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Next Project is Number 255, Extension of Effluent Force Main from Bayou La Batre Wastewater Treatment Facility obviously in the City of Bayou La Batre, \$15,600,000. This phased project will design, permit, and construct an extension of the Bayou La Batre Wastewater Treatment Facility's outfall line to promote better mixing and to reduce shellfish closures when flow rates are exceeded. Implementation of this project to prevent shellfish closures will benefit the overall economy of South Mobile County.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 255, Extension of Effluent Force Main from Bayou La Batre Wastewater Treatment Facility, \$15,600,00. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Wilson moved.

MAYOR STIMPSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Stimpson seconded. Any questions, comments or discussions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll go ahead and call the question here. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Next Project Number 261, Collection System/Lift Station Upgrades in the City of Bayou La Batre, \$12,805,000. This phased project will replace 15 miles of outdated and leaking sewer pipe with new reliable materials to prevent sewer leaks and upgrade to 16 major pump stations in the Bayou La Batre area. Implementation of this project will result in fewer overflows and an overall reduction of contaminants into local soils and waters.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 261, the Collection System/Lift Station Upgrades City of Bayou La Batre, \$12,805,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR STIMPSON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Stimpson moves.

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mayor Kennon. Discussion? Comments? Questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I will call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 267, New Stream-Gaging Station on Fish River at County Road 32 for \$87,250. This submittal seeks funding for a new stream-gaging station on Fish River at Baldwin County Road 32 to assist authorities in flood forecasting and flood alert efforts. Additional river stage and streamflow data for Fish River will improve managers' ability to predict the timing and magnitude of flood events, thereby helping to protect property and lives. Implementation of this project will provide data to predict the time and magnitude of floods enabling local officials to take the planning steps necessary to accommodate the stormwater generated from major flood events.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project Number 267, New Stream-Gaging Station on Fish River County Road 32 in Baldwin County, \$87,250. Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BURT: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moved by Commissioner Burt.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Congressman Bonner. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I didn't ask any discussion or comments. Any discussion or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Next Project Number 272, Lillian Park Beach Habitat and Shoreline Protection in Baldwin County, \$626,460. Implementation of this project will establish a stable sand beach shoreline to improve public safety while mitigating wave energy contributions to beach erosion and habitat loss along Perdido Bay. This phased project will include planning, engineering/design, and construction, and intends to increase the resilience of the estuarine and marine habitat.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 272, the Lillian Park Beach Habitat and Shoreline Protection in Baldwin County, \$626,460. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Wilson moved and Ludgood seconded. Any comments? Questions? Discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll go ahead and call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Next Project Number 278, Perch Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line CIPP, this was submitted by the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System. The amount is \$3,548,590. This project will address sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration in the City of Mobile's Perch Creek area through innovative trenchless technology called Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP). CIPP is an efficient way to extend the useful life of existing infrastructure while decreasing treatment costs due to the elimination of inflow and infiltration with minimal damage to the environment. Implementation of this project will lead to a reduction of sanitary sewer overflows improving overall water quality in the Perch Creek Area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 278, Perch Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, \$3,548,590 \$90. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR DOWNEY: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mayor Downey.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Second

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second by Commissioner Burt. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussions, questions or comments?

PUBLIC: Can you repeat the total?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, it's \$3,548,590, and I think the overall project, Casi, is substantially more.

MRS. MORGAN: Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yeah, that's the total project, so the difference is the total project. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion, comments or questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: The next project is Number 287, Expansion of the Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, City of Orange Beach. The amount requested is \$183,500. The purpose of this project is to expand the capacity and capabilities of the current rehabilitation facility to accommodate additional types of species. These improvements will also allow an upgrade from short and intermediate rehabilitation terms to long-term rehabilitation resulting in less transfers and euthanasia outcomes. Marketing and outreach elements of this proposal intend to recruit increased program awareness and disseminate educational messaging and improve passive prevention/mitigation efforts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 287, Expansion of the Orange Beach Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education

Center, \$183,500. Do we have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: Moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do I have a second?

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mayor Craft. Any discussion? Comments? Questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 310, Longevity, Stability and Water Quality Improvements in the Bon Secour Dredge Material Disposal Area, \$340,744. This submittal seeks funding to replace an aging and structurally failing weir structure at the Bon Secour Dredge Material Disposal Area used by the US Corps of Engineers to dispose of dredged material from the Bon Secour River. The DMDA outlet structure will be designed and constructed in accordance with engineering best practices acceptable for similar structures and in common use by the Corps of Engineers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 310, Longevity, Stability and Water Quality Improvements DMDA, \$340,744. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mayor Wilson. Any comments? Questions? Discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 320, Replacement of Substandard Facilities at the ADEM Coastal Office in Mobile Field Office, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The request is for \$5,862,717. This project includes land acquisition, engineering/design and construction of a new coastal office for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Tasked with the statutory mandate to protect Alabama's air, land and water resources an updated facility will provide more efficient and effective service.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 320, Replacement of Substandard Facilities at the ADEM Coastal Office and Mobile Field Office, \$5,862,717. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR CRAFT: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Craft moved. Do I have a second?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Congressman Bonner seconded. We have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will make one comment myself. ADEM is currently operating out of two different locations, and this is highly inefficient for their people. The facilities are in terrible shape, and it's my belief it's going to make ADEM a lot more efficient in doing their job. And I think it's a good thing to benefit both Mobile and Baldwin County and all of those that have to do with ADEM. So, it's my personal belief it's a great project, and I'm in favor of it.

MR. BONNER: Also, Mr. Chairman, for those of us who live on the coast (inaudible) they are invaluable to us, so giving them facilities to guide the whole area is vital. I agree with you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any other comments or questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'll go ahead and call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 328, Mobile Area Storm Water — I apologize. Bear with me...we have a glitch. (Short technical problem.)

MRS. MORGAN: Okay, sorry. Project Number 328, Mobile Area Storm Water Mapping and Resiliency planning for \$3,000,000. This project's purpose is to develop the information and tools necessary to successfully plan and cost-effectively manage communities and economies in the Mobile region that are resilient in the face of flooding, extreme weather events, climate hazards and changing ocean conditions. This project will complete a GPS digital inventory/database and map of stormwater infrastructure that flow through the City of Mobile into Mobile Bay; identify properties within the City of Mobile that are subject to repetitive flood loss, and develop a strategy to address and effectively remedy prospective losses.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 328, Mobile Area Storm Water Mapping and Resiliency Planning for \$3,000,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved and Commissioner Burt seconded. Any discussion? Question? Comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 330, Three Mile Creek Watershed Restoration in the City of Mobile. The project is for \$11,730,000. The purpose of this project is to reduce further bank de-stabilization along upper portions of Three Mile

Creek, reducing sedimentation to downstream features like Langan Park Lake and Three Mile Creek. Improvements in water quality, stormwater management, and flood control will restore Langan Park Lake to its original capacity and usefulness. The objectives of this phased project include stabilization of Twelve Mile Creek from East Drive to Langan Park Lake, leverage stream improvements occurring upstream (East Drive to the headwaters) and utilize hydrologic modeling occurring for the sub-watershed, and dredge Langan Park Lake to alleviate flooding.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 330, Three Mile Creek Watershed Restoration City of Mobile, \$11,730,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR STIMPSON: So moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Stimpson moved and Mayor Wilson seconded. Any questions or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 331, Fairhope Area Community Based Comprehensive Land Use Plan the amount of this project is \$650,000. This project involves the creation of a community driven comprehensive land use plan for the City of Fairhope to address growth with an emphasis on environmental stewardship and a legal foundation for implementation. Plan development envisions sustainable community growth infused with aspects of green infrastructure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 331, Fairhope Area Community Based Comprehensive Land Use Plan, \$650,000. Do I have a motion?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MAYOR KENNON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner moved and Mayor Kennon seconded. Do I have any questions or comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 359, Fort Morgan Parkway Trail Extension for Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Parks Division, \$4,433,600. This project proposes to extend and ultimately complete the Fort Morgan Parkway Trail from Fort Morgan Historical Park to Gulf State Park and includes the construction of a midzone to provide parking, restroom facilities, and interpretive signage. When completed, the Fort Morgan Parkway Trail will provide approximately 30 miles of recreation trail from Fort Morgan to Orange Beach and will connect with numerous trail spurs and loops along the way.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project 359, Fort Morgan Parkway Trail Extension, \$4,433,600 do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner seconded it. Any questions? Comments? Discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 361, Meaher Park Improvements – again State Parks Division for the Department of Conservation, \$3,450,000. This project will add 156 full-service campsites as well as parking, bath houses, a fishing pier, and utility infrastructure to Meaher Park in Spanish Fort. In addition, 10 RV park model cabins will be installed along with appropriate skirting, decking, steps and/or ramps. This project will greatly increase and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities along a major east-west corridor used heavily by citizens and guests of Alabama.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 361, Meaher Park Improvements, \$3,450,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR DOWNEY: So moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Downey moves and Mayor Wilson seconded. Any questions? Comments? Discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 383, Dirt Road Paving sediment reduction program for Mobile County, \$10,093,120. This phased project intends to develop and implement a dirt road paving program to reduce the number of unpaved miles in environmentally sensitive areas of Mobile County, which will reduce sedimentation and result in improved water quality. Implementation, scheduled to occur over an eight-year period, involves engineering/design, permitting right-of-way acquisition and construction.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 383, Dirt Road Paving Sediment Reduction Program, \$10,093,120. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR DOWNEY: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Downey.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Commissioner Burt. Any discussion? Questions? Comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I will call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: It passes.

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 384, Alabama Point Seawall Repair in the City of Orange Beach, \$2,488,000. The purpose of this project is to rebuild the existing Alabama Point Seawall with a more resilient method of construction for the tidally—influenced marine environment and to protect the recent improvements on the upland portion of the area. Implementation of this project will protect a unique and valuable public access point at Perdido Pass Seawall Park.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 384, Alabama Point Seawall Repair, \$2,488,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Wilson has moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mayor Craft. Any questions? Comments? Discussion?

MAYOR KENNON: This project is in Orange Beach – State of Alabama Project. It's a city wall.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any other comments? Questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 385, Canal Road Improvements East of State Road 161 in Orange Beach. This is for \$1,848,270. This project will promote community resilience and economic growth by addressing the hindrance of economic development on Canal Road east of and near the State Road 161 intersection in Orange Beach. Growth of business and the tourism industry in Orange Beach have led to increased traffic volumes resulting in a need to enhance capacity and efficiency. This project will provide sufficient infrastructure improvements to allow the City of Orange Beach to safely address economic growth to benefit the local economy.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 385, Canal Road Improvements East of State Road 161, \$1,848,270. Do I have a motion to move?

MAYOR STIMPSON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Stimpson moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Commissioner Ludgood. Any questions? Comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Next Project Number 389, Orange Beach North Sewer Force Main Upgrade cost is \$5,195,000. This

project consists of the replacement of approximately eight miles of sewer force main from a point on Highway 180 in Orange Beach to an existing lift station on County Road 12. The area benefited by this upgrade will include areas north and east of Wolf Bay to Josephine as well as areas directly served by the force main. Implementation of this project will improve water quality in Wolf Bay by preventing failures in the existing main and decreasing the use of on-site septic systems.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 389, Orange Beach North Sewer Force Main Upgrade, \$5,195,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Mayor Craft. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Questions? Comments?

MAYOR CRAFT: I wanted to comment about this one. It's consistent with a lot of the others that you have seen here today with the septic systems sewer to prevent the contamination of the water source and all of those are vital for our environment and water recovery and water projects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. Any questions or comments? Okay, so we have a motion and a second. I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Next Project is Number 394, Implementing Storm Water Management Improvements for Toulmin Springs Branch and Gum Tree Branch in Mobile County. The cost of this project is \$1,187,130. The Mobile County Commission proposes to undertake an engineering and design planning effort to define the scope of work and to develop construction documents for restoration and improvement of drainage and streams in Toulmin Springs Branch and Gum Tree Branch. This planning project will identify specific projects and activities to address stressors affecting water quality, localized flooding, and stream/riparian habitats degradation in the Toulmin Springs Branch and Gum Tree Branch sub-watersheds contributing to healthier and sustainable ecosystem service delivery.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We've got Project 394, Implementing Storm Water Management Improvements for Toulmin Springs Branch and Gum Tree Branch in Mobile County, \$1,187,130. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved and seconded by Commissioner Ludgood. Questions? Comments? Discussions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 396, Fairhope Sewer Upgrade Phase I for \$10,000,000. The project proposed in Phase I will address the most urgent needs within the sewer system by instituting major rehabilitation measures for the complete replacement of four main pump stations and rehabilitation of the major gravity outfall lines utilizing cost-

effective and environmentally sensitive engineering solutions. The implementation of this project will protect the water quality of Mobile Bay by reducing the frequency of Sanitary Sewer Overflows that occur within the City of Fairhope's public sewer system.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Project Number 396, Fairhope Sewer Upgrade Phase I, City of Fairhope, \$10,000,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR DOWNEY: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion by Mayor Downey.

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Commissioner Ludgood. Any comments or questions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 401, Little Lagoon Restoration Project for the City of Gulf Shores, \$5,995,686. This project will restore and improve approximately 2500 acres of habitat within Little Lagoon by creating 1000 feet of living shorelines, improving hydrologic connectivity of the existing canal system, converting approximately 200 septic systems, restoring shellfish and marsh/seagrass, and conducting ecological research and long-term monitoring. Project objectives include improvements to water quality, increased habitat area, and increased ecological productivity. The project will have secondary beneficial impacts to the region including improved and more resilient infrastructure and increased recreational and ecotourism opportunities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Project 401, Little Lagoon Restoration Project City of Gulf Shores, \$5,995,686. Do I have motion?

MAYOR CRAFT: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Craft moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mayor Wilson. Okay. We have a motion and second. Any questions, comments, or discussions? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 412, Eastern Shore Sanitary Sewer Overflows Prevention Plan submitted by the City of Fairhope for \$1,000,000. The purpose of this project is to minimize or eliminate altogether sanitary sewer overflows on the Eastern Shore resulting from insufficient capacity and inflow and infiltration from excess stormwater. In addition, the project aims to improve the overall water quality of Mobile Bay by protecting runoff to the bay from sanitary sewers and sediment from stormwater erosion. The objective of the project is to map and model projected growth patterns along the Eastern Shore; identify areas of wastewater and stormwater needs to address this anticipated growth; and develop short-term strategies for dealing with current capacity issues related to growth and long-term plans for capacity

improvements.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 412, Eastern Shore Sanitary Sewer Overflow Prevention Plan City of Fairhope, \$1,000,000. And if I'm not mistaken, Karen, is this Eastern Shore-wide?

MAYOR WILSON: All of the Eastern Shore.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All of the Eastern Shore, so you will get Daphne, Fairhope?

MAYOR WILSON: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll ask for a motion.

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner moved.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Congressman Bonner moved and Commissioner Burt seconded. All right, so we have a motion and a second. Do we have any questions? Comments? Discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: Project Number 413, One Mobile Reconnecting People, Work and Play through Complete Streets, and the cost of this project is \$1,250,000. The project purpose includes the design and reconstruction of the road bed, utilities, and bike/pedestrian amenities within the Broad/Beauregard/MLK right-of-way in the City of Mobile. Combined with other City initiatives, this project seeks to rectify decades of disinvestment in both physical infrastructure of Broad Street and the surrounding built environment. Reconstruction of the existing infrastructure will result in safe, code compliant, environmentally responsible, and aesthetically inviting streetscape and will guide the creation of a vibrant, economically sustainable community.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We have Project 413, One Mobile Reconnecting People, Work and Play through Complete Streets, \$1,250,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR KENNON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Kennon moved.

MAYOR WILSON: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mayor Wilson. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any questions? Discussions? Comments? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hearing none I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MRS. MORGAN: The last project proposed for the Bucket Three Draft Slate at this time is a Planning Grant to Amend the State Expenditure Plan for \$300,000. Like the earlier grant amending the MIP, the purpose of this planning grant is to develop an amended State Expenditure Plan that prioritizes eligible activities for Spill Impact Component funds and to obtain broad-base participation from individuals, businesses and organizations in the Gulf Coast Region of Alabama.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, we have the Planning Grant to Amend the State Expenditure Plan for \$300,000. Do I have a motion?

MAYOR WILSON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mayor Wilson

COMMISSIONER LUDGOOD: Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Ludgood seconded. Okay. We have a motion and a second. Do we have any questions? Comments? Discussion? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Hearing none, I'll call the question. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? (No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: That passes, and that's it.

MRS. MORGAN: And the total funding committed to Bucket Three for the Draft State Expenditure Plan is \$128,537,202.30, and that's it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, I'll thank the members for their time and attention and anguish. It's taken a lot of time to go through this. We will — this list will be posted on our website. Eliska do you want to go ahead and —

MRS. MORGAN: All right, so, we will have this information posted on our website tomorrow afternoon —some time tomorrow. I've got a new laptop, and I've had a difficult time getting my passwords restored to get back in, but I will work on that first thing in the morning, and we will have all of this information on the website. I would like to thank our Council for all of their hard work. It has taken a tremendous effort on their part...many hours, many tough discussions. And I think we can all say that we all know each other a lot better today than we did about a year ago. And, thank you, Congressman Bonner, for agreeing to serve as Governor Ivey's representative. She's been a tremendous cheerleader for this Council and certainly very interested in the activities that have been ongoing since the transition last spring. Thank you all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do I have a motion to adjourn?

CONGRESSMAN BONNER: So moved.

MAYOR CRAFT: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to say one thing before we adjourn. It would be impossible for all of us not to recognize the work that Eliska has done along with — (Applause.)

MAYOR CRAFT: Thank you. I'll second the motion to adjourn.

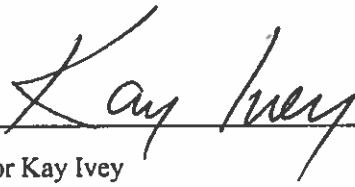
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COUNCIL: Aye.


MR. CHAIRMAN: We are adjourned.

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AGCRC Selects Projects for Inclusion in Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan and Draft State Expenditure Plan

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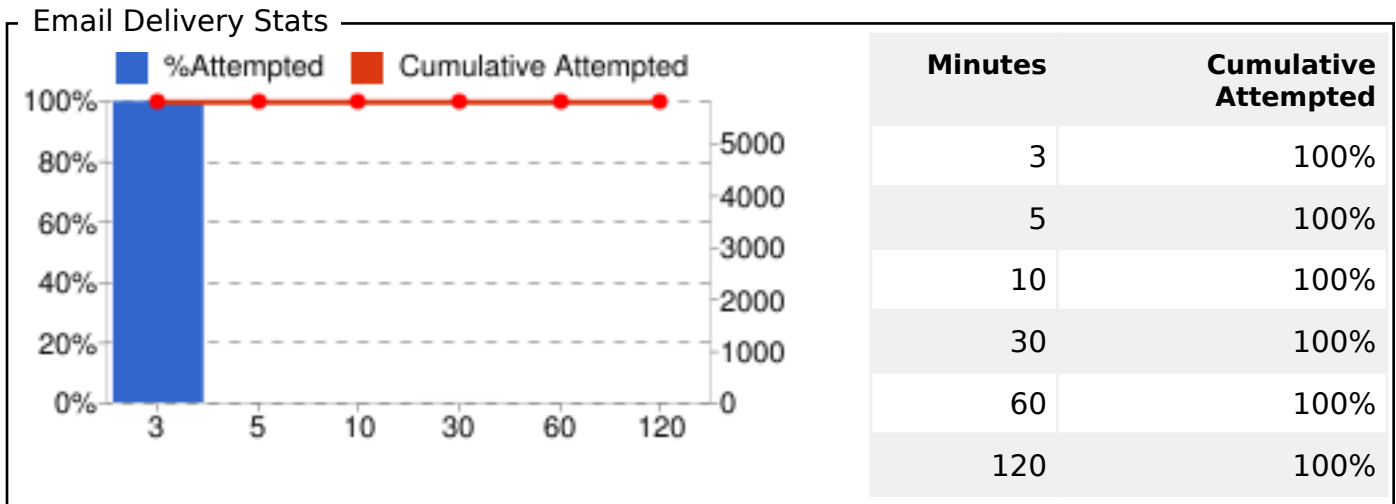
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Comments received by the June 4 deadline will be reviewed and considered in preparing the Final Multiyear Implementation Plan.

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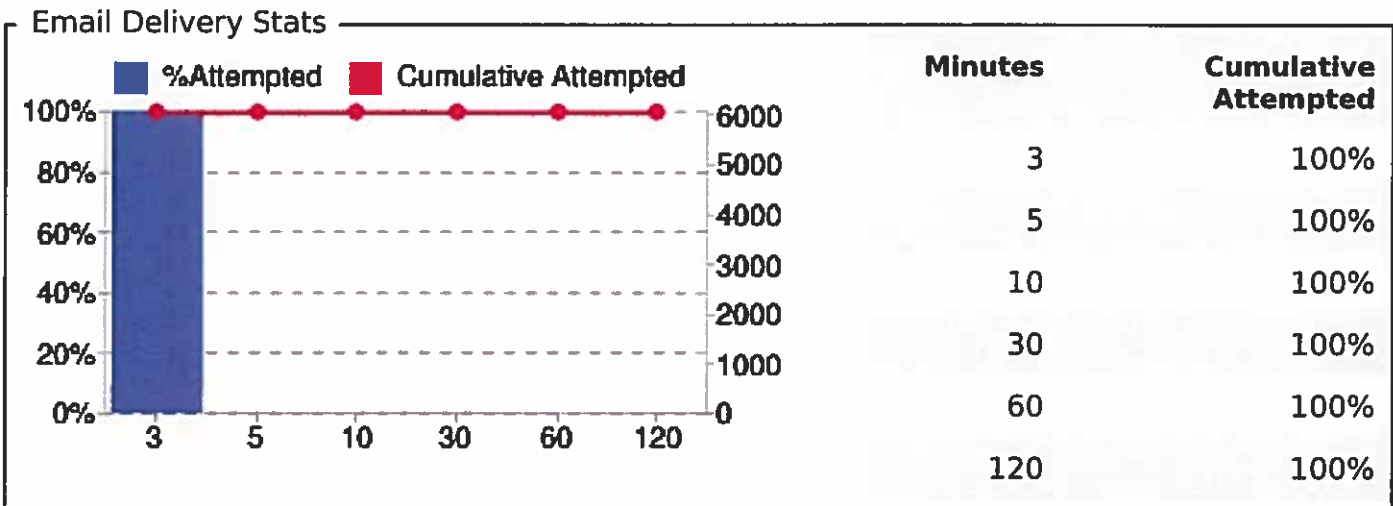
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After announcing its recommendation of \$315 million in grants for Baldwin and Mobile counties, the state Recovery Council has now opened the public comment period for a large portion of them.

At a meeting Wednesday, the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council approved a [Multiyear Implementation Plan \(MIF\)](#) summing up \$192,416,759 in projects. They include several phases of development of Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay; a new Africatown welcome center; partial funding for an [automobile-handling terminal at the Port of Mobile](#); docks redevelopment and water system upgrades in Bayou la Batre; construction of a [greenway along Three Mile Creek](#) in Mobile; and \$70 million supporting road improvements in Baldwin County.

The money is being allocated under the federal RESTORE Act, which established a trust fund for penalties paid by companies involved in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil disaster. The act also establishes five channels through which that money will be disbursed. The multiple channels were conceived as a way to balance the funding between various states and also between various priorities, such as economic development versus ecological restoration.

At issue are two of those categories of funding, often referred to as "buckets," which are divided among the Gulf Coast states. In Alabama the two buckets are overseen by the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (AGCRC).

When the AGCRC announced its recommended projects in early March, the total of \$315 million came from those two buckets. \$186.6 million in "Bucket 1" projects ultimately will be evaluated and administered by the U.S. Treasury Department, while the \$128.5 million in "Bucket 3" projects will be overseen by the federal Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

The MIF released this week covers the Bucket 1 projects. The 45-day public comment period opened Thursday and runs through June 4. It will include a public meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 23 in the Tensaw Theater at the Five Rivers Delta Center in Spanish Fort.

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Between the grant announcement in early March and this week's release of the MIP, the amount of money involved in Bucket 1 has grown from \$186.8 million to \$192.4 million. Eliska Morgan, executive director of the AGCRC, said the difference represents the council's overhead for administering the grants.

The final listing also represents a slight consolidation of grants, with several Dauphin Island projects rolled into one. The grants currently up for public discussion are:

1. Develop a business district with mixed-use public facilities on Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay, and conduct a feasibility study on future use of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club -- \$17.4 million.
2. Redevelop the Bayou La Batre docks -- \$21.7 million.
3. Upgrade the Bayou La Batre water system -- \$5.5 million.
4. Upgrade water and sewer service in northwest Satsuma -- \$1.8 million.
5. Upgrade the Mount Vernon water treatment plant -- \$1.5 million.
6. Develop a Mobile County Blueway Trail, a water-based trail system for kayakers and other recreational users -- \$8.2 million.
7. Acquire land for an extension of the Baldwin County Beach Express from I-10 northward to I-65 -- \$11.7 million.
8. Improve major roads in Baldwin County (ALDOT) -- \$58.5 million.
9. Build a Roll-on/Roll-off terminal (Alabama State Port Authority) -- \$29.6 million.
10. Build an "Ambassadors of the Environment" education and ecotourism facility in Gulf Shores -- \$10 million.
11. Build a Historic Africatown Welcome Center -- \$3.7 million.
12. Upgrade infrastructure along St. Louis Street in downtown Mobile, supporting the development of a technology corridor -- \$6.1 million.
13. Fund construction of a Mobile greenway along the course of Three Mile Creek -- \$10 million.
14. Upgrade and replace infrastructure at Fairhope's Municipal Pier and South Beach Park, replacing bulkheads with "as much sustainable and resilient shoreline as possible" -- \$6.4 million.

When the public comment period has ended, the AGCRF will finalize its MIP and forward it to the Treasury Department, which will conduct its own review before funding begins.

"There will be a pretty hefty review process," said Morgan. "They will be looking at detailed procedures."

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The process recently has been subject to criticism from Prichard Mayor Jimmie Gardner. Gardner has said that communities with a seat at the table fare well while those that don't, such as Prichard, have seen little benefit.

Morgan has said that projects not funded in this round could still be funded in the future and that the council also hopes to find other sources of funding to augment that provided by the RESTORE Act.

One quirk of the MIP is that it sets a single start date of May 2023 for all the projects. Morgan said that's not actually the date when work will start -- it's just a bureaucratic quirk of the process.

"It's very hard to wrap your head around," Morgan said. "It was hard for all of us to wrap our heads around."

The reality, she said, is that funding probably will begin to flow to projects late this year or in early 2019. By this time in 2019, some of them should be well under way.

It has taken years to get to that point, and Morgan said that approval doesn't mean the grant winners simply get handed huge checks. They'll have to pay for the work step by step and manage a reimbursement process subject to detailed standards. In a sense "the hard work is just beginning," she said.

Nor is the MIP truly final. Its allocations include one for future updates of the MIP itself. "We will be amending the MIP at some point," Morgan said. "It will be a living document."

With the MIP governing Bucket 1 funds on its way to being finalized, that leaves tens of millions more in Bucket 3 funds yet to be settled. The process for that money will be similar. Later this year, probably in mid-summer, the AGCRC will release something called a State Expenditure Plan, which is comparable to a Multiyear Implementation plan.

Like the MIP, the State Expenditure Plan will be subject to a public comment period, final tweaking and then review at the federal level. But it won't be the Treasury doing the review, it'll be the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

Morgan said that because those Bucket 3 projects focus more on ecological restoration and water quality protection, they involve more detailed scientific review.

"It's a marathon," Morgan said of the AGCRC's work overall.



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The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council is seeking public comment on its recommendations for funding, including over \$20 million combined for Three Mile Creek Greenway funding and environmental restoration around Langan Park Lake. Please e-mail supportive comments to: agcrc@dcnr.alabama.gov. Comments will be accepted until June 4. For more information: http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2018/04/comment_period_open_on_192_mil.html



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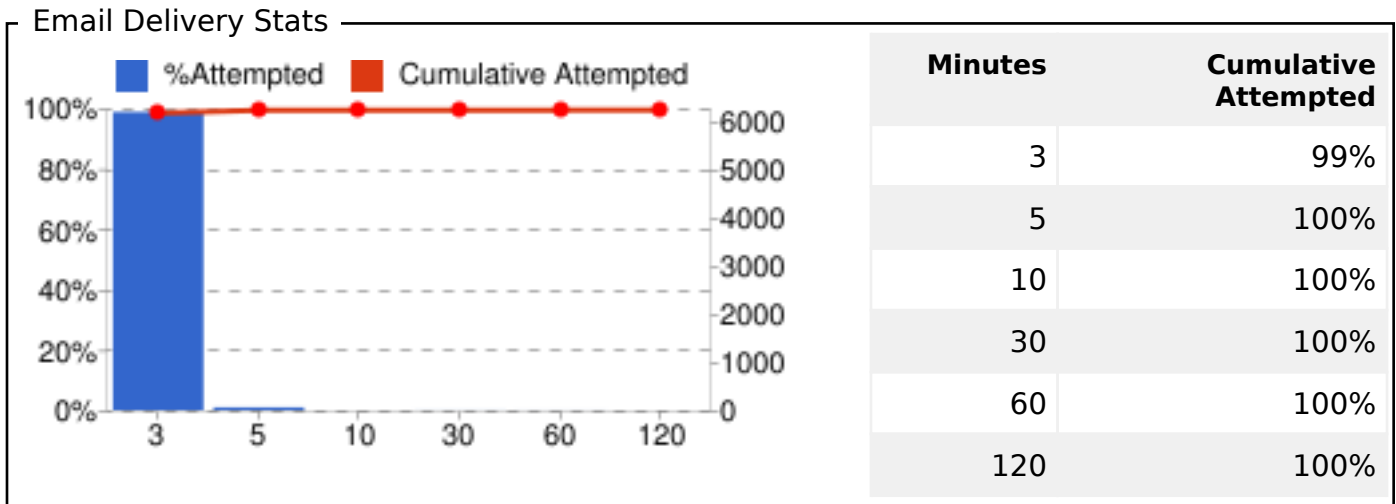
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HUNTSVILLE Wednesday to implement, according to her views that I-65 Baldwin County Commission Chairman Chris Elliott, who is running for state Senate this year.

Speaking to reporters after the event, Ivey said she wasn't sure whether I-65 would be moved up the list of state infrastructure priorities ahead of the I-10 bridge. She said it "has not been dis-

ing USA facility. The Mazda-Toyota joint effort is projected to bring 10,000 direct and indirect jobs to the area. The crux of Wednesday's future projects, and work is getting done on current projects. A politician on the trail can't just change up the priorities by the minute."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Star Spangled Salute Festival May 19 at Bayou Grande Marina

As part of its Military Month, The Perdido Chamber and M.W.R. at Pensacola Naval Station will host the Star Spangled Salute Festival on May 19 at the Bayou Grande Marina at NAS Pensacola from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. This Festival will be open to all active and retired military and DOD along with their families. The festival will include games and activities, food and entertainment for both kids and adults. The Perdido Key community of organizations, businesses, and volunteers will be working together to show appreciation to families so that they can enjoy a day together. For more info, call 850-492-4660.

Dice Run For Simon Says slated May 12 at Perdido Sports Bar

Fire & Iron MC, Station 48 Pensacola will host its Fire 48 Dice Run on Saturday, May 12. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and kick stands go up for the ride at 11 a.m. at the Perdido Sports Bar in Perdido Key.

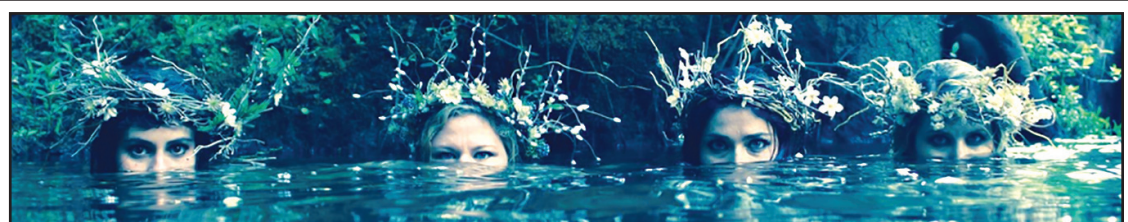
Cost is \$15 per bike and \$5 per passenger, with all proceeds going to the Simon Says Run for Prostate Cancer Inc. The ride will take place in Florida and Alabama (helmet required), and the event is open to everyone that wants to take part and raise some money for a worthy cause. Stops include Lillian's Front Porch in Lillian, Doc Holidays in Foley, The Flying Harpoon in Gulf Shores and The Flora-Bama Old River Grill. For more info, call 850-723-3702.

Bill Hargreaves Fishing Tourney Father's Day Weekend at GLYC

The Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, located at 10653 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola, will host the 48th Annual Hargreaves Fishing Tournament on Father's Day weekend, June 14-17, with a captains' meeting schedule Thursday, fishing on Friday and Saturday and the awards ceremony on Sunday. This fishing rodeo is for all ages, and cash prizes are awarded. The event benefits the local Ronald McDonald House. Tickets can be purchased online at billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com.

Adult registration is \$40, and children 12 and under can fish for free. Tickets can be purchased at billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com or at the following outlets: Goin' Fishin' Bait & Tackle, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, Gray's Tackle & Guide Service, Outcast Tackle & Marine and Perdido Marine Supply. The captains' meeting is Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. Rules will be reviewed and hamburgers and hot dogs served.

The rodeo starts at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, with the scales open from 5-8 p.m. that evening. The daily drawing for largest fish caught that day (\$50) will be a 8:30 p.m. The scales are open from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, with another 8:30 p.m. drawing for largest fish caught that day (\$50). On Sunday - Father's Day, a fish fry will be held from noon 'til 1:30 p.m., with the awards ceremony set to begin at 2 p.m. Awards will be presented in categories that include King & Queen and Prince & Princess.



Rotary Steak Cook-Off May 11 in Fairhope

Fairhope Rotary hosts its Annual Steak Cook-Off from 7-10 p.m. on S. Bancroft St. in downtown Fairhope on May 11. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the gate and available at fairhopesteak.org or in advance at Baron's Inn, Lyon's Share and Piggly Wiggly in Fairhope. More than 25 teams of grill masters, both amateur and professional, will grill rib eye steaks. The dinner event includes "all-you-can-eat" steak, baked potato, tossed salad, wine, beer and soft drinks. Musical guests are The Krickets. In case of rain, the Steak Cook-Off will be held at the Fairhope Civic Center.

Pictured: The Krickets are a female swamp folk group from Florida's Gulf Coast. Produced by Ben Tanner of the Alabama Shakes, they released their debut album 'Spanish Moss Sirens' in May of 2016. Folk harmony-driven with an earthy acoustic instrumentation, the music is what Paste Magazine describes as "a truly stunning, one-of-a-kind sound." Recipients of the IMEA Folk Artist of the Year award, the group originally came together to play a cancer benefit in honor of Cristina "Crick" Russell. Now, they are able to support the cause by donating a portion of every album sale to The Cricket Fund Beyond Diagnosis which provides women's health services to the uninsured. Band members include Melissa Bowman (vocals, guitar, banjo), Emily Stuckey (vocals, guitar, percussion, mandolin), Lauren Spring (vocals, guitar, fiddle, mandolin) and Katrina Kolb (bass).

- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLus; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
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- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. In: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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O.B. FIREFIGHTERS HAVE FILLED THE BOOT WITH \$150K: For 19 years, Orange Beach firefighters have gathered community support in their boots to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During that time, the "Fill the Boot" campaign for MDA in Orange Beach has raised over \$150,000, according to Angie Jordin, district director of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 1, Jordin presented two certificates of appreciation to the Orange Beach Fire Department, who was represented by Fire Marshal Craig Stephenson. Stephenson said this year's campaign will take place around the Fourth of July. "We appreciate MDA," Stephenson said. "We try to do what we can for them, as we do for a lot of others. It's been fun and I think since I've been here, which is 19 years now, I believe I've had a foot in it the whole time and it's in my lap now." **Pictured:** Stephenson and Jordin with certificates.

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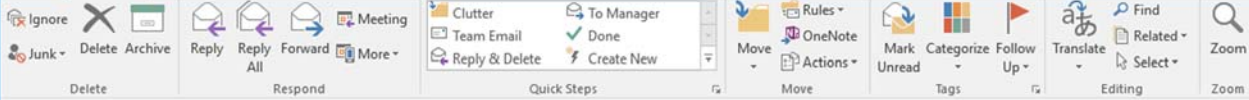
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REMINDER: Public comment deadline approaching for AGCRC's Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan

To Morgan, Eliska



ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

REMINDER: Public comments for the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan are due by Monday, June 4, 2018. Comment submission instructions are included in the information below.

AGCRC releases Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan for 45-day Public Comment Period

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"This is certainly an important milestone for the Alabama Council," said Governor Kay Ivey. "I am proud of the work they have accomplished since I became governor just over a year ago, and it was an honor to preside over the meeting yesterday in Spanish Fort when we voted to adopt this plan."

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To engage the public in its [project selection process](#), in December 2016, the Council made a call for projects to be submitted in Alabama's Coastal Restoration portal. The Council used project submissions received through that process, along with projects previously submitted since the portal went live in March 2014, to select projects for further evaluation and ultimate placement on the Draft MIP project slate.

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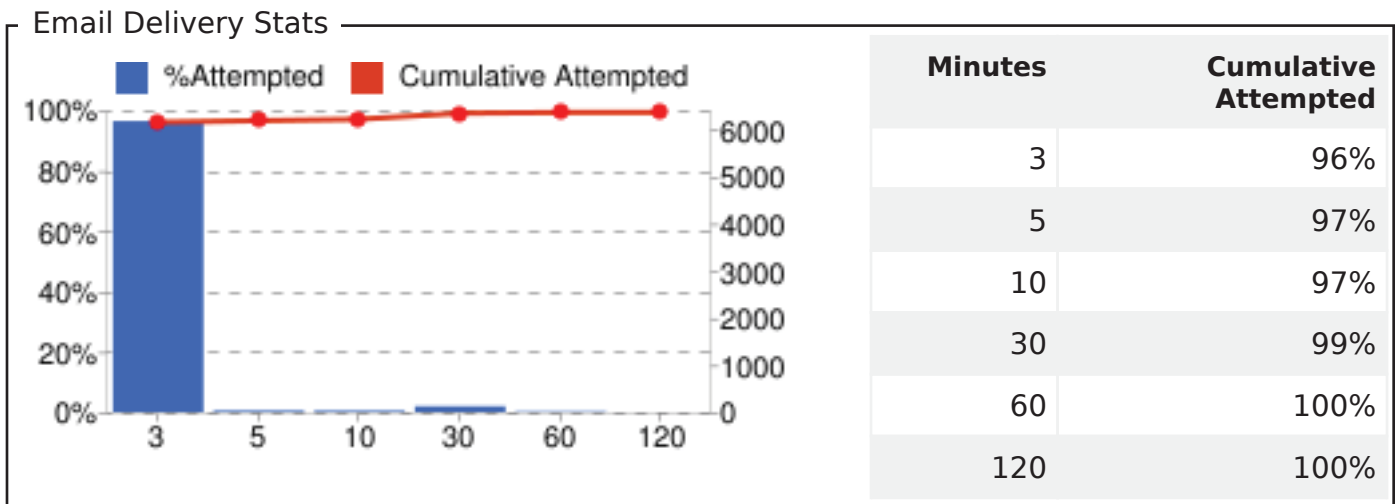
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5	Yael Coirard	WBF	251-990-5004	yael@weeksbay.org
6	Kei Colman	COM	251-509-3111	colman@cityofmilton.org
7	RILEY ROBY	BALCH BINGHAM LLP	334-269-3120	rroby@balch.com
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9	Scott Hughes	ADEM	334/394-4304	ash@adcm.state.al.us
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7	Jessica Bibea	NWF	727 424 9957	
8	MARY MULLINS REDDITT	ABCP	251-802-3241	MMULLINS@IMPACTPUBLICAFFAIRS.COM
9	Gavin Pittman	Feenstermaker	225-229-3565	gavin@feenstermaker.com
10	Karin Wilson	City of Fairhope	251-422-0669	Karin.Wilson@fairhopeal.gov

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3. K. C. ...	Ret	601-578-024	acc@baldwincountyal.gov
4. Rebecca Cornelius	Portersville Bay Oyster Co	251-490-7947	Bayouster@centurylink.net
5. Roy ...	Portersville Bay Oyster Co	251-510-2067	—
6. Scott Jackson	Thompson Eng.	251-331-0730	SJackson@ThompsonEngineering.com
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8. Kate Costanza	Ce Hydro	504-796-9376	kcostanza@cehydro.com
9. AVERY BATES	OSAA	251-680-2568	—
10. Ayele M Jones	AFSA-TOMCXC	251-452-1052	—

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Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan
Public Meeting
May 23, 2018
5 Rivers Delta, Theater
6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Frank Burt, Baldwin County
Mayor Karin Wilson, City of Fairhope
Mayor Jeff Collier, Town of Dauphin Island
Director Jimmy Lyons, Alabama Port Authority
Jo Bonner, Representing Governor Kay Ivey
Commissioner Connie Hudson, Mobile County
Mayor Terry Downey, City of Bayou La Batre
Mayor Sandy Stimpson, City of Mobile
Mayor Robert Craft, City of Gulf Shores
Eliska Morgan, Executive Director, AGCRC

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Tony Kennon, City of Orange Beach

6:17 p.m.

MR. BONNER: Governor Kay Ivey, represented by Jo Bonner, present. Mr. Lyons is on his way, but we will let him sign in officially when he arrives.

Mayor Terry Downey, Town of Bayou La Batre?

MAYOR DOWNEY: Present.

MR. BONNER: Commissioner Connie Hudson, Mobile County?

COMMISSIONER HUDSON: Here.

MR. BONNER: Mayor Jeff Collier, Town of Dauphin Island?

MAYOR COLLIER: Here.

MR. BONNER: Mayor Robert Craft, City of Gulf Shores?

MAYOR CRAFT: Here.

MR. BONNER: Mayor Sandy Stimpson, City of Mobile?

MAYOR STIMPSON: Here.

MR. BONNER: Mayor Karin Wilson, City of Fairhope?

MAYOR WILSON: Here.

MR. BONNER: Commissioner Frank Burt with Baldwin County?

COMMISSIONER BURT: Here.

MR. BONNER: A couple of housekeeping matters. First, we want to welcome to our first public meeting that she will be attending in her capacity of rolling back onto the council Commissioner Hudson from Mobile County. Glad to have you back.

COMMISSIONER HUDSON: Thank you.

MR. BONNER: And as another courtesy we would like to ask everyone to please silence your cell phones. If you want to use your cell phones, you are welcome to do so, but please at least turn them to silent so that we can keep this meeting on track. We know everybody is busy, and we appreciate such a good turn out, and we will try to proceed as expeditiously as possible. The meeting is called to order. We do have a quorum. And I think the first order of business would be a review of the March 7th, 2018 public meeting transcript in minutes. The council had an opportunity to review that. And, if so, do we have a motion to either accept it --

MAYOR CRAFT: I make a motion.

MR. BONNER: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER BURT: I second.

MR. BONNER: All in favor, say Aye.

THE COUNCIL: Aye.

MR. BONNER: Opposed?

(No response.)

MR. BONNER: And we welcome the Chairman of the Recovery Council, and we will let him actually sign in as officially here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. And I appreciate y'all being here. If anybody thinks we don't need to build a bridge --

(Audience laughs.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I couldn't believe it after I came over -- I usually -- to avoid the tunnel, I usually come over the Cochrane Africatown Bridge, and I went over the bridge just fine and it just stopped and it was crawling all the way across. And I looked over at the Bay Way, and it was backed up, too. So, most everyone was late from Mobile to get here so we, again, thank you for being here.

The next order of business is to let Eliska go through the draft Multiyear Implementation Plan presentations just to sort of set the stage before we start public comments. Eliska?

MRS. MORGAN: Good afternoon or good evening. For those who don't know me my name is Eliska Morgan. I work with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and serve as the executive director for the Council and the Alabama Department of Conservation -- we serve as administrator for the council, so we are kind of their legs, and we do all of the background work for them.

So, for those of you who may have been here on March 7th, this is going to seem very similar, because it is very similar, so bear with us as we go through this. You'll see some familiar slides. I think everybody's probably seen this before -- this is the Restore Act -- the breakdown of the Buckets for the funding that comes to the Gulf Coast states as a result of the oil spill, the civil fines. We, tonight, are talking about Bucket One, which is the Direct Component -- which is the 35 percent that's divided equally among the Gulf Coast states. For Alabama, this money will come in over 15 years so in year 2031, we will have received just over \$374,000,000. So, you may have all seen this flow chart before. It's kind of what we live by as far as our project selection process that the council developed several years ago. So, you may wonder "how did the council determine which projects will be included as the Multiyear Implementation Plan?" Well, this is their project selection process, and we have been working our way through this one chart for quite some time. So, this is where we began years ago -- we invite, inform and communicate with the public. We've met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate them about our project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and telling them who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. The project suggestion portal went live in March 2014, so as projects are submitted over the years, we review them for completeness and then post them up on the website for public viewing. For this first round MIP development, the administrator, which is the ADCNR, we determine if the project has met the Restore Act criteria. And then if it further aligns with the Council-selected focus area, which for this first round was infrastructure and economic projects and related planning assistance. The administrator -- we prepared a spreadsheet as the project suggestions for the council to review, which included all of the projects in the portal. But recognizing the challenges and expenses associated with performing detailed reviews on an unlimited number of project suggestions -- we had over 400 projects in our portal -- the council developed a process to move a focus area project forward for more comprehensive evaluation. This process, called a Request for Evaluation or RFE, requires a minimum of four council members to request a detailed evaluation on a project. So, what they were trying to do is bring the universe of 400-plus projects down to a more manageable number so that they could then conduct a detailed evaluation on them. The council members submitted their RFEs for this first-round MIP, and there were 30 projects that moved on to the next phase. The list of RFE projects were posted on the website, and project submitters for those projects were asked to complete detailed evaluation forms for our subject-matter experts to review. And at this point we are about right in here in this process.

(Indicating on power point map.)

MRS. MORGAN: So what factors were used to complete the technical review? Our evaluators looked at this list:

- *What's the benefit in relation to cost?
- *What's the economic benefit?
- *Does it demonstrate a need?
- *Does it create adverse impacts elsewhere and does it offer diversification?
- *Does it create jobs?
- *What's the potential for success and can you measure that?
- *Is the budget reasonable, and once implemented, is it a sustainable project?
- *What are the risks and uncertainties, and what are the regulatory compliance requirements?
- *Will cutting-edge technology be applied?
- *What is the length of time for completion?
- *Is it based on best available science for those projects that are of a more environmental type?
- *And, lastly, are there any outside funding sources that could be tapped into to implement that project?

So, once completed, the technical reports were provided to the council to review to help with their decision-making process. As part of this review process, the following additional criteria were considered by the council:

- *The availability and timing of restore funding.
- *And was there potential for leveraging funds?
- *Where was the project located, the geographic location?
- *Was the project in a disproportionately affected area, meaning those who were on the front line of this oil spill?
- *Was the project included in a strategic or comprehensive plan?
- *And what was the potential for funding from another oil spill-related source?
- *Are there annual recurring costs and, if so, what are those costs?
- *What's the scope of the overall benefit to the community?
- *Who is the appropriate implementing entity?
- *And is there an ability to implement the project in phases, which was very important from the perspective of looking at how the funding would be coming in over a number of years.

So, based on the council's review and guidance, the administrator prepared a slate of projects for inclusion in the draft MIP. Once the council members approved the draft slate, they voted on individual projects to be included in the draft MIP. This is where we are...about right here.

(Indicating on power point map.)

MRS. MORGAN: Once the council member -- okay, they voted -- I'm sorry, I lost my place. This occurred in a public meeting on March 7th, as some of you may have been here on that day. The administrator then prepared the draft MIP for the council to review and adopt, which they did on April 18th. And the plan was released for the 45-day public comment period on April 19th. This is where we are today. With the deadline to submit comments approaching -- it's June 4th -- so a week-and-a-half away. The comments will be compiled and summarized and then provided to the council for their review and consideration. Based on feedback from the council, the administrator will incorporate any revisions and prepare the final MIP for adoption by the Council. Once adopted, it will be presented to Treasury for approval to submit individual project grant applications, which is the end of the flow chart. We are very anxious to get there. So, before we get started going over the activities that are listed in the plan, I do want to mention these key points which we did talk about some of them in the March 7th meeting. The council intends to distribute the Restore Act funds equitably between the two counties. It may not be realized in the first round of the Bucket One and Bucket Three spending, but it will be achieved over time as amended plans are developed. Viable projects that were not selected for the first-round funding will be eligible for reconsideration in amended plans. There were 30 projects that made it that went through the RFE process, but one was pulled by the submitter, so 29 projects were evaluated for Direct Component funds by ADCNR and an external program management team led by Volkert Engineering and no projects were deemed ineligible. The direct component funding amount listed for each activity in the Draft MIP include an additional three percent administrative fee for ADCNR. So, the cost that you may have seen in the presentation on March 7th, they were lower than what was on the plan because that was the estimated project cost. It did not include the administrative fee on top of that. Project implementation will begin as soon as the Alabama MIP has been approved and individual project grants have been awarded by Treasury. On the project matrix in the plan the start date -- all the start dates are listed as May 2023, and that is just a function of -- really Treasury asked us to pitch it that way, because that's the point in time in which we will have the entire 196 million plus dollars to implement fully all of these projects. They will be implemented in phases. So as money comes in, phases will continue and be funded over time, so it's sort of just a function of the grant management. So, we will now start with our first activity.

Activity One: Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III -- what we have here in parenthesis is who will serve as the subrecipient and actually manage the grant -- this project proposes to develop a business district along Aloe Bay to enhance economic and tourism opportunities for the Town of Dauphin Island. Phase I includes planning E&D, acquisition and permitting. Phase II will establish cost and prepare construction documents. And Phase III will facilitate the construction of the project. In addition, as a separate task within this grant, a planning-level feasibility study of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club property will be developed to determine long-term economic sustainability for the facility as well as to inform alternatives for the best use of the property to enhance and compliment the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development. This project actually was three different projects that were voted on by the council back in March. But from the function of a grant management standpoint, it makes sense to put them together in the same grant, although the Isle Dauphin Club feasibility study will be a separate component of that grant. It will be totally separate from that.

Activity Two: Is redevelop Bayou La Batre City Docks. Mobile County will manage this project. Redevelopment of the Bayou La Batre City Docks project includes upgrades and repairs to the docks property with public space for the enjoyment of residents and tourists and a dock area where local seafood boats can sell directly to the public. The first phase of the project will develop a feasibility study to identify best use options for the property and an assessment of long-term sustainability. Phase II will include E&D and permitting. Phase III will be dedicated to implementing the findings of the first two phases.

Activity Three: Water Distribution System Upgrades. This is a project in Bayou La Batre and will also be managed by Mobile County. The City of Bayou La Batre proposes to replace 86,000 tons of linear feet of two-inch water lines with six-inch or larger lines to improve water pressure and fire protection. This increased capacity will allow the City to be prepared for residential and commercial development and will result in lower insurance rates for residents due to more adequate fire protection.

Activity Four: Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project, again, managed by Mobile County. This project will extend water and sewer infrastructure under I-65 to provide potable water, fire protection and gravity sanitary sewer to households currently relying on individual wells and on-site septic tanks. This project will improve water quality with the removal of approximately 100 septic tanks and will provide growth opportunities for the City of Satsuma.

Activity Five: Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant, again, managed by Mobile County. This project will include significant upgrades to the plant enabling the town to comply with ADEM and EPA minimum standards and regulations. The current facility has long outlived its useful life and is experiencing frequent failures resulting in public health threats by impaired water quality. These failures require constant repairs, testing, and monitoring by public work staff which is costly, time consuming, and provides only temporary solutions.

Activity Six: Mobile County Blueway Trail Development, again, managed by Mobile County. This project proposes to develop and implement a comprehensive Mobile County Blueway Trail. Using a consultant-led planning process, Mobile County will define the physical and programmatic elements of a water-based trail system. This trail system will be designed to increase public access for the entire county while conserving and protecting coastal natural resources. Phase I of this project includes a planning process to inform development of a Blueway Master Plan. And Phase II includes implementation of the trail construction and a promotional media campaign.

Activity Seven: Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Right of Way Acquisition managed by Baldwin County. This project seeks funding for Right of Way property acquisition to accommodate the proposed 24.5-mile Baldwin Beach Express Extension between Interstate 10 and Interstate 65.

The proposed Extension will contribute to the overall resilience of the Gulf Coast and the State of Alabama by providing a corridor for economic development as well as a hurricane evacuation route. Regional economic recovery, tourism, industrial growth, and public safety are supported and enhanced through the completion of this project.

Activity Eight: Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements, again, managed by Baldwin County. The Alabama Department of Transportation, Baldwin County, and the cities of Spanish Fort, Daphne, Fairhope, Orange Beach, and Gulf Shores are cooperatively pursuing the completion of five major infrastructure projects long-needed in the Gulf Coast Region to reduce congestion and enhance access to and between the surrounding areas. The project partners seek to leverage funding from the three major sources to add additional lanes to three major state routes in five separate projects totaling over 18 miles of capacity improvements. I know this is somewhat hard to read with the roads, so we have some maps that are a little bit closer up that were provided by the county.

*This is State Road 81 from County Road 64 to State Road 104. This is their Project Number One.

*Project Number Two is US 31 from Westminster Drive to State route 181.

*Project Three is State Route 180 East of the Foley Beach Express.

*Project Four is State Route 180 West of the Foley Beach Express.

*And then Project Five is State Route 181 from State Route 104 to County Road 32.

Activity Nine: Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal. This will be managed by the Port Authority, and this project will convert a derelict former Bulk Handling Facility into a state-of-the-art roll-on/roll-off Mobile Vehicle Processing Facility at the Port of Mobile. The development of the facility will allow automobile and equipment manufacturers in Alabama and other neighboring states access to a more cost-effective deep-water gateway for exporting American made products as well as importing commodities and components that support those manufacturers creating jobs and improving the regional and national economy.

Activity 10: Ambassadors of the Environment to be managed by the City of Gulf Shores. The City of Gulf Shores will construct a state-of-the-art facility utilizing the latest green building technologies on 11.86 acres of City-owned property located adjacent to Gulf State Park. The purpose of the Gulf Shores Ambassadors of the Environment Program is to create a sustainable-designed ecotourism program where participants can learn about the ecology, biodiversity, sustainability, and resource management of the northern Gulf of Mexico in order to promote conservation and stewardship of our natural resources.

Activity 11: Historic Africatown Welcome Center will be managed by the City of Mobile. This phased project will include planning, engineering/design, permitting, and construction for the Africatown Welcome Center and tourism program. The Welcome Center will provide the public with information about the Africatown community and the surrounding Gulf Coast Region in addition to providing a stand-alone location for the preservation and viewing of historic documents and relics significant to the Africatown community.

Activity 12: Innovating Saint Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor will also be managed by the City of Mobile. The project proposal includes the design and reconstruction of infrastructure within the Saint Louis Street right-of-way in the City of Mobile. The planning, design, and reconstruction of existing utility, streetscape, roadways and storm drainage infrastructure would represent a significant milestone. Comprehensively, this phased initiative correlates with broader objectives for fostering additional business development and economic revitalization opportunities within the corridor and surrounding area.

Activity 13: Mobile Greenway Initiative also will be managed by the City of Mobile. The Three Mile Creek Greenway Trail, once constructed, will provide a continuous 12-mile path for runners, walkers, and

cyclists immediately adjacent to Three Mile Creek in the City of Mobile. This phased project will reconnect neighborhoods with designated access along the Trail and includes artwork, which interprets the historic significance of Three Mile Creek. Implementation of this project will create a more resilient environment while providing the opportunity to combine recreation, commuting, and culture.

Activity 14: Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project. The City of Fairhope will manage this project. This phased project proposes improvements to the shoreline and bluffs along the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay in Fairhope, Alabama to insure its resiliency and sustainability. The project will be located at the Fairhope Municipal Pier site, which includes the pier landing at the foot of Fairhope Avenue and the area to the south along the shoreline known as South Beach Park. Phase I includes the development of conceptual plans, design, and engineering. Phase II will be dedicated to implementing the findings of the first phase.

Then our last Activity – 15 – is a Planning Grant to Amend our Multiyear Implementation Plan. And the Department of Conservation will be the recipient of this grant. The purpose of this planning grant is to develop an amended Multiyear Implementation Plan that will prioritize eligible activities for future Direct Component funds and to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, and organizations in the Gulf Coast Region of Alabama.

The council's website is www.restorealabama.org. If you go to this website under news and announcements, you can click on the announcement where our plan was released, so you can view the plan at this website address. If you would like to e-mail comments, you can e-mail them to this address or you can send them via U.S. Mail to the address on the screen. Please remember the deadline is June 4th. I'll come back to this screen during the comment period so it will be up there for a while. As always, this is our Alabama Coastal Restoration comprehensive website. This is where you can go to submit a project suggestion or to view project suggestions that are already in the portal. And, please, if you do nothing else, sign up for our e-mail updates, so you can be notified when we have these types of meetings and when our final plans are released and any other information that comes out of our office regarding oil spill restoration. So, Mr. Chairman, I think we can move into the comment stage. I think you have some comment cards -- I'm bringing them to you.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. This section of the meeting is reserved for public comments. I have a number of people signed up – not that many quite truthfully, so when we get through, if time allows, if anyone else has a second thought during the course of the meeting, we will allow that. We would like to restrict your comments to three minutes in order to give everybody here an opportunity to make their remarks and make their comments. Eliska will be timing and giving you the eye sign if you get close to the minutes. If you would, please, speak into the microphone. We do have a court reporter here who is going to provide us with an accurate transcript of this meeting. We started doing this several meetings ago, and we were trying to manage it ourselves, and we found this is a much better way to go. So, the first speaker is O'Neil Robinson.

(O'NEIL ROBINSON, Chairman of Saraland Water and Sewer Board)

MR. ROBINSON: It's good to see y'all again. I'm from Saraland. I'm the Chairman of Saraland Water and Sewer Board, and I'm here for Project 222. I'll give you some information on our sewer system. We have been working diligently to upgrade it, keep it going like we have been doing for the last three or four years. About 18-20 months ago, we started a plan of smoke testing, on how to do and find leaks, and things that are going on. Smoke testing might not be important to some people, but in the sewer business, it is. On an average day, we do 1.52 million gallons of waste in the sewer plant. If it rains, we do

between 10 and 11 million gallons a day. So, you see, we have a problem. We have been in one subdivision now with 300-something homes for almost three months. Our lift station, our lines, we are double checking them, and it's going to take us at least 18 to 24 months to get halfway through the city. I'm here to ask you to, please, help us support this project. It's very, very important to our community and myself personally. The time that the employees are putting into it and trying to make it better has been phenomenal. We can't do without them. That's all I have to say. If you have a question you would like to ask me, I'd be glad to answer it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. Lyons.

(WYNELL BELL, Homeowner, Gulf Shores)

MS. BELL: My name is Wynell Bell, and I own a home on East Canal Drive in Gulf Shores. And I was told this was not a question and answer session. So, I apologize, mine are questions but at least they will be on record. My first question was how and when will home and property owners, who live on East Canal Drive, be made aware of this project? My second question was where should a request be made to see the detailed public records to show that they comply with regulations for the disbursement of Federal funds? My next question, you mentioned best-available science. In Section One of the application it says this project has been planned by professionals to national and national industry standards. Who has those plans and where should a request be made so that we can see them? My next statement or question as stated in Section H of the application, how was it determined that there would be no environmental impact during and for the construction of the expansion of Highway 180 for 3.4 miles West of the Foley Beach Expressway? And finally, where can I find the detailed records that tell who, when, where and how the evaluation for this project was done? And how was it determined that there would be no adverse impact? Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I think your questions probably would be better answered by the project sponsor, who is Baldwin County, and they can probably answer most, if not all, of your questions.

MS. BELL: I'm sorry, what did you say? Who?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The project sponsor is Baldwin County --

COMMISSIONER BURT: May I say something, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BURT: While we are the sponsor, ALDOT, Alabama Department of Transportation, is the one that is managing all of these projects, and there is where it needs to be addressed. And Mr. Cooper will respond I know.

MS. BELL: And I have sent a request to ALDOT.

COMMISSIONER BURT: You sent it to him?

MR. BELL: No, not directly to him.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Well, if you would send it to me -- if you would send it to my cell phone by text message 709-0000.

MS. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Burt.

COMMISSIONER BURT: 709-0000 if you send me a text message with those questions, I sure would appreciate it, and I will call Mr. Cooper. He answers my calls. He's a fine fellow, and I believe we can get the answers to your question.

MS. BELL: I appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I will be glad to do it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next up is Riva Fralick.

(RIVA FRALICK, Chapter Leader of Citizens Climate Lobby for Mobile Bay)

MS. FRALICK: Good evening, elected officials. My name is Riva Fralick. Hopefully my voice won't shake as much as it did at the last meeting, and I'll try to really work on being coherent. I'm the Chapter Leader of Citizens Climate Lobby for Mobile Bay. I'm a member of the Sierra Club, and I'm also the head of the Environmental Action Committee in the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship as well. I just want to read a quick letter to y'all. As of May 17th, Mobile had 11 days of 90 degree plus temperatures and hit 90 degrees a month ahead of last years' first 90 degrees temperature. Two of the eligibility requirements of the Multiyear Implementation Plan are consideration of short-term versus long-term economic benefits and qualifying eligible activity based on best-available science and additional other factors. Other than Activity No. 10, Ambassadors of the Environment, there is no acknowledgement of the climate crisis caused by the burning of fossil fuels. These Greenhouse Gases are altering the chemistry of the oceans and contributing to sea level rise and more intense and frequent heat/drought/storms and flooding. The Deepwater Horizon accident was a result of human activity in the fossil fuel industry. Once BP money dries up, I hope you will consider passage of a statewide carbon fee and dividend (CF&D) on all fossil fuels produced in or passing through Alabama, the proceeds of which can be used to invest in the production of solar, wind, and other renewable energy alternatives and energy-efficient technologies and also clean up the Alabama Power Plant Barry coal ash pond. Climate change is proven serious and a great threat to future generations. Switching clean energy sources requires long-term foresight, planning, political courage and willingness to do what is right. Alabama can be the State that takes this bull by the horns while we still have time to make a difference. I ask you to consider this proposal of a long-term funding source, CF&D, and help keep Alabama green. The economy, jobs, and the health and welfare of our residents depend on your leadership and will truly help us prosper this century. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Jessica Bibza? Did I pronounce your name correctly?

MS. BIBZA: You did.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay.

(JESSICA BIBZA, National Wildlife Federation)

MS. BIBZA: Hi there, good evening. I'm Jessica Bibza, and I'm with National Wildlife Federation. I think you may recall Jill Mastratoto speaking to you before, and I'm the new Jill. NWF supports the projects that restore the economy and the ecology of the region such as efforts that improve water quality and restore wildlife and other habitat. In addition, as we face more and more severe storm and flooding events, we need to make our coastal communities more resilient. Otherwise investments and traditional

infrastructure could literally be washed away. There is one project in your proposed MIP that does seem to deal with restoring green space, and that's the Fairhope Municipal Pier, Project No. 14. Efforts such as this to soften, not harden shoreline, is going to make our coastal communities more resilient and sustainable. And I really hope that future council plans and efforts will look to increase these types of coastal resiliency projects and to maintain living shorelines and having less seawalls and bulkheads and more natural habitat. It's better for the community. It's better for the environment. And it's better for the people who work and live there. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Walter Ernest?

MR. ERNEST: I don't have any comments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Tom Williams, City of Satsuma?

(TOM WILLIAMS, City of Satsuma)

MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon. It's good to see all of you again. I would like to take just a moment to thank all of the members of the council. Some of you I have talked to, most of you individually. But the City of Satsuma is very appreciative and we are grateful for your consideration of approving the northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer project. We are ready to start on that as soon as funds are available. I'm in pretty good shape, but I just hope I live long enough to see some work started on this. Construction cost and equipment and material continue to rise, so I did listen to Mrs. Morgan's comments about the funding coming forth. But again, let me just take this opportunity to thank all of you for that consideration. We are very appreciative, and we will, as soon as funds are available, put that project to work, and we will complete that. Thank you so very much.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thelma Owens?

(THELMA OWENS, Africatown Community Development Corporation)

MS. OWENS: Good afternoon. I'm Thelma Owens, a member of the Africatown Community Development Corporation. And I would just like to say that we are very, very humble that someone thought enough of our community to go out and see to us having a welcome center, something that is very much well-deserved, something that this community will cherish. Because with the welcome center we have a lot of our history would go through there, people would take with them and share with others and more will come. Once again, I just want to say thank you very much.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Owens. Lister Portis?

(LISTER PORTIS, Plateau Community)

MR. PORTIS: Good evening. My name is Lister Portis and I am a proud resident of Plateau Happy Hill Magazine Point Africatown USA. And I'm here to speak upon the tourist center in the Africatown Community. And I would just like to thank you all for thinking enough of my community that we can now share the story of how we have overcome and how we have arrived and gotten to where we are today. By having this tourist center our story can be taken all across the country and all across the world. You make it possible that we can put a tangible hand on our history. There have been so many opportunities and so many chances when we have had to just think about what had occurred and what happened. But now, the citizens of that area we have a tangible place where we will be able to go in and to display our history to tell our story. With all of that being said and done, I would just like to also let you know that at the next meeting, can I retain the usage of my one minute and forty-two seconds?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Portis. Casi Callaway?

(CASI CALLAWAY, Director of Mobile Baykeeper)

MS. CALLAWAY: It's good to see everybody today. Hi. I'm Casi Callaway, Director of Mobile Baykeeper, and I want to thank you all again for moving these projects forward. We have definitely seen some projects that we really like. We've definitely seen some projects that we don't dislike, which is fine. I think to kind of start on the worry, though, is we've got about 76 million dollars in the economic development projects with pot-one projects that look good. They are the kind of projects that can move us forward. Most of them have little to no environmental impact. There are a couple that we are going to more formally comment on to say, please, be cautious. Look at these projects holistically, look at these projects with what the environmental impact could be, and let's work together to find ways to mitigate, eliminate, and ensure that these projects do not cause harm to the environment. We've got about \$17,000,000 in parks and trails projects. That is fabulous. That's the kind of phenomenal thinking that we are really, really excited about. And we want to see those go forward. We have less than \$9,000,000 on water infrastructure sewer projects. And we have \$68,000,000 in road projects. That is a serious challenge and a big concern of ours. Especially when you look at the 50-some-odd million dollars and projects across. I think one thing we really do want to understand is exactly where all of those are and where all the design of the impact statement process. We have commented on many of those because we know they are going to cause significant impacts to wetlands, to water quality. So those are projects that I'm not sure are going to be able to get a permit, and therefore get funded, so those are things we have to keep a good close look at. And again, I think the thing we also have to just underscore is how are we building these projects and how are we looking at it moving forward. We have a serious problem with the sewage treatment facility. It had 26 million gallons of sewage spilled in 2017 alone. We have oyster agriculture already closed this year for 52 days. We need to invest. And this is once-in-a-lifetime money that could help us invest in upgrading and protecting water quality. So, we need you to lead on that issue as those projects move forward. We are definitely grateful for what you have done with the projects for the vast majority look very good for the next five years. But before it becomes year six, let's really make sure that we are investing in projects that are going to make sure that the reason people live here is the reason they will be able to stay here. Water quality is important to every one of us. Let's make sure we are investing in it. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Casi. Karrie Quirin?

MS. QUIRIN: It's Quirin.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Quirin. Okay.

(KARRIE QUIRIN, Mobile Baykeeper)

MS. QUIRIN: I am Karrie Quirin. I was rushed a little bit with the traffic on the causeway. I'm here as a resident of Mobile, Alabama, and I have a question to ask. But first I just want to speak as a member of the youthful community and just encourage you to include that type of thinking whenever you are planning this -- planning anything. Think about what you want the future to look like for your children and their children. And it's just a simple question: I have been doing some research on these projects, and I can't really find more than maybe like two or three paragraphs about each. Is there any resources besides the web site that can provide me with a larger amount of information on each project?

MRS. MORGAN: Once the plan is approved, then the entire project evaluation packet -- all of the information submitted by the submitters as well as the evaluation that our subject-matter experts conducted -- that will all be posted on-line, but it won't be posted until the plan is approved by Treasury.

MS. QUIRIN: So that will be after the comments?

MRS. MORGAN: Yes.

MS. QUIRIN: Okay. That's all I have. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Vickie Howell?

(VICKIE HOWELL, Move Gulf Coast CDC)

MS. HOWELL: Good evening, everyone -- everyone here. I want to preface my comments by saying I do not officially represent Prichard or Africatown, but I do want to speak in reference to the project there. And first of all, congratulate the group for funding the Africatown Center and funding a project that borders and that will impact the Africatown community. But I also want to say, like I have before, to make sure that as these projects move forward that you consider the economic impact on these communities, because they are some of our most unserved communities. And while the projects are great, what I want to focus on especially with my organization MOVE Gulf Coast -- MOVE stands for Making Opportunities Viable for Everyone. Because we can have a welcome center but if the community itself is not stable, it will be a nice center in the middle of nowhere. Because when it comes down one sees a community, a whole community. And though the welcome center is great, there needs to be other things around there. So, there were other projects that were part of the portal, that includes the Hogs Bayou project -- project 177 and 179. They were also conservation projects, and they were also projects that will create jobs. Because at the end of the day we want to create an economical sustainable community so people can live there and work there and have jobs there and they can live and raise their families. Where they can also be proud to show off their communities to people who come from out of town. Because there are people who certainly come because when (inaudible) it generates a lot of powerful (inaudible). And when people come here, they are disappointed by what they see because it doesn't look like they thought it was. And I know that was what happened to me. Even though I'm from Mobile, I've lived most of my life in Birmingham. So, when I came I was looking for this great independent place that was preserved by the slaves and their descendants, and it wasn't there. So, I really wanted to think about how we plan for the future -- I know that these projects have already been pulled, and I may not have a written project. But I want to look at how we move forward in terms of really building the community. Because the other projects that were not funded included several projects in Prichard. Project 177 and Project 210 the land acquisition especially along the part of Prichard you may not know called Africatown USA. So, there's a project that I'm working on right now that would connect Africatown in Prichard to Africatown in Mobile. There are some students that came up with an absolutely fabulous project and I will be happy to share it with you at a very soon date. There is going to be a ribbon cutting, as a matter of fact on Saturday, June 16th, and we are going to show some of the slides and some of the ideas of the two students from Mississippi State, and they are fabulous. And they most certainly need to be funded. I'm hoping only \$100,000, at best, for planning money, so we can make these things real. Because at the end of the day, we want all of the communities to move forward, not just certain parts but all of them, especially the most vulnerable areas. So, I'm looking forward to putting my comments in writing, and I have five seconds left. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you very much. This is all the cards I've got, and we've got some time left. Is there anybody who didn't sign up that wants to speak? If you are not comfortable speaking, I think Eliska has the address and the e-mail address where you can send your comments in. And we will

be addressing all the comments that are received both here tonight as well as those we get in writing. And we certainly appreciate your comments and your interest. We've got one more. Okay.

MS. ANTALON: I wasn't going to speak.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Jackie Antalon?

MS. ANTALON: Yes.

(JACKIE ANTALON, Operation Home Care)

MS. ANTALON: Operation Home Care. Again, I want to remind you all why you are here. How you got here. It's from the work of communities that's not been represented, that are not being represented now by many of these projects. The core tenant of the RESTORE Act is to empower, build local capacity, capability and resiliency of directly impacted communities. Again, every time I come, I have to remind you that those communities closest to the next of (inaudible) are not being assisted. They are not receiving any benefits. We have given this council -- and I know it's a lot of new people here -- time. We were told at the beginning well, we don't even know if there is even going to be any BP money. We said the communities that's not directly impacted -- the communities that's directly impacted we appeal to the various members, but some of us are no longer here, that we needed the technical support to put our projects into the portal. We were told we are going to get that, but we don't know if it's any money coming. So, the money is here. I'm here appealing to this council, again, to do what the public, who are directly impacted, to give us an opportunity. It's past the early restoration. We asked over and over again for technical assistance for poor community, poor community, poor when BP happened they are poor now, the city and the county barely have any -- isn't that right, Bayou La Batre? So, the things is this, we were depending on you to be fair. We were depending on you to come back to our communities once this money actually came about, and say okay, how can we work together? How can we make this happen? What is your need? Water quality is a number one needed. A dime shouldn't be put on anything else. But water quality as I see it now because, what, this money is never going to be here again. And these communities deserve good clean air and clean water. If you don't do anything else, that will be your legacy that your community needs. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Okay, come on up. If you would, please, identify yourself for the court report's sake, identify yourself, and if it's not an easy name to spell, please spell it.

MR. ANDERSON: I apologize. I got here a little bit late. I thought you had my card, but I can do that in a moment.

(ERNEST ANDERSON, President, Organized Seafood Association of Alabama)

MR. ANDERSON: I'm Ernest Anderson. I'm President of Organized Seafood Association and I'm also a seafood processor. I'm a resident of Mobile. But I have businesses located in Bayou La Batre and I have interest in Baldwin County so a lot of these projects I would love to be able to move forward and be able to keep up and be a part of. But one of the things -- and I think I'm probably reiterating a lot of what's been said tonight, I'm just saying it in a different way. But what I would ask the council moving forward is that the managers that as these funds move forward and has a lot of interest in it, I think the next part is the design. And what I'm hearing tonight is a lot of folks wanting to have a lot of input in those designs of what's happening. So, I would ask that you, I guess, reach out to those managers and those project managers to make sure that there is plenty of public input at least especially in the design so that the community and folks can make sure that they have input and will be happy with things. I know a lot of the folks up here knows my passion is the seafood industry. I'm interested in working waterfronts and

also interested in, you know, ecological issues and those and also that none of these projects do anything to hinder or slow down our regrowth of our commercial fishing industry here in south Alabama that's so vital also. So that's basically what I would ask. Again, is just reiterate, reach out, and make sure that these managers know that there is a process there that they have public hearings, they have a process and let us put out before this happens as these things -- and if there is a process go ahead and put it together and put it out so people can start planning and being a part of these projects. They are all great, but I think we can make them better. So that's my main concern today. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Anybody else? Avery? Avery Bates.

(AVERY BATES, Vice President of Organized Seafood Association of Alabama)

MR. BATES: Vice President of the Organized Seafood Association, long-time resident of the Bayou until the hurricane run me out. But anyway, my three minutes, one of the things I wish would have been included in here is get the money for our outfall line, get it offshore, talk to the FDA, FDA says we reduce that pollution ring by two-thirds. We need this outfall line extended out in the pollution factor. We know it will work. The Mayor knows it will work. The groups, the Corps of Engineers is working on it and we've got -- I don't see nothing wrong with Bayou La Batre just throw the bucket with the pipeline out there and get the money from the Secretary of Treasury, if it's there, and all of our representatives say it's there. Well, if it's there somebody go get it and put it into action, because we -- Troy right here at Five River Bay has had his beds closed, talking about off-bottom oysters, he's a great off-bottom oysterman, but he's had one of his areas closed to him. So, we have had many areas in Fowl River Bay that would be reopened. We need clean water, good clean seafood, and this has got to be done as fast as possible so these other projects will be enhanced for the dock and shrimp boat. The shrimp we get has got to have clean water, the oysters we've got. We've got the best oysters in the world right here at our fingertips. But this off-bottom thing is going well, y'all know that. If you've ever been to some of our projects in Montgomery and eaten some of those oysters on the half shell, they are second to none. So, keep in mind, we've got to have clean water. Got to have water open so these people can work and many others can get into this and get our bottom straightened out. Thank you so much, but keep in mind we want to keep our young people and the next generation of oystermen, so if you know anybody in that Treasury Department, tell them to send that money down here so we can put it to work and get our people out there working in areas that's now closed. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just as a guidance, the outfall line is included in the Bucket Three. We are going to be working on the State Expenditure Plan, and nonetheless, it will be put out some time soon. So, it's included in that batch.

MR. AVERY: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Anybody else? I think we've got plenty of time if I'm hearing this rain. The way it sounds I'm not going outside. Nothing else?

MRS. MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, the young lady who asked the question about seeing the full proposal for more information on projects. If you have specific projects that you would like more information on, I feel certain that if you contacted the subrecipient, the City of Fairhope or the City of Mobile or Gulf Shores or any of these council members, I think they would be happy to share additional information with you about those projects. I hope I'm not speaking out of turn.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, that's good. I'm glad you were able to relay that information. Anything else?

COMMISSIONER BURT: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, Frank.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I may be out of order here if I responded to one lady who brought out a concern to so many of us here who are concerned about doing studies don't wait until after your project is due and then start doing the studies. But I can only say that the 24.5 miles of Baldwin Beach Express has had every study done, every Federal permit, every interstate access permit, water access, we've done drilling and paid for it with Baldwin County taxpayer money. It's sitting there ready to go. All we need is a right-of-way and the money to build the project. And so, we did get ahead and make the plan. And I'm certain that ALDOT has done the same thing. I've forgotten who brought this up about the road project, but the permits are in place on our side, and I hope they are over here. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any other board members have any comments that they would like to make? Jo?

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just say this is exactly what the people in Congress and the people in the communities that were affected by BP on our horizon intended to have happen and that's for the public to come and have an opportunity to speak about projects that are presented to you and to our communities in our area. There is one point made in the slide presentation that Mrs. Morgan did that I think is also worth repeating. Viable projects that were not selected for first-round funding are eligible for reconsideration in amended plans. We all know there is not enough money to do everything that we would like to do, but there is still a lot of money. And we did hear, since the last time we met, some criticism. We appreciate the comments tonight and the compliments, but we also appreciate the constructive criticism. Some have said that we didn't fund a project that was important to a particular community or a particular individual. That doesn't mean that that project isn't worthy and can't be considered in the future. But I would point out, and it's very unfair to point out one person in a community as large as south Alabama, but this Council can never appreciate the full impact and value of the project if we don't hear from people who know it best. The Mayor of Satsuma, Alabama, who is here tonight who has spoken, made every member of this Council -- and I've only been representing the governor for about eight months -- he made me aware of his project about three or four times. Ladies and gentlemen, that's called lobbying. There is nothing wrong with that. That's what the people of Satsuma wanted him to do and other elected officials, county commissioners, mayors, and city council members and citizens-at-large have done the same thing. But we are not mind readers. If there is something that's important, or you know something that we need to know, the best way to do it is to follow Mayor Williams lead. Let us know how these projects can have the most lasting impact, because that's what we all want, is not something that's going to be beneficial for the moment, but it's going to have a lasting impact, a positive impact for this region that we call our home. So, Mayor, forgive me for calling you out, but thank you for doing what the people of your community wanted you to and that's contacting all of these members countless times and letting us know how important that system was for the people of Satsuma.

MR. WILLIAMS: Let me just say I appreciate you all talking to me all those times. Thank you so very much.

MR. BONNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MAYOR WILSON: Mr. Chairman, I want to say a couple of words about that as well. If you have a project in the portal, now is the time to pull it out and redo it, make it better, collaborate with your neighbors. I mean, there is so much opportunity, and there are so many funds still left because this really is the time to reevaluate it and make it better and look at these factors that we look at because that really does help you.

MR. WILLIAMS: Is there a process, a specific process in order to do that?

MRS. MORGAN: If you would like to remove a project you currently have in the portal to redo it in some way, then you would just need to contact me.

MAYOR WILSON: I just added a lot to your plate, sorry about that.

MRS. MORGAN: That's all right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Eliska handles it well.

MRS. MORGAN: I don't know about that, but thank you.

MR. ANDERSON: It may not be the place or time, but I think I had a couple of seconds left. I know it's political season and maybe a lot of these folks aren't aware of it, but in Bayou La Batre, I sat in the Mayor's office four mayors ago and the first phone calls were made to Eliska and some folks regarding this and brought us in and had a group. But Mayor Downey, I want to thank you, because I think he had a task of being the fourth mayor in Bayou La Batre as this process went forward. And for him to reach back and be able to actually pick out the projects that were in there, because a lot of them may not have been his, but he was able to reach in there and help us find the projects that we needed. But I just wanted to mention that, I should have done that earlier. But yeah, he had a task, like I say, coming in there and picking the projects that were all in there and putting his own stamp on it. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR DOWNEY: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. The rain is slacking up, so I don't feel under pressure keeping you.

MR. PORTIS (?): I want to tell everybody you make out a life where you live. I lived in Plateau for 35 years. I still go to Plateau and Wilson Avenue, all those. I owned the Dairy Queen in Prichard. It's a wonderful place. And all the guys that we meet once a month they have hats "we are proud of Prichard." I just want to let you know that was the best place and still is. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Any other board comments or council comments?

(No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No other public comments?

(No response.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. BONNER: I'll move.

COMMISSIONER BURT: A motion to second.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Moved by Mr. Bonner and second by Commissioner Burt. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

(HEARING WAS ADJOURNED 7:24 PM)

ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

By: Kay Ivey
Governor Kay Ivey

Its Chair

ATTEST:

By: James K. Lyons
Director James K. Lyons

Its Vice-Chair



ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

Attachment 8

Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan

Written Comments



MOBILE BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

AGCRC
118 N. Royal St., Suite 603
Mobile, AL 36602

Dear Council,

On behalf of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, I submit the following comments on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan for the Alabama Gulf Coast. Overall, the council undertook a very comprehensive process for evaluating projects. The activities below represent projects which support the implementation of Respect the Connect: A Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Alabama's Estuaries and Coast.

The Mobile Bay NEP is engaged in developing and implementing comprehensive watershed management plans (WMP) for all tidally influenced drainage basins along the Alabama Coast. Each of the activities below are either identified already or are anticipated to be included in the watershed management plans for Dauphin Island, Bayou La Batre, Gunnison Creek, Fowl River, Dog River, Three Mile Creek, Lower Chasaw, and Fly Creek watersheds.

Activity #1: Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III

- This project supports recommendations included in the Dauphin Island Conservation Plan (2007) and will be included again in the forthcoming Dauphin Island WMP to increase public access and preserve the community's heritage and traditional uses of the natural resources of Aloe Bay.
- This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways.
 - ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections.
 - EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.

Activity #2: Redevelop Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II, and III

- This project addresses several goals and objectives established in the Bayou La Batre Watershed Plan related to improving public access and promoting the culture of the Bayou. Input gathered during development of the WMP indicated community concerns related to lack of access and preservation of cultural heritage in the watershed.
- This project implements recommended actions set forth in the Bayou La Batre WMP: creation of more public access to the water, improvement of the city docks, supporting traditional uses of working waterfronts in the Bayou, and increasing economic opportunities related to working waterfronts-dependent industries while diversifying into other non-traditional sectors (e.g. cultural and eco-tourism).
- This project addresses the following goals in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access and preserving/enhancing cultural assets.
 - ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections.
 - TAC-3: Conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities.

Activity #4: Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project

- This project is in line with recommendations that will be developed in the forthcoming Gunnison Creek WMP to reduce pollution loads in the watershed, including the removal of illicit discharges of untreated wastewater in the watershed.
- The receiving water body of Gunnison Creek, Bayou Sara, has been negatively impacted by nitrogenous wastes, often associated with malfunctioning wastewater infrastructure. A reduction in up-stream inputs would be beneficial for the system.
- This project addresses the following goal in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving water quality
 - ERP-1 Improve trends in Water Quality in priority watersheds with impairments discharging into priority fishery nursery areas.

Activity #6: Mobile County Blueway Trail Development

- This project supports recommended actions set forth in the following watershed management plans by increasing public access through establishment/promotion of Blueway trails: Bayou La Batre, Fowl River, Dog River, and Three Mile Creek.
- Increasing public access to waterways will be a recommended action in all future watershed management plans awaiting development throughout Mobile County.
- This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways.
 - ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections.
 - EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.

Activity #11: Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II

- This project is in line with recommended actions that will be developed in upcoming watershed plans for the Lower Chasaw Creek Watershed related to the preservation and promotion of the cultural resources of the area.
- This project addresses the following objective in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access and preserving/enhancing cultural assets.
 - ERP-3.3 Create driving/walking/biking/paddling trails on historical, ethnic, and religious themes (Native American, African-American, Civil War, etc.) to encourage eco-heritage tourism around and on the estuary.

Activity #12: Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor

- As stated in the Three Mile Creek WMP, excess water quality pollutants discharging to Three Mile Creek produce elevated nutrient and pathogen levels and low dissolved oxygen concentrations. This project would address the primary identified sources for these pollutants, stormwater runoff and failing sanitary sewer infrastructure, by reconstructing sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure in the lower reaches of the watershed.
- This project addresses the following goal in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving water quality
 - ERP-1 Improve trends in Water Quality in priority watersheds with impairments discharging into priority fishery nursery areas.

Activity #13: Mobile Greenway Initiative

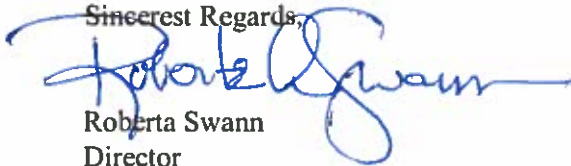
- This project implements recommendations in the Three Mile Creek WMP to establish a multi-use Greenway/Blueway trail system along the course of Three Mile Creek.
- This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways.
 - ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections.
 - EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.

Activity #14: Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project

- This project seeks to implement practices that will be recommended during the development of the upcoming Fly Creek WMP, including: shoreline stabilization/enhancement using living shoreline techniques, reconstruction of stormwater and wastewater infrastructure, incorporation of low impact development techniques, increased and enhanced public access, and promotion of the area's cultural resources.
- This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways and ecosystem restoration and protection.
 - ERP-2 Improve ecosystem function and resilience through protection, restoration and conservation of habitats including beaches, bays, backwaters and rivers
 - ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections.
 - EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.

The Mobile Bay NEP wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the council to use these RESTORE dollars in ways that will positively transform our coast and looks forward to continuing and expanding partnerships with State agencies and others to implement the recommendations in the plan. If I can be of any assistance as the council takes its next steps, please do not hesitate to contact me at rswann@mobilebaynep.com or 251-431-6409. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerest Regards,



Roberta Swann
Director



Vision, direction and action for the future of Baldwin and Mobile Counties.

June 4, 2018

The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
118 N. Royal Street
Suite 603
Mobile, AL 36602

Dear the Members of the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council,

Subject: Support for Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III.

In April, the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council (Council) adopted and released for public comment its Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP). The Draft MIP included proposed projects for Direct Component Funding, also known as "Bucket 1", being allocated under the Federal RESTORE Act which, once finalized by the Council, will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Treasury for review and approval. Coastal Alabama Partnership (CAP) is a 501 (c)(3) private sector lead, not-for-profit organization focused on providing a platform for regional leaders to convene, collaborate, build consensus, and advocate for Coastal Alabama's top priorities.

CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for economic development and infrastructure projects that will help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination, bolster the growth and prosperity of the seafood industry, and will facilitate economic competitiveness.

Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III** activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the Town of Dauphin Island to develop a business district along Aloe Bay with mixed-used public facilities, lodging, retail space and the completion of a feasibility study for Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club. This project will help area increase revenues from lodging, sales tax, ecotourism, and tourism activities such as the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

CAP is focused on gathering leadership of Mobile and Baldwin counties to advocate for coastal Alabama's top priorities, and we will continue to be engaged with the Council as it drafts future State Expenditure Plan—"Bucket 3" and "Bucket 1" Multiyear Implementation Plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wiley Blankenship', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Wiley Blankenship
President/CEO
Coastal Alabama Partnership



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The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
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Dear the Members of the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council,

Subject: Support for Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II and III.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II and III** activity. CAP supports the City of Bayou La Batre's vision for the city docks including upgrades and repairs to the docks property, public space for the enjoyment of residents, and tourists and a dock area where local seafood boats can sell seafood directly to the public. This funding will create an infrastructure project that will promote local seafood industries, ecotourism opportunities, and local heritage and culture while providing an economic boost to the City. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **City of Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades** activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the City of Bayou La Batre to replace undersized water mains with larger lines to provide adequate water pressure and fire protection for many areas within Bayou La Batre Utilities Board service area. With these upgrades, many residents will see a decrease in home insurance rates due to better fire protection near their homes. This increased capacity will also allow the City to be prepared for growth in residential, commercial and recreational developments. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant** activity. CAP supports the construction upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant enabling the Town of Mount Vernon to meet ADEM and EPA minimum standards and regulations, provide more reliable service, ensuring improved environmental conditions, and allowing for future growth. The present Water Treatment Plant has long outlived its useful life and is experiencing frequent failures, resulting in public health threats by impaired water quality and the creation of environmental issues and concerns. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II and III** activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to develop and implement a countywide Blueway/Paddle Trail Master Plan that includes construction, trail management, and promotional campaign elements based upon a needs assessment, market analysis, and trail/recreation planning and design principles. This funding will develop and implement a plan that will increase and enhance the public's access to local waters, and protect sensitive environments along the coast, and promote nature-based tourism. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support using Direct Component funding for the **Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension** activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to complete the 24.5-mile extension from I-10 to I-65, past the South Alabama Mega Site. This funding will allow for the acquisition of all right-of-way property necessary to move on to the construction phase of the roadway. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements** activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the Baldwin County delegation pursuing the completion of five major infrastructure projects adding additional lanes to three major state routes in five separate projects, totaling 18.31 miles of capacity improvements. These corridors have been identified for capacity improvements to reduce congestion and enhance access to and between the surrounding areas. Tourism and economic development are supported and enhanced through the completion of this infrastructure project. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal** activity. CAP supports the Alabama State Port Authority's effort in converting a former Bulk Handling Facility into a state-of-the-art Roll On-Roll-Off (RO-RO)/Mobile Vehicle Processing Facility at the Port of Mobile. This funding will allow automobile and equipment manufacturers in Alabama and other neighboring states access to a more cost-effective deep-water gateway for exporting American made products, as well as importing commodities and components that support those manufacturers. This will help the nation compete in the global economy, creating jobs and improving the regional and national economy. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the **Ambassadors of the Environment** activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the City of Gulf Shores to construct a city-run facility that will house ecotourism programs to raise environmental awareness, promote stewardship, increase community resilience, protect natural resources, and preserve our quality of life. The Ambassadors of the Environment program will allow participants to take part in hands-on, interactive experiences that explore these principles and how they relate to terrestrial, aquatic, and human systems. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Attached are my comments re the plan.

Well done

George Crozier

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan

Comments: George Crozier gcrozier@disl.org

Activity #1: Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III

This project is the outgrowth of an Auburn University Landscape Architect M.S. thesis following a CZM studio taught at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. It addresses the most significant needs of the community facing the inexorable onslaught of Relative Sea Level Rise. It reflects a deep appreciation of the assets of the island and a modern, sustainable approach to the future.

Activity #2: Redevelop Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II and III

This is indeed probably the most promising and grossly underutilized asset of the town. The proposed project incorporates and improves on some of the concepts proposed by the Urban Land Institute following Hurricane Katrina. The commitment to the seafood industry is more attractive than the ULI emphasis on recreational fishing but they are not mutually exclusive. The area desperately needs investment in the community and this should provide an impressive kickstart.

Activity #3-5 Water and Sewer Upgrades

All are well justified.

Activity #6: Mobile County Blueway Trail Development

Following the completion of the Ron Jones (Chickasabogue Creek) Paddling Trail I suggested 9 separate venues that would constitute a network of paddling trails so I am delighted to see the funding of this project. There is, however, a significant error in the proposal description. The Outdoor Industry Association report states that consumer/paddling spending in Alabama was \$7.5 billion not \$75 Billion as stated. It's only one decimal point but it's significant. But it does not seriously diminish the value of the project. It's a good one.

Activity #7: Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension

The hurricane evacuation need is well justified but the "corridor for economic development" is slipped in as a need and that should be of some concern. The unavoidable landscape alteration within the proposed "corridor" will further degrade ecological services as well as increasing local traffic unless the county is unusually vigilant in containing the costs of subsequent loss of water and habitat quality.

Activity #8: Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements

No comment (other than repeating the sentence above)

Activity #9: Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal

Any recycling of infrastructure is a good thing.

Activity #10: Ambassadors of the Environment

I gather that the Ambassadors to the Environment **program** will be funded by the City of Gulf Shores and I would have liked to have seen that plan outlined to justify the infrastructure outlay. The Ocean Futures Society program appears to be largely integrated within the Ritz-Carlton hotel system and it is not clear how the affiliation with a municipality will work. The topics listed are wonderful and activities found on their web site are most impressive but qualified staffing and logistic support is not cheap.

This project would be much stronger in my mind if there had been some coordination between Gulf Shores and interests on Dauphin Island. This still achievable and would hope that there could be some discussion. For example, the aquarium on Dauphin Island after a scenic ferry ride across the mouth of the Bay past Fort Morgan could be incorporated into the AE program.

Activity #11: Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II

This is another great example of finally taking advantage of an enormously underutilized asset for the community. It will have a great impact on the people and an economic tourism plus as well. This could be marketed along with the new memorial in Montgomery.

Activity #12: Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor

Looks good. Certainly, infrastructure upgrades are overdue for downtown Mobile.

Activity #13: Mobile Greenway Initiative

This is a great project but the narrative left out one critical point – human health! This concern was the original motivation for the Mobile County Health Department to expand the trail beyond the bounds of Tricentennial Park. Dr. Bert Eichold identified the dire health condition of the African-American community near the creek. Obesity, diabetes, and cardiac health were of great concern to him and "recreating" on or near the creek seemed like an obvious approach to addressing the problem.

Activity #14: Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project

"Working waterfront" has specific connotations within the context of coastal zone management and that conventional approach does not appear in the project. Which is really focused on South Beach Park. I think the project is misnamed but other than that is an excellent choice.

Activity #15: Planning Grant to Amend Multiyear Implementation Plan

Very sensible.

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: Dauphin Island plan 1

From: Billy Richardson <billy121857@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 10:27 AM
To: AGCRC
Subject: Dauphin Island plan 1

I am a property owner on Dauphin Island and in no way should Aloe Bay project be combined with Isle of Dauphine project. Billy Richardson

Sent from my iPhone

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP)

From: Stan Graves <sgraves1@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 8:24 PM
To: AGCRC
Subject: Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP)

May 21, 2018

Eliska Morgan, Executive Director
Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
and
Department of Conservation and Department of Natural Resources:

Below is my public comment on Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan:

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a Multiyear project combines the Town of Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay Harbor Town Project and the Dauphin Island Property Owners Feasibility study under activity #1: Phase I includes Dauphin Island Property Owners Association request for funding a planning-level feasibility study of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club to determine alternatives for the best use of the property to enhance and Town of Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay Harbour Town development. These projects should not be combined into a single entity as Activity #1, because they have nothing to do with each other. As a property owner, member of the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association (DIPOA) and a former member of the DIPOA Board of Directors, I am OPPOSED to combining these projects into Activity #1. They should remain as separate identified projects as originally identified and as referenced below. Also, the Dauphin Island Property Owner's Association (DIPOA) project will ultimately require approval of its membership, because of the DIPOA's Constitution.

The two original project IDs are:

- Project ID Number 79 - The Aloe Bay Harbor Town: The Town's proposed project (Aloe Bay Harbour Town) has several goals: preserve and increase nature habitat for aquatic and avian wildlife, create a facility for the public to view the wildlife, create a new marina for public and commercial use, fishing pier and commercial buildings. Harbour Town will serve as an attraction destination for tourists, locals and commercial visitors.

And

- Project ID Number 324 – Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Study: The project above is the development of a planning-level feasibility study of the 164 acre area providing best use of the property through data research, economic impact, suggestions, details and plans for modification providing economic sustainably for the existing and suggested additions.

The Corps of Engineers at its February 22nd public meeting stated that only 50% of the dredged sand deposited into the Sand Beneficial Use Area (SIBUA) is being reincorporated into the natural littoral drift system; this has left the Island in sand starved situation and must be addressed in order to restore the shoreline so that projects such as the Isle

Dauphine Beach and Golf Study and the Town of Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay Harbor Town project can be successful. Without the Corps putting in place a mitigation plan to restore the shoreline, these projects will be subject to future hurricanes and tropical storms and failure.

As stated above, I am opposed to the combining of these projects into Activity #1 because they need to be funded as separate entities with their own objectives. Furthermore, it is necessary for the Dauphin Island shorelines be restored before any funding of these projects. The Restore Funds should be used for shoreline restoration first.

Sincerely,

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OMB NO # 1505-0250

I OPPOSE ACTIVITY #1

ISLE DAUPHINE BEACH +
GOLF CLUB
FEASIBILITY STUDY

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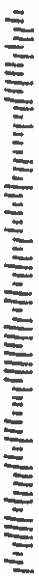
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Activity #1: Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III

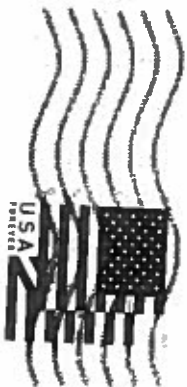
Opposed against Phase I will include the development of a planning-level feasibility study of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club to determine alternatives for the best use of the property to enhance and compliment the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development.

This study will not benefit the sand dunes, Isle dauphine which is on the National Historic registrar nor the beaches used by the locals and tourists.

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Activity #1

Oppose Isle Dauphine
Feasibility Study.

Comments can be submitted online at agcrc@dcnr.alabama.gov or mailed to: Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, 118 N. Royal Street, Suite 603, Mobile, AL 36602. **INCLUDE OMB #1505-0250**

In addition, a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, where the Council will present the proposed plan and receive comments.

- Date: May 23, 2018
- Location: Five Rivers Tensaw Theater, Spanish Fort, AL
- Time: 6:00 -- 8:00 p.m.

Comments received by the June 4 deadline will be reviewed and considered in preparing the Final Multiyear Implementation Plan.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: 1. A description of each activity, including the need, purpose, objective(s), milestones and location. Include map showing the



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William Myers

LOL... I like most of what I just read above. However, not sure Aloe Harbor and Isl Dauphine should be mixed in with this feasibility study.

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Tina Fasano

I have no issues for the beautification of this area. My concern is the Isle Dauphine and the surrounding dunes.

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Jeremy Tousinau

The aloe harbor project is separate but they are



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Tina Fasano

The changes it would make to a pristine part of the island is the reason why. People come here for the beauty and quiet and safety for their children. The people who want hotels and shopping can find that anywhere, but it's rare to find what we have and worth fighting for.

3h Like Reply



Gene Fox 



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Sally Coultas Acuff

I am for the Town's Aloe Bay Project. It takes old, abandoned commercial property and makes it into an aesthetically pleasing working waterfront. The renderings by local Architect Bill Phillips represent the vision many of us have for that area of the Island. It seems to be a benefit for everyone.

1h Like Reply



Sally Coultas Acuff

The DIPOA feasibility study is a totally different project.



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were separate. I think this
really complicates things.

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Jeremy Tousinau

I truly agree with you
when I get internet and am
off of my data I will look at
the proposals. I too
believe they are
completely different even
different proposals I was
stating more of an
overview of how to get
some projects through the
grant process

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RICHARD BREWER

I disagree because people are fairly polarized about developing the golf course, but I think most are in favor of developing the harbor, but still, the projects involve two completely different entities. I must have misunderstood the proposal. I thought they were separate. I think this really complicates things.

2h Like Reply



Jeremy Tousinau

I truly agree with you when I get internet and am



Richard Brewer

It doesn't make sense to lump those two projects together because they are completely different. The fact that one is owned by the town and one is owned by the DIPOA is enough of a difference alone.

2h Like Reply



Jeremy Tousinau

True they are completely different the possible reason for lumping them would be to get traction for both at the end

2h Like Reply



Richard Brewer



Sharin Helm

I think we should only ask them to table the study for the Isle of Dauphine and allow the rest. As the area for the aloe bay project is zoned for that type of commercial activity and the Isle of Dauphine is a natural landscape that could end up damaging our dunes and preventing the sand from laying naturally if a building or buildings are there and would stop the natural building of the main protector for the central Part of the island.



Donna Beck King

I agree, Sally. If I recall correctly, a study by the SE's (or was it 3E's?) was created years ago. The residents were very involved in the study, and had input with wonderful ideas for Aloe Bay. With the proper zoning and codes in place, Aloe Bay could be turned into a most pleasant working waterfront, yet strictly controlled so that it could merge nicely with the village residents and not be a nuisance to the village neighborhood.

[Crista chano restaurant](#)



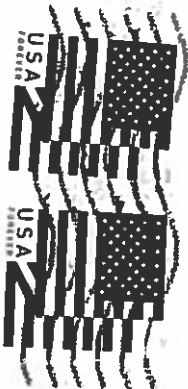
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From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: Comment on Draft MIP

From: Rich Colberg <colbergr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 11:59 AM
To: AGCRC
Subject: Comment on Draft MIP

Hello, and thank you for receiving my comment.

Activity #1 of the plan (copied below in it's entirety) has caused much confusion and concern among Dauphin Island Residents and Property Owners. The source of the confusion is the combination of the Aloe Bay Harbour Town project with the Isle Dauphine Feasibility Study. While there may be some degree of mutual economic benefit, it has never been the intent or expectation that the Feasibility Study's purpose is to "enhance and compliment the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development" The original application from Marc Whitehead of the POA makes no mention of Aloe Bay. In addition, the Isle Dauphine is not "walkable" from the Aloe Bay area. Residents and Property Owners do not see these projects as related, and do not understand why they have been combined into a single activity. While I understand that it is probably not the case, It appears to many that the Town of Dauphin Island will be managing what should be exclusively a POA project. These two projects may even have different administrators.

My comment is the respectful request that these two projects be defined, documented, and managed independently - even if the administrator is shared between them. This would go a long way toward alleviating the concerns I have heard from numerous people.

I would also like to be clear that this comment is not in opposition to any aspect of either project - only that they remain independent.

Thank You

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Activity #1: Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III The proposed infrastructure project in Mobile County will develop a business district with mixed use public facilities, including hotel and retail space along Aloe Bay to be owned by the Town and leased to private entities to enhance economic and tourism opportunities for the Town of Dauphin Island. The project will be implemented in three phases. Phase I includes planning, land acquisition, and environmental assessment work. During this phase, information will be gathered to define problem areas, identify potential solutions and alternatives, and develop a timeline for

implementation. In addition, Phase I will include the development of a planning-level feasibility study of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club to determine alternatives for the best use of the property to enhance and compliment the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development. Phase II will include design and engineering, permitting, development of project costs and preparation of construction plans and documents. Finally, Phase III is the construction period of the project. Need: The Town of Dauphin Island relies heavily upon sales and lodging tax revenues from ecotourism, tourism, and activities such as the Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Expanding the availability of short-term lodging facilities, event, and retail space will enable the Town to increase revenues to ensure sustained economic growth.

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to enhance economic opportunities by creating a walkable district in and around Aloe Bay, including short-term facilities, event, and retail space.

Objective: To develop the infrastructure of the Aloe Bay Harbour Town, including development of an implementation plan; Isle Dauphine feasibility study; acquisition of needed property; completion of design and engineering documents; and completion of construction of Aloe Bay Harbour Town. The infrastructure will include short-term lodging, retail, and restaurant space, and facilities for ecotourism such as deep sea fishing, kayaking, and paddle boarding in Aloe Bay. **Milestones:** • Develop a comprehensive plan, feasibility study, acquisition of identified properties, and environmental assessment • Complete design and engineering and permitting • Complete construction **Location:** Town of Dauphin Island, Mobile County, Alabama

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: RESTORE Funds - Aloe Bay, Dauphin Island

From: Michael Rogers <mrogers879@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 9:48 PM
To: AGCRC
Subject: RESTORE Funds - Aloe Bay, Dauphin Island

To whom it may concern:

My name is Mike Rogers. I have been a full time and part time resident of Dauphin Island for over 40 years. I am very excited that Dauphin Island (DI) has received RESTORE funds to help make it more resilient to future catastrophes. Over the last 40 years I have seen many changes at DI. Many have been positive and many have been disasters. I was very fortunate to spend a lot of time at DI prior to Hurricane Frederic. I spent a lot of time at the Isle Dauphine Club where I learned to swim, sail and play golf. Hurricane Frederic was not only destroyed many buildings and parts of the maritime forest, it also destroyed a lot of peoples livelihood. With the bridge being gone, the Isle Dauphine Club began a slow decline. The membership dwindled and the Club was not able to keep up the facilities. This caused a tremendous loss of revenue for the Property Owner's Association but also was detrimental to all of the people that relied on the Club for a job. I believe that most people that have property on DI appreciate it's reputation as a quaint fishing village and summer vacation spot. Over the years there have been a lot of

ideas on how to improve DI without losing its cherished reputation. Unfortunately most ideas are shot down before they are fully vetted. The result is that it is hard to make DI more resilient by thinking long term about what is best for its permanent and part time citizens. I served in various capacities on the DI Property Owners Association (DIPOA). I watched as a small vocal group challenged any attempt to improve DI. I am a builder by trade and work with developers from around the country. I believe that development is good if done in the proper way. I am also an environmentalist have served on local and state non- profits such as Alabama Coastal Foundation and The Nature Conservancy. I believe that we have the opportunity to use the RESTORE funds to help make DI more resilient for future generations. I believe that the funds provide for a feasibility study for DIPOA property, in particular the Isle Dauphine. This is critical to moving beyond the impasse that has existed for too long. I want to thank those responsible for having the foresight to do a study. We will never be able to stop disasters, but we can begin to act in a manner that is consistent with stewardship and best management practices. Let's put DI's best interest before our own and work to make it better for all.

Mike Rogers

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Comments on Alabama's Multiyear Implementation Plan

June 4, 2018

Dear Eliska and Council Members:

Gulf Restoration Network is concerned with the nature of some of the restoration projects described in the Multi-year Implementation Plan published earlier in 2018. Our members and other who work to restore and protect the natural resources and habitats of our Gulf Coast States want to see the funds from the BP Settlement repair what was broken by the 2010 oil spill, address what was impacted without causing more harm through project construction, and pursue projects that lay the groundwork for resilience in the face of more storms or man-made disasters. It is imperative that states pursue projects that take sea level rise into account as a moving target that will affect restoration efforts now and into the future.

It is a positive development that the Multi-year implementation plan contemplates water and sewer treatment upgrades, the Mobile Greenway Initiative, Mobile Blueways trail, and stormwater management.

In contrast to the positive MIP projects, there are listed projects such as the Baldwin Beach Express (project 7) and the various ALDOT road projects allocate \$80M to roads, some of which will cause, through their construction, water quality problems, and altered drainage patterns. Roadbuilding is the single largest price tag in the MIP list. Some of these alterations will be temporary through construction, but some will be permanent. It is disheartening to think that the largest ticket items on a spending list using money that should be focused on restoration will instead build roads.

It is positive that the second biggest amount other, than spending for roads, will be for sewer improvements that will benefit Mobile Bay, its related estuaries and the rivers and creeks that flow into them.

Scaling back the road projects and focusing more money on improving water quality would be a better multi-year use of the funds. A better plan would fix real problems instead of creating new ones, and help prepare the region to be more resilient to storms, sea-level rise and the other challenges.

The idea that this restoration money is a once in a lifetime windfall, and that it was meant to solve water quality and habitat related problems hasn't deterred Alabama or really any of the Gulf states from building roads, roadside welcome centers, or expanding port facilities or myriad other uses that clash with the idea of coastal restoration.

Economic development is an allowable end, but when that development ushers in the need for more repair of water quality and puts communities farther behind in the chase to match sewer capacity to growth, then resilience and the overall restoration purpose get completely lost in the shuffle. For instance, Mississippi has used its Direct Component funds to lay fiber optic cable, build a minor league baseball stadium, and provide an accredited pharmacy school at a local college. What oil spill damage is restored with projects like these? A resilient future for our coast is being sold short by pursuit of budget exigencies and wish list items.

You don't have to be part of that trend in Alabama. Alabama has impressed me for years as being miles ahead of Mississippi in thinking about the future of its water resources; your MIP list needs to better reflect that truth.

Andrew Whitehurst
Water Program Director
Gulf Restoration Network



Providing citizens a means to protect the beauty, health and heritage of the Mobile Bay Watershed. Alabama's waterways and coastal communities.

June 4, 2018

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Dear Governor Ivey:

I am writing on behalf of the board, officers and more than 4,500 members of Mobile Baykeeper regarding the Council's RESTORE Act funded project selections. Overall, the projects selected match our expectations. This letter addresses the four main ideas: The one significant challenge we ask you to consider addressing now, but insist you change moving forward is the balance of funds spent (sewage v. roads). We again ask that you open the project review process to public scrutiny and review -- even to the point of following the state's Open Meetings Act. Projects being built should do no harm: if you are going to fund building roads, docks, terminals, etc., you should not allow any environmental impacts. There are also several incredible projects we fully support.

1. The biggest issue among these selected projects is the uneven financial contribution between project types. For instance, \$68,140,000 on roads vs. \$8,566,700 on sewer projects.

Your documents cite that additional and widened roadways will decrease traffic congestion and air pollution in specific areas. These are the short-term effects, however, and we need to be using these once in a lifetime funds for long-term planning. The Baldwin County road projects will create impacts to following Mobile Bay Watershed waterways:

Baldwin Beach Express from I-10 to I-65 Extension

- Dyas Creek, McCurtin Creek, Lake Crosby, Hollinger Creek, Dogwood Creek, Styx River, Steelwood Lake, Durbin Branch, Juniper Creek, Roans Creek, Fox Branch, and Greenwood Spring Branch

Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements

- SR 181; CR 64 to SR 181: Fish River
- US 31; Westminster Drive to SR 181: D'Olive Creek and Turkey Branch
- SR 180; east of FBI: Portage Creek
- SR 180; west of FBI: Portage Creek, Wolf Bay, Bay La Launch, Bayou Saint John, and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico
- SR 181; SR 104 to CR 32: Cowpen Creek and Pensacola Branch

Roadways cause negative impacts on rivers and streams in the following ways:

1. More paved areas increase flood risk and water pollution because water cannot easily be absorbed into the ground.
2. More vehicles result in more oil, pollutants, and litter running off into our waterways.
3. In order to build the extension of the beach expressway, a great deal of open forest and/or farmland, will have to be bought and converted. The Council has noted these expanded roadways will "reduce carbon emission," but with these farmlands removed and replaced with asphalt and vehicles, the opposite will occur.
4. More roadways often open areas to new development leading to additional water quality impacts.

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In contrast to the significant investment in roads that can cause negative waterway impacts, the need for sewage system upgrades is significant. Since January 2017, Mobile and Baldwin County have had **more than 26 million** gallons of sewage discharged into local waterways. The sewer infrastructure projects selected are a great start, but they are not nearly enough to ensure clean water in our communities. Sewer spills negatively impact our community, human health as well the health of fish and other species living in our waterways and, very importantly, they damage our economy - seafood industry, tourism, industrial needs, and more.

Two of your tenets for eligible activities are "promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast region" and "promotion of consumption of seafood harvested from the Gulf Coast region." Yet if we are not updating sewer infrastructure, we are placing both of these aspects at risk. If we choose to build or update roadways, we need to also update the infrastructure beneath them, such as expressed in project 325: Innovating St. Louis Street. Stormwater retrofitting would have been an excellent choice to offset negative impacts from growth as well.

2) The project selection process must also open up to true public review. Not having access to project information without contacting the applicant - which in several cases changed late into the 45-day comment period - is not a clear and transparent process. The public should be allowed to attend meetings when you are allowing applicants to present to Council. At a very minimum, every applicant should be allowed to present or NO applicants can present.

3) Insist on zero impacts to the environment. Each project submitted must be built with the future in mind, meaning these once in a lifetime funds should be using the best materials, future thinking processes and the highest and best practices for environmental protection and resiliency.

4) Mobile Baykeeper fully supports projects that connect, educate and engage people to our natural resources. The blueways, greenways and education projects meet the triple bottom line of supporting the community, economy and environment now and for future generations.

As you know, these funds are intended to be used to "restore ecosystems and rebuild local economies damaged by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." Because this funding became available due to the impact on the environment, we need to ensure we are doing all we can to not only cause no further harm but to reduce our impact and ensure we are resilient against the next disaster - natural or man-made.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your commitment to improving our community for future generations.

Sincerely,



Casi (kc) Callaway
Executive Director & Baykeeper
Mobile Baykeeper

cc: Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council Members

June 3, 2018



Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council:

Mobile-based M.O.R.E. is a collective of businesses, nonprofits and advocacy organizations in Alabama who organized a 501(c)3 to advocate for a fair portion of the \$20.8 Billion settlement -- at least 25 percent -- for under-served majority communities in Alabama which is far from what is being proposed at this time.

We believe an equitable amount of these funds represent a game-changing economic opportunity for our under-served communities that have been mired in poverty for generations. In the past decade alone, the wealth of families and businesses in our communities have been further decimated by natural and man-made disasters, from Katrina and other devastating hurricanes and tornadoes, to the housing market collapse, to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. We have had multiple meetings with you ED and made multiple public comments to advocate this sediment to the Council.

Therefore, we are quite disappointed in the lack of outreach to the minority community prior to this council selecting the projects, we are also disappointed in the fact that the council has selected only 3% of the projected first round MIP amount to go to the minority community. This council did not give adequate instructions to the minority community on how to directly receive funds. To have a fiduciary agent will cost the project which will cause less to go to the project itself, so it is imperative for the recipient to be the implementor. State and local officials will leverage public resources and private partnerships which is a much-needed strategy in underserved communities and one that has been proven to work. We therefore are requesting that this Council take the time and engage the minority community effectively and in a wholistic way. Also, we request that the Council increase the number of projects that are in the minority communities in Mobile and Baldwin County, and that the instructions and preparations be done so that those communities control their own projects. These proposed action plans will achieve the highest economic impact that help our communities need to recover from these disasters and generational poverty. The plans include community revitalization models that enhance economic sustainability, build environmental justice awareness, and conservation.

So, we sincerely hope that our recommendation be taken seriously and are met with a willingness to work with the minority community for a fair resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carletta Davis".

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From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:42 PM
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Subject: Fw: Africatown Heritage and Welcome Center

From: Michael Rogers <mrogers879@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 12:19 PM
To: AGCRC
Subject: Africatown Heritage and Welcome Center

To whom it may concern - I wanted to express my appreciation that the Africatown Heritage and Welcome Center was selected to be funded for the first round of RESTORE funds. Africatown is a cultural jewel not only to our city but our country. The recent press around the potential discovery of the last slave ship Clotilde gave a sense of how important Africatown is to our country. The find made international news! It is important that this area continues to thrive so that present and future generations will know the history. The community is very active in preservation and history and this funding will provide a shot in the arm to help provide facilities worthy of the location. It will attract people of all ages and races and be an attraction that will help the local economy and bring further investment into this area. Thank you for seeing this and selecting this project for funding!

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June 4, 2018

Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
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Dear Members of the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council:

We write in wholehearted support of the Africatown Community Development Corporation's (ACDC) proposed project to plan, design, and build an Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II as part of your Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan (noted as Activity #11 at your May 23, 2018 public meeting held at Five Rivers Tensaw Theater, Spanish Fort, AL), in cooperation with the City of Mobile who would implement the project.

The Africatown Community Development Corporation (ACDC) was incorporated in 2013 as a domestic, non-profit, 501c3 corporation to preserve and protect Mobile's African-American Heritage. The ACDC's efforts have been in past years largely focused on reducing blight and beautifying the historic neighborhood, encouraging former residents to return home to live, and increasing the rolls and quality of education at the historic Mobile County Training School, the second oldest school in Alabama and the training grounds for many professional athletes. In January 2016 the City of Mobile released *Africatown Neighborhood Plan*, a model for improving the historic community. ACDC was engaged with the development of this plan and also in coordinating its efforts with neighboring businesses and industries along its border.

We have had the honor and pleasure of working with the ACDC over the last few years and highlight below some of its successes that promise to make it an excellent partner in the development of a much-needed Welcome Center:

In partnership with Alabama Power, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and other public and private partners, in 2015, the ACDC launched the successful Jake's Lane Community Garden to serve as a social and education center and provide fresh vegetables for the Community, located in a "food desert." The quantity and variety of fresh produce grows with each passing season along with the addition of commercial grade gardening equipment and, with the award of an ADECA Healthy Food Financing grant in February of this year, its members are preparing plans to develop a "MarketPlace" to sell excess produce within and outside their Community;

In 2016, the ACDC developed the Africatown Business & Community Panel (ABCP) in collaboration with local businesses and industries operating or headquartered in the vicinity of the Community and the Port of Mobile to regularly meet and communicate about goals and activities. The ABCP provided matching funds for a Strengthen Alabama

Homes initiative grant received from the state of Alabama that would inspect and repair 60 neighborhood homes, allowing residents to stay in their homes and make them more resilient in inclement weather;

In July 2017, the ACDC worked with ALDOT, Arc Terminals (now Zenith Energy) and other public and private partners to host the successful, inaugural "Africatown Bridge Challenge," the first-ever fundraising event for the Community that brought over 560 entrants of all genders, races and ages to walk and run over the Africatown Bridge and raise funds for its Community Garden and upcoming MarketPlace. For many participants, the event was their first time visiting the historic Community and cemetery, where some of the last enslaved people in this country are buried; and

Last but not least, in January 2018, *Al.com/Press-Register* Reporter Ben Raines uncovered what was believed to be the remains of the CLOTILDA, the last illegal ship carrying slaves into the U.S., the ancestors of members of the Africatown Community and ACDC Board members. With news stories about what might have been the most culturally significant find in the U.S. in recent history and over 800 media accounts of the exploration around the world, the ACDC became a central resource for accounts from descendants and worked closely with officials on plans to excavate and authenticate the ship. Though, ultimately, the remains were deemed not to be the CLOTILDA, the Alabama Historical Commission renewed its enthusiasm and commitment to a new project to locate and excavate ship remains in the Mobile River in hopes of finding her. Even before these events, the ACDC, in partnership with the City of Mobile, had the forethought to submit an application to the AGCRC for RESTORE Act funds that would plan, design and build a center in the historic neighborhood to welcome residents and tourists and to showcase the rich culture and heritage of the Community.

There is no doubt the Center will increase tourism, as well as economically develop and help preserve this historic gem of national significance. Working with the City of Mobile, the ACDC has the strong and growing record of success to see that it is something of which the whole Gulf region can be proud of.

Thank you for submitting this letter as part of the official record.

Sincerely,

Gary Cowles
Principal
Cowles, Murphy Glover
& Associates
Vice President of the Board,
ACDC



Allen Rentz
HSSE Manager,
Gulf Coast
Zenith Energy
Terminals
Board Member,
ACDC



Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: RESTORE ACT

From: t.harris@thecityofprichard.org <t.harris@thecityofprichard.org>
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 11:04 AM
To: AGCRC
Subject: RESTORE ACT

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to know why the rules were not followed according to the statute of law on all decisions to be made by the council. The rule states six votes.

Taikai Harris
City Clerk Office
City of Prichard
Accountant
T.harris@thecityofprichard.org
251-452-7894
251-452-7879

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: restore act

From: s.jackson@thecityofprichard.org <s.jackson@thecityofprichard.org>
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 11:08 AM
To: AGCRC
Subject: restore act

Dear
Sir or Madame

In reference to the Title 6 compliance, the citizens of Prichard feels that the spirit of the law was not met to the extent to see minority led and administered projects or outreach efforts prior to selection.

Ms. Jackson, speaking for many citizens.

Kim

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: RESTORE ACT

From: KIM WRIGHT <mskimkaty@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 10:59 AM
To: AGCRC
Subject: RESTORE ACT

During the course of planning and preparation for the decision on the MIP, why was there no transparency? If you feel that there was transparency, please clarify so that the citizens of Prichard can understand your decisions.

KIM GREEN

**GRACE...For it is by grace you have been saved through faith~and this not from yourselves it is the gift of God~not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9**

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: Restore Grants

From: John Reuss <jreuss39@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:17 PM
To: AGCRC
Subject: Restore Grants

Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council
Attn: Eliska Morgan, Executive Director

My name is John Reuss. I live in Magnolia Springs at the Cold Hole in the Magnolia River. I am writing to comment on the Restore Grants reported by Lawrence Spector in the *Mobile-Press Register*.

My wife and I have lived on the Magnolia River Since 1994. During that time the creeks feeding the Cold Hole, and th Cold Hole itself, have become so silt laden that sand bars have developed. At low tide in the Winter the bottoms of the creeks and the River are exposed. In the Summer at high tide, especially with a West wind, the River covers my wharf and invades my lawn. After a heavy rain the runoff from North Foley, Summerdale and Robertsedale carries a flow of silt that will settle out on my wharf at a depth of an inch or more. These flows also carry septic overflow whic is visually present and has an unpleasant odor. I believe that the septic overflow has sickened one swimmer and may have contributed to two dogs contracting stomach cancer.

While all of the projects on the published list are important, many are not conservation related. Whatever flows dow the Magnolia River winds up in Weeks Bay, Mobile Bay and eventually the Gulf. This has an impact on both recreational and commercial fishing as well as recreational boaters and kayakers.

There doesn't appear to be any representation for the Magnolia River on the Council. Yet the Magnolia River is used for fishing and boating by residents of many of the communities with projects that have been approved. So, my purpose in writing is to ask that when considering Bucket 3 Projects The Council consider issues described above.

Thank you,
John Reuss
251-952-8651
jreuss39@gmail.com

Morgan, Eliska

From: c graves <cmgraves2012@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 21, 2018 11:40 PM
To: Powell, Patti; Blankenship, Chris; Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: AGCRC releases Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan for Public Comment

Dear Chris, Patti, and Eliska,

When you give the hundred of millions of dollars to the Port, are you requiring that the Port Authority follow the Federal Laws for mitigation for the erosion to a barrier Island's adjacent shoreline from a Federal project?

As the agency overseeing the Alabama Barrier Island study about the erosion to Dauphin Island, each of you have a duty to speak and not to remain silent and to disclose to the public and property owners on the Island, all information of the past erosion impacts caused by Mobile Harbor and Channels and all future erosion impacts to Dauphin Island from the massive expansion to the Mobile Harbor Entrance Channel/Outer Bar Channel for the SEIS/GRR/Mobile Harbor study.

As public servants and by each of you having special expertise, I am asking you to disclose all information and not conceal, omit or state any half-truth to me about the erosion to Dauphin Island, concerning:

- All past and future environmental and erosional impacts on Dauphin Island's shoreline from the dredging of the Mobile Harbor Entrance Channel project, including any significant adverse impacts on fish, turtles and wildlife resources on the Island.
- All information about the State and the Corps dredging the Mobile Harbor Entrance Channel/Outer Bar Channel as the cause to the erosion to the shoreline of Dauphin Island, which has been stated in the Corps own documentation, other agencies documentation and other coastal engineers studies that was not included in the Corps' 2008 study and the updated 2010 study.
- All information about the US Geological Survey's Robert Morton's 2007 and 2008 studies for the Corps MsCIP study, which state "Historical land-loss trends and engineering records show that progressive increases in land-loss rate correlate with nearly simultaneous deepening of channels dredged across the outer bars" and correlated the land-loss on the Island between 1958 to 2006 and concluded that the Corps maintenance dredging was causing the erosion on Dauphin Island.
- All Corps' and Port Authority responsibilities to mitigate the erosion to the Island caused by the dredging of the Federally Authorized Mobile Harbor Deep-draft Entrance Channel.
- All State and Federal Laws and regulations, Corps' manuals for the State and Corps to mitigate the erosion impacts to the Island, resulting from Federal Navigation operation and maintenance activities, subject to Federal control and responsibility, on a adjacent shoreline and the interruption of sediment transport to the shoreline.
- The State and Corps ensuring that the future deepening and widening of the Mobile Harbor Entrance Channel does not block the littoral drift, and cause severe downdrift erosion? The Corps mitigating the erosion to the Island by the Corps placing the sand directly on the shoreline and in the future in a nearshore berm in shallow water in front of the whole Island every time the Corps dredges, as the Corps does in other parts of the Country?

Just because a questions was not asked, it does not alleviate the Corps from providing all other truthful information about the Corps' dredging of the Entrance Channel and its past and future erosion effects on Dauphin Island.

Over the years, the people of Dauphin Island have not had the knowledge to scrutinized the Por Authority and the Corps' the erosion to Dauphin Island, **BUT please be assured, that the people will not stand by anymore, while the State's and Corps' employees lies to them about the Port's and the Corps' erosion to the Island's shoreline.**

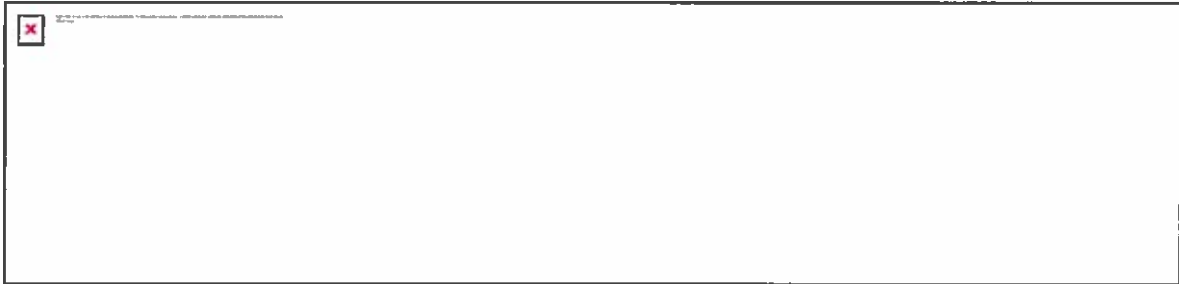
Are the rules being followed that the project receiving BP money has to be within 25 miles of the Gulf?

I will be looking forward to receiving the above information.

Caroline Graves

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources <aldcnr@public.govdelivery.com>
To: cmgraves2012@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:41 PM
Subject: AGCRC releases Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan for Public Comment



AGCRC releases Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan for 45-day Public Comment Period

April 19, 2018 - Today, the [Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council \(Council\)](#) released its [Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan \(MIP\)](#) for a 45-day public comment period. In a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council voted on projects to include in its "Bucket 1" plan, and yesterday, adopted the Draft MIP which, once finalized, will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Treasury for review and approval.

The projects proposed in this plan are all located within the Gulf Coast Region and are consistent with the eligible criteria as stated in the RESTORE Act, and in accordance with the focus areas selected by the Council which include infrastructure projects benefiting the economy and corresponding planning assistance.

"This is certainly an important milestone for the Alabama Council," said Governor Kay Ivey. "I am proud of the work they have accomplished since I became governor just over a year ago, and it was an honor to preside over the meeting yesterday in Spanish Fort when we voted to adopt this plan." The Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council was created with the passage of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act). The 10-member council is made up of the Governor, who serves as chair; the Director of the Alabama State Port Authority, who serves as vice-chair; the Chairman of the Baldwin County Commission; the President of the Mobile County Commission; and the Mayors of Bayou La Batre, Dauphin Island, Fairhope, Gulf Shores, Mobile, and Orange Beach. Former Congressman Jo Bonner serves as the Governor's representative in her absence.

To engage the public in its [project selection process](#), in December 2016, the Council made a call for projects to be submitted in Alabama's Coastal Restoration portal. The Council used project submissions received through that process, along with projects previously submitted since the portal went live in March 2014, to select projects for further evaluation and ultimate placement on the Draft MIP project slate.

The proposed activities for Direct Component funding in this plan have a total estimated cost of \$192,416,759.

The Council is now asking for public comment on this Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan until June 4, 2018. Comments can be submitted online at agcrc@dcnr.alabama.gov or mailed to: Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council, 118 N. Royal Street, Suite 603, Mobile, AL 36602. In addition, a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, where the Council will present the proposed plan and receive comments.

- **Date:** May 23, 2018
- **Location:** Five Rivers Tensaw Theater, Spanish Fort, AL
- **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Comments received by the June 4 deadline will be reviewed and considered in preparing the Final Multiyear Implementation Plan.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Alabama Council at least five days before the meeting by calling Eliska Morgan at (251) 380-7944.

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Morgan, Eliska

From: c graves <cmgraves2012@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 2, 2018 8:08 PM
To: Blankenship, Chris; McCurdy, Patti; Morgan, Eliska
Subject: My Comments for the Alabama Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, due by Monday, June 4, 2018.

June 2, 2018

My comments for the Alabama Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, due by Monday, June 4, 2018. Do not redact my name.

Nobody was affected by the BP oil spill more than the people on Dauphin Island and south Mobile County were.

"Under OPA, injury assessment involves determining whether resources or their services were injured, and then quantifying the degree and extent of those injuries and services losses:

• Injury determination. To determine injury, the Trustees evaluated **whether a pathway could be established from the discharge to the exposed resource, whether the resource had been exposed to oil, and the injury caused by that exposure.** The Trustees evaluated not only the extent of injuries to natural resources, but also to the services those resources provide. They also evaluated injuries resulting from response activities, including fishery and beach closures, beach excavation, removal of oil from marshes and beaches, boat activities, and placement of protective boom"

Over the past 30 years, the State of Alabama has purposely let Dauphin Island's property erode away by Corps'/Ports dredging of the Mobile shipping channel. Now, to add insult to injury, the **Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council** is head up by the director of the Port Authority, Jimmy Lyons, who is making the decisions for BP money going to Dauphin Island.

Mr. Lyons wants all of the BP money for the Mobile Harbor including \$50 million dollars for a car roll-on, roll-off center. This is ironic, when previously Mr. Lyons stated that the BP oil spill had no effect on the Mobile Harbor at all. ***Is this part or an injury caused by the BP oil spill?***

What is so ironic is in 2000, the State of Alabama gave the Port Authority \$100 million Dollars to for a massive expansion to the Port, and the money came from the Billions of Dollars oil/gas money from the off-shore gas pipelines that only go through and around Dauphin Island and the Port has not use one penny of the \$100 million dollars to protect the adjacent shoreline of Dauphin Island from the erosion caused by the dredging.

The State gave the \$100 millions dollars to the Port Authority, without requiring the Port Authority to follow Federal Laws to mitigate to the erosion to adjacent shoreline of Dauphin Island caused by dredging the Mobile Harbor Entrance Channel.

33 U.S. Code § 2211 – Harbors

(b) Operation and maintenance

(c) **Erosion or shoaling attributable to Federal navigation works: Costs of constructing projects or measures for the prevention or mitigation of erosion or shoaling damages attributable to Federal navigation works shall be shared in the same proportion as the cost sharing provisions applicable to the project causing such erosion or shoaling. The non-Federal interests for the project causing the erosion or shoaling shall agree to operate and maintain such measures.**

If the Port/Corps had been bypassing the sand to Dauphin Island to mitigate the erosion, the beaches would have been a thousand feet or more.

Dauphin Island has Borne the Brunt of all of the Oil/gas rigs and pipelines that are coming into the State from offshore including gas leaks from rigs, physical site of rigs around the island and the enormous oil rig from 60 miles away, washing up to the Island during Katrina. Dauphin Island is literally being eroded away using the income from the gas/oil rigs by the Port/Corps for the massive expansion to the Mobile Harbor.

The gas/oil income to the State was estimated to be \$6 Billion through 2020.

The State has already taken One-Billion dollars from the BP oil spill money to pay off state debts. ***Is this part or an injury caused by the BP oil spill?*** That one billion should be enough money to pay for the Ports projects and the Convention Center. The State should not use the rest of the BP money for the areas injured by the oil spill.

In addition, the ***Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*** is overseeing the ***Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council*** and wants the BP's oil spill money to pay about \$200 million for a beach express road between I-10 to I-65 that is nowhere near the oil spill. However, this road will get the people to the State's new \$100 million dollar Convention Center in Gulf Shores that is being paid for by BP money. The convention center was not affected by the BP oil spill, but was destroyed in 2004 by hurricane Ivan. What happened to the multi-millions dollars insurance money paid to the State for the 2004 hurricane lost? ***Is this a part or an injury caused by the BP Oil Spill?***

Dauphin Island got the first BP tar ball. Dauphin Island's beaches were destroyed with tons of oil. The Island still has not recovered from the Oil spill.

I feel the greed and conflict of interest by the Port Authority and the Department of Conservation to use the BP money only on projects for themselves, demonstrates their contempt and a lack of humanity toward Dauphin Island. They are ignoring genuine environmental problems of the erosion of Dauphin Island's shoreline, and other areas of the coastal line affected by the oil spill.

I feel the Department of Conservation/Port's willingness to let the people of Bayou La Batre, Coden, Alabama Point, and Dauphin Island suffer in the process for the Port and its "elite group" to make billions of dollars in profit goes beyond scandalous behavior. They show a total lack of regard for the disastrous effects of the oil spill on the people and other living things.

I am now assuming, that Dauphin Island will not receive any money for the full beach restoration project, because of the continuous covering up of facts. The Department of Conservation/Corps/Port production of the three ambiguous studies about Dauphin Island, in which each has inaccurate information, confusing and unclear statements about each study. The vague reference that the studies have to be scientific, and the vague remarks about the Byrnes 2008/2011 lawsuit study, and the inexplicable statement alluding to "Alabama Coastal Comprehensive Plan (ACCP) will be integrated into the Barrier Island study to assist with the visioning process for the cost-benefit analysis", when both studies are being suppressed in the first place, my conclusion shows me ***something major is being hidden about Dauphin Island and it is not desirable.***

Dauphin Island should not tolerate any more denials or lies by the Port/Corps about the erosion to the beaches including the Corps failures to correct its pre-existing misconceptions. The people of Alabama, especially the property owners of Dauphin Island, deserve clear and accurate information, including all Federal Laws to be followed for the protection and prevention of erosion of the adjacent beaches of Dauphin Island.

America and The World are starting to see "Corruption in its Purest Form", disguised as public policy, in Alabama, unless **Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council** agrees to the following:

1. The full amount of BP oil spill money for the complete restoration of Dauphin Island's beaches.
2. Set up a multi-million dollar trust fund for bypassing of the dredged sand very close to the western part of the island, the pier to the end of the road, to offset the Port/Corps dredging of a Federally Authorized Navigation Outer Bar Channel.
3. Set up a multi-million dollars trust fund for insurance problems on Dauphin Island, the State/Port Authority/Corps has caused to South Mobile County Alabama.

The State of Alabama's new motto for Dauphin Island should be:

Damn the suffering People, Supertankers full speed ahead!!!

Caroline Graves
Dauphin Island Property Owner
cmgraves2010@gmail.com

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: Comment Period-MIP

From: Nashid Rushdan <nashidrush63@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 2:55 PM
To: AGCRC
Subject: Comment Period-MIP

Council,

I am opposing the use of Restore Fund for the following Projects.

Activity #7: Baldwin beach express I-10 to I-65 Extension

Activity #8: Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements

Activity #9: Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal

Activity #10: Ambassadors of the Environment

In my opinion there is a more critical need for water quality and water related infra-structure that these funds can be used for rather than the projects listed above.

My recommendation is to use the following dollar amount between the Cities in Mobile and Baldwin County:

Use \$80 millions for water quality in the Coastal Unincorporate area of Theodore, Grand Bay, Coden, St Elmo, Mon Louis, Heron Bay and Irvington. for North Mobile County Axis, Bucks, Chastang and Creola.

Use \$20 millions for water quality in Unincorporate area of Baldwin County and Incorporate Daphne.

Use \$9 millions for water quality in Prichard, Chicksaw, Saraland and Satsuma.

Sincerely,

Nashid Rushdan

Morgan, Eliska

From: AGCRC
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Morgan, Eliska
Subject: Fw: comment on AL MIP

From: Operation Homecare <ophomecare_gcr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 1:02 PM
To: AGCRC
Subject: comment on AL MIP

To: Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council,
Subject: Comments on Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan (MIP)
(Summary of Activities presented May 23, 2018)

Operation HomeCare Inc. (OHC) continues to express concerns with the effectiveness of the State's RESTORE outreach, engagement, public participation and input in the decision making process. OHC has been active in the process and maintain relationships in the impacted historically underserved coastal communities since 2010.

Further, over the past three years these communities have expressed concerns about the lack of transparency and systemic barriers to engagement, participation and access to information during meetings held by the council.

We respectfully oppose prioritizing the use of RESTORE Act direct component funding for the following:

Activity #7- Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension \$11,678,482
Activity # 8- Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements \$58,504,000
Activity # 9- Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal \$29,630,741
Activity #10- Ambassadors of the Environment \$10,040,702

As an alternative \$80M for Mobile County via collaborative activities to address water quality issues in coastal unincorporated communities such as Coden, Grand Bay, Mon Luis , Heron Bay, St. Elmo, Irvington, Theodore, Axis, Chastang, Creola and Bucks. Similarly \$20M to Baldwin County to address water quality issues in coastal unincorporated communities. Also provide cities and towns such as Prichard, Chickasaw, Saraland, Daphne and other coastal community clusters a share of \$9M.

Additionally, we have serious concerns to the draft MIP in fully funding projects that have been consolidated which may or may not meet initial regulatory compliance.

We urge you to be fiscally responsible with these limited funds.

Sincerely,
Jackie Antalan
Dir. Outreach & Programs
Operation HomeCare, Inc.
Post Office Box 121
Mobile, AL 36601-0121



ALABAMA GULF COAST RECOVERY COUNCIL

Attachment 9

Summarized Comments and Responses

Public Hearing Comments on Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan

Project	Organization	Commenter	Primary Concern Statement	Comment	Response	Plan Revised?
Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	Mayor, City of Satsuma	Williams, Tom	Commenter supports the Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	Good afternoon. It's good to see all of you again. I would like to take just a moment to thank all of the members of the council. Some of you I have talked to, most of you individually. But the City of Satsuma is very appreciative and we are grateful for your consideration of approving the northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer project. We are ready to start on that as soon as funds are available. I'm in pretty good shape, but I just hope I live long enough to see some work started on this. Construction cost and equipment and material continue to rise, so I did listen to Mrs. Morgan's comments about the funding coming forth. But again, let me just take this opportunity to thank all of you for that consideration. We are very appreciative, and we will, as soon as funds are available, put that project to work, and we will complete that. Thank you so very much.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	No
Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project	Gulf Shores Homeowner	Bell, Wynell	Commenter concerned about the Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project	My name is Wynell Bell, and I own a home on East Canal Drive in Gulf Shores. And I was told this was not a question and answer session. So, I apologize, mine are questions but at least they will be on record. My first question was how and when will home and property owners, who live on East Canal Drive, be made aware of this project? My second question was where should a request be made to see the detailed public records to show that they comply with regulations for the disbursement of Federal funds? My next question, you mentioned best-available science. In Section One of the application it says this project has been planned by professionals to national and national industry standards. Who has those plans and where should a request be made so that we can see them? My next statement or question as stated in Section H of the application, how was it determined that there would be no environmental impact during and for the construction of the expansion of Highway 180 for 3.4 miles West of the Foley Beach Expressway? And finally, where can I find the detailed records that tell who, when, where and how the evaluation for this project was done? And how was it determined that there would be no adverse impact? Thank you.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's concerns. The Council will carefully monitor engineering and design of each project to ensure best practices, as well as regulatory compliance. During the public hearing, Commissioner Frank Burt, Baldwin County's representative on the AGCRC, invited the commenter to send her questions to him and he would speak to ALDOT Director John Cooper for answers. ALDOT provided written responses to Ms. Bell's questions, and they were forwarded directly to her email address on record (see MIP Appendix, Attachment 9). B8	No
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Member, Africatown Community Development Corporation	Owens, Thelma	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Good afternoon. I'm Thelma Owens, a member of the Africatown Community Development Corporation. And I would just like to say that we are very, very humble that someone thought enough of our community to go out and see to us having a welcome center, something that is very much well-deserved, something that this community will cherish. Because with the welcome center we have a lot of our history would go through there, people would take with them and share with others and more will come. Once again, I just want to say thank you very much.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Resident, Plateau Happy Hills	Portis, Lister	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Good evening. My name is Lister Portis and I am a proud resident of Plateau Happy Hill Magazine Point Africatown USA. And I'm here to speak upon the tourist center in the Africatown Community. And I would just like to thank you all for thinking enough of my community that we can now share the story of how we have overcome and how we have arrived and gotten to where we are today. By having this tourist center our story can be taken all across the country and all across the world. You make it possible that we can put a tangible hand on our history. There have been so many opportunities and so many chances when we have had to just think about what had occurred and what happened. But now, the citizens of that area we have a tangible place where we will be able to go in and to display our history to tell our story. With all of that being said and done, I would just like to also let you know that at the next meeting, can I retain the usage of my one minute and forty-two seconds?	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No

Project	Organization	Commenter	Primary Concern Statement	Comment	Response	Plan Revised?
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Move Gulf Coast CDC	Howell, Vickie	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II, but would like to see additional projects funded in the Prichard/Africatown areas.	<p>Good evening, everyone -- everyone here. I want to preface my comments by saying I do not officially represent Prichard or Africatown, but I do want to speak in reference to the project there. And first of all, congratulate the group for funding the Africatown Center and funding a project that borders and that will impact the Africatown community. But I also want to say, like I have before, to make sure that as these projects move forward that you consider the economic impact on these communities, because they are some of our most unserved communities. And while the projects are great, what I want to focus on especially with my organization MOVE Gulf Coast -- MOVE stands for Making Opportunities Viable for Everyone. Because we can have a welcome center but if the community itself is not stable, it will be a nice center in the middle of nowhere. Because when it comes down one sees a community, a whole community. And though the welcome center is great, there needs to be other things around there. So, there were other projects that were part of the portal, that includes the Hogs Bayou project -- project 177 and 179. They were also conservation projects, and they were also projects that will create jobs. Because at the end of the day we want to create an economical sustainable community so people can live there and work there and have jobs there and they can live and raise their families. Where they can also be proud to show off their communities to people who come from out of town. Because there are people who certainly come because when (inaudible) it generates a lot of powerful (inaudible). And when people come here, they are disappointed by what they see because it doesn't look like they thought it was. And I know that was what happened to me. Even though I'm from Mobile, I've lived most of my life in Birmingham. So, when I came I was looking for this great independent place that was preserved by the slaves and their descendants, and it wasn't there. So, I really wanted to think about how we plan for the future -- I know that these projects have already been pulled, and I may not have a written project. But I want to look at how we move forward in terms of really building the community. Because the other projects that were not funded included several projects in Prichard. Project 177 and Project 210 the land acquisition especially along the part of Prichard you may not know called Africatown USA. So, there's a project that I'm working on right now that would connect Africatown in Prichard to Africatown in Mobile. There are some students that came up with an absolutely fabulous project and I will be happy to share it with you at a very soon date. There is going to be a ribbon cutting, as a matter of fact on Saturday, June 16th, and we are going to show some of the slides and some of the ideas of the two students from Mississippi State, and they are fabulous. And they most certainly need to be funded. I'm hoping only \$100,000, at best, for planning money, so we can make these things real. Because at the end of the day, we want all of the communities to move forward, not just certain parts but all of them, especially the most vulnerable areas. So, I'm looking forward to putting my comments in writing, and I have five seconds left. Thank you.</p>	<p>The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II. At the time the Council began their review of projects for inclusion in this Draft MIP, there were over 300 projects in the portal. Of those, 4 were submitted on behalf of Africatown and 3 on behalf of the City of Prichard. Phase I of the City of Prichard's Project #211 (W. Turner Rd/Dunlap Circle), which was moved forward by the Council for a detailed evaluation, will be funded under the Spill Impact Component (Bucket 3) as part of a more comprehensive drainage improvement project to be implemented by Mobile County (Toulmin Springs and Gum Tree Branch). As stated at the public meeting, although not guaranteed for funding, projects not included in this plan may be considered for funding in a future amended Multiyear Implementation Plan or by another DWH funding source.</p>	No
Not project specific comments	Mobile Baykeeper	Quirin, Karrie	Commenter would like Council to focus on the youthful community and would like more information on the projects.	<p>I am Karrie Quirin. I was rushed a little bit with the traffic on the causeway. I'm here as a resident of Mobile, Alabama, and I have a question to ask. But first I just want to speak as a member of the youthful community and just encourage you to include that type of thinking whenever you are planning this -- planning anything. Think about what you want the future to look like for your children and their children. And it's just a simple question: I have been doing some research on these projects, and I can't really find more than maybe like two or three paragraphs about each. Is there any resources besides the web site that can provide me with a larger amount of information on each project?</p>	<p>Yes, there will be more details published for each approved project. Once the final MIP is approved by Treasury, we will post all project documents and detailed evaluations online at www.restorealabama.org.</p>	No

Project	Organization	Commenter	Primary Concern Statement	Comment	Response	Plan Revised?
Not project specific comments	Operation Homecare	Antalon, Jackie	Commenter concerned about lack of outreach and supports water quality projects.	<p>Operation Home Care. Again, I want to remind you all why you are here. How you got here. It's from the work of communities that's not been represented, that are not being represented now by many of these projects. The core tenant of the RESTORE Act is to empower, build local capacity, capability and resiliency of directly impacted communities. Again, every time I come, I have to remind you that those communities closest to the next of (inaudible) are not being assisted. They are not receiving any benefits. We have given this council -- and I know it's a lot of new people here -- time. We were told at the beginning well, we don't even know if there is even going to be any BP money. We said the communities that's not directly impacted -- the communities that's directly impacted we appeal to the various members, but some of us are no longer here, that we needed the technical support to put our projects into the portal. We were told we are going to get that, but we don't know if it's any money coming. So, the money is here. I'm here appealing to this council, again, to do what the public, who are directly impacted, to give us an opportunity. It's past the early restoration. We asked over and over again for technical assistance for poor community, poor community, poor when BP happened they are poor now, the city and the county barely have any -- isn't that right, Bayou La Batre? So, the things is this, we were depending on you to be fair. We were depending on you to come back to our communities once this money actually came about, and say okay, how can we work together? How can we make this happen? What is your need? Water quality is a number one needed. A dime shouldn't be put on anything else. But water quality as I see it now because, what, this money is never going to be here again. And these communities deserve good clean air and clean water. If you don't do anything else, that will be your legacy that your community needs. Thank you.</p>	<p>The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's suggestions and concerns. The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org. Following this process and a public vote on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. The Council understands providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan and has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of its call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. It is important to note the Council has dedicated close to \$100 million in water quality improvement projects in Alabama's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.</p>	No
Not project specific comments	President, Organized Seafood Association of Alabama	Anderson, Ernie	Commenter wants to be sure public included as projects are implemented.	<p>I'm Ernest Anderson. I'm President of Organized Seafood Association and I'm also a seafood processor. I'm a resident of Mobile. But I have businesses located in Bayou La Batre and I have interest in Baldwin County so a lot of these projects I would love to be able to move forward and be able to keep up and be a part of. But one of the things -- and I think I'm probably reiterating a lot of what's been said tonight, I'm just saying it in a different way. But what I would ask the council moving forward is that the managers that as these funds move forward and has a lot of interest in it, I think the next part is the design. And what I'm hearing tonight is a lot of folks wanting to have a lot of input in those designs of what's happening. So, I would ask that you, I guess, reach out to those managers and those project managers to make sure that there is plenty of public input at least especially in the design so that the community and folks can make sure that they have input and will be happy with things. I know a lot of the folks up here knows my passion is the seafood industry. I'm interested in working waterfronts and also interested in, you know, ecological issues and those and also that none of these projects do anything to hinder or slow down our regrowth of our commercial fishing industry here in south Alabama that's so vital also. So that's basically what I would ask. Again, is just reiterate, reach out, and make sure that these managers know that there is a process there that they have public hearings, they have a process and let us put out before this happens as these things - and if there is a process go ahead and put it together and put it out so people can start planning and being a part of these projects. They are all great, but I think we can make them better. So that's my main concern today. Thank you.</p>	<p>The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's concerns. Each grant will outline specific tasks up front, as well as outline goals, objectives, and specific outcomes, including opportunities for public engagement.</p>	No

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Supports extension of the Bayou La Batre Outfall Line (not in MIP, Bucket 3 project)	Vice President, Organized Seafood Association of Alabama	Bates, Avery	Commenter supports funding the extension of the outfall line in Bayou La Batre.	<p>Vice President of the Organized Seafood Association, long-time resident of the Bayou until the hurricane run me out. But anyway, my three minutes, one of the things I wish would have been included in here is get the money for our outfall line, get it offshore, talk to the FDA, FDA says we reduce that pollution ring by two-thirds. We need this outfall line extended out in the pollution factor. We know it will work. The Mayor knows it will work. The groups, the Corps of Engineers is working on it and we've got -- I don't see nothing wrong with Bayou La Batre just throw the bucket with the pipeline out there and get the money from the Secretary of Treasury, if it's there, and all of our representatives say it's there. Well, if it's there somebody go get it and put it into action, because we -- Troy right here at Five River Bay has had his beds closed, talking about off-bottom oysters, he's a great off-bottom oysterman, but he's had one of his areas closed to him. So, we have had many areas in Fowl River Bay that would be reopened. We need clean water, good clean seafood, and this has got to be done as fast as possible so these other projects will be enhanced for the dock and shrimp boat. The shrimp we get has got to have clean water, the oysters we've got. We've got the best oysters in the world right here at our fingertips. But this off-bottom thing is going well, y'all know that. If you've ever been to some of our projects in Montgomery and eaten some of those oysters on the half shell, they are second to none. So, keep in mind, we've got to have clean water. Got to have water open so these people can work and many others can get into this and get our bottom straightened out. Thank you so much, but keep in mind we want to keep our young people and the next generation of oystermen, so if you know anybody in that Treasury Department, tell them to send that money down here so we can put it to work and get our people out there working in areas that's now closed. Thank you.</p>	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the outfall line project. This project is included in the Council's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.	No
Not project specific comments	Director, Mobile Baykeeper	Callaway, Casi	Commenter concerned about environmental impacts and supports investment in water quality projects	<p>It's good to see everybody today. Hi. I'm Casi Callaway, Director of Mobile Baykeeper, and I want to thank you all again for moving these projects forward. We have definitely seen some projects that we really like. We've definitely seen some projects that we don't dislike, which is fine. I think to kind of start on the worry, though, is we've got about 76 million dollars in the economic development projects with pot-one projects that look good. They are the kind of projects that can move us forward. Most of them have little to no environmental impact. There are a couple that we are going to more formally comment on to say, please, be cautious. Look at these projects holistically, look at these projects with what the environmental impact could be, and let's work together to find ways to mitigate, eliminate, and ensure that these projects do not cause harm to the environment. We've got about \$17,000,000 in parks and trails projects. That is fabulous. That's the kind of phenomenal thinking that we are really, really excited about. And we want to see those go forward. We have less than \$9,000,000 on water infrastructure sewer projects. And we have \$68,000,000 in road projects. That is a serious challenge and a big concern of ours. Especially when you look at the 50-some-odd million dollars and projects across. I think one thing we really do want to understand is exactly where all of those are and where all the design of the impact statement process. We have commented on many of those because we know they are going to cause significant impacts to wetlands, to water quality. So those are projects that I'm not sure are going to be able to get a permit, and therefore get funded, so those are things we have to keep a good close look at. And again, I think the thing we also have to just underscore is how are we building these projects and how are we looking at it moving forward. We have a serious problem with the sewage treatment facility. It had 26 million gallons of sewage spilled in 2017 alone. We have oyster agriculture already closed this year for 52 days. We need to invest. And this is once-in-a-lifetime money that could help us invest in upgrading and protecting water quality. So, we need you to lead on that issue as those projects move forward. We are definitely grateful for what you have done with the projects for the vast majority look very good for the next five years. But before it becomes year six, let's really make sure that we are investing in projects that are going to make sure that the reason people live here is the reason they will be able to stay here. Water quality is important to every one of us. Let's make sure we are investing in it. Thank you.</p>	The Council acknowledges and appreciates the commenter's suggestions and concerns. As part of the review process, the Council will ensure all activities in this plan are eligible under the RESTORE Act. Each project was evaluated on its own merit and need with justification provided. In addition, the Council will closely monitor the stringent regulatory compliance requirements imposed by Treasury. It is important to note the Council has dedicated close to \$100 million in water quality improvement projects in Alabama's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.	No

Project	Organization	Commenter	Primary Concern Statement	Comment	Response	Plan Revised?
Not project specific comments	Chapter Leader of Citizens Climate Lobby for Mobile Bay	Fralick, Riva	Commenter concerned about environmental impacts	Good evening, elected officials. My name is Riva Fralick. Hopefully my voice won't shake as much as it did at the last meeting, and I'll try to really work on being coherent. I'm the Chapter Leader of Citizens Climate Lobby for Mobile Bay. I'm a member of the Sierra Club, and I'm also the head of the Environmental Action Committee in the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship as well. I just want to read a quick letter to y'all. As of May 17th, Mobile had 11 days of 90 degree plus temperatures and hit 90 degrees a month ahead of last years' first 90 degrees temperature. Two of the eligibility requirements of the Multiyear Implementation Plan are consideration of short-term versus long-term economic benefits and qualifying eligible activity based on best-available science and additional other factors. Other than Activity No. 10, Ambassadors of the Environment, there is no acknowledgement of the climate crisis caused by the burning of fossil fuels. These Greenhouse Gases are altering the chemistry of the oceans and contributing to sea level rise and more intense and frequent heat/drought/storms and flooding. The Deepwater Horizon accident was a result of human activity in the fossil fuel industry. Once BP money dries up, I hope you will consider passage of a statewide carbon fee and dividend (CF&D) on all fossil fuels produced in or passing through Alabama, the proceeds of which can be used to invest in the production of solar, wind, and other renewable energy alternatives and energy-efficient technologies and also clean up the Alabama Power Plant Barry coal ash pond. Climate change is proven serious and a great threat to future generations. Switching clean energy sources requires long-term foresight, planning, political courage and willingness to do what is right. Alabama can be the State that takes this bull by the horns while we still have time to make a difference. I ask you to consider this proposal of a long-term funding source, CF&D, and help keep Alabama green. The economy, jobs, and the health and welfare of our residents depend on your leadership and will truly help us prosper this century. Thank you.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates the commenter's suggestions and concerns. Please note the authority to impose a statewide carbon fee and dividend on all fossil fuels produced in or passing through Alabama is outside the purview of this Council. We will, however, share your suggestion with the appropriate state officials.	No
Project #222 (not in MIP)	Saraland Water & Sewer Board	Robinson, O'Neal	Commenter advocating for Saraland Water & Sewer Board Project #222 (not included in Draft MIP)	It's good to see y'all again. I'm from Saraland. I'm the Chairman of Saraland Water and Sewer Board, and I'm here for Project 222. I'll give you some information on our sewer system. We have been working diligently to upgrade it, keep it going like we have been doing for the last three or four years. About 18-20 months ago, we started a plan of smoke testing, on how to do and find leaks, and things that are going on. Smoke testing might not be important to some people, but in the sewer business, it is. On an average day, we do 1.52 million gallons of waste in the sewer plant. If it rains, we do between 10 and 11 million gallons a day. So, you see, we have a problem. We have been in one subdivision now with 300-something homes for almost three months. Our lift station, our lines, we are double checking them, and it's going to take us at least 18 to 24 months to get halfway through the city. I'm here to ask you to, please, help us support this project. It's very, very important to our community and myself personally. The time that the employees are putting into it and trying to make it better has been phenomenal. We can't do without them. That's all I have to say. If you have a question you would like to ask me, I'd be glad to answer it.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for Saraland's Water & Sewer Board project. As stated at the public meeting, although not guaranteed for funding, projects not included in this draft plan may be considered for funding in a future amended Multiyear Implementation Plan or by another DWH funding source.	No
Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	National Wildlife Federation	Bibza, Jessica	Commenter supports the Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	Hi there, good evening. I'm Jessica Bibza, and I'm with National Wildlife Federation. I think you may recall Jill Mastratoto speaking to you before, and I'm the new Jill. NWF supports the projects that restore the economy and the ecology of the region such as efforts that improve water quality and restore wildlife and other habitat. In addition, as we face more and more severe storm and flooding events, we need to make our coastal communities more resilient. Otherwise investments and traditional infrastructure could literally be washed away. There is one project in your proposed MIP that does seem to deal with restoring green space, and that's the Fairhope Municipal Pier, Project No. 14. Efforts such as this to soften, not harden shoreline, is going to make our coastal communities more resilient and sustainable. And I really hope that future council plans and efforts will look to increase these types of coastal resiliency projects and to maintain living shorelines and having less seawalls and bulkheads and more natural habitat. It's better for the community. It's better for the environment. And it's better for the people who work and live there. Thank you.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for Fairhope's Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project.	No

Written Comments on Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan

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Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III		Richardson, Billy	Commenter concerned about the combination of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club project with the Dauphin Island Aloe Bay project which will be managed by the Town of Dauphin Island.	I am a property owner on Dauphin Island an in no way should Aloe Bay project be combined with Isle of Dauphine project.	Recipients of RESTORE Act funds must follow stringent federal rules and regulations, and not all submitters are eligible to receive and manage these funds. To overcome this obstacle, the Council combined several projects under the management of organizations having experience administering federal funds, which also allows for some efficiencies. To that end, Projects #79, 291, and 324 were combined into one grant to allow the Town of Dauphin Island to oversee and administer all three projects. Each activity will remain a separate activity and the funds budgeted for each will be dedicated to that activity only. Any changes to project activity will require approval by the Council. The Council will monitor all activity to ensure funds are spent as approved, and specifically, that all three projects will be treated as separate tasks within one grant. Finally, the Council believes the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development can economically enhance the long-term sustainability of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club and vice versa.	Yes
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III		Graves, Stan	Commenter concerned about the combination of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club project with the Dauphin Island Aloe Bay project which will be managed by the Town of Dauphin Island.	The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources a Multiyear project combines the Town of Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay Harbor Town Project and the Dauphin Island Property Owners Feasibility study under activity #1: Phase I includes Dauphin Island Property Owners Association request for funding a planning-level feasibility study of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club to determine alternatives for the best use of the property to enhance and Town of Dauphin Island's Aloe Bay Harbour Town development. These projects should not be combined into a single entity as Activity #1, because they have nothing to do with each other. As a property owner, member of the Dauphin Island Property Owners Association (DIPOA) and a former member of the DIPOA Board of Directors, I am OPPOSED to combining these projects into Activity #1. They should remain as separate identified projects as originally identified and as referenced below. Also, the Dauphin Island Property Owner's Association (DIPOA) project will ultimately require approval of its membership, because of the DIPOA's Constitution.	Recipients of RESTORE Act funds must follow stringent federal rules and regulations, and not all submitters are eligible to receive and manage these funds. To overcome this obstacle, the Council combined several projects under the management of organizations having experience administering federal funds, which also allows for some efficiencies. To that end, Projects #79, 291, and 324 were combined into one grant to allow the Town of Dauphin Island to oversee and administer all three projects. Each activity will remain a separate activity and the funds budgeted for each will be dedicated to that activity only. Any changes to project activity will require approval by the Council. The Council will monitor all activity to ensure funds are spent as approved, and specifically, that all three projects will be treated as separate tasks within one grant. The project will follow all federal guidance, and the DIPOA will have input into the development of the feasibility study's scope of work and involvement throughout the life of the project. Finally, the Council believes the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development can economically enhance the long-term sustainability of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club and vice versa.	Yes
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III		Colberg, Rich	Commenter concerned about the combination of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club project with the Dauphin Island Aloe Bay project which will be managed by the Town of Dauphin Island.	Hello, and thank you for receiving my comment. Activity #1 of the plan has caused much confusion and concern among Dauphin Island Residents and Property Owners. The source of the confusion is the combination of the Aloe Bay Harbour Town project with the Isle Dauphine Feasibility Study. While there may be some degree of mutual economic benefit, it has never been the intent or expectation that the Feasibility Study's purpose is to "enhance and compliment the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development" The original application from Marc Whitehead of the POA makes no mention of Aloe Bay. In addition, the Isle Dauphine is not "walkable" from the Aloe Bay area. Residents and Property Owners do not see these projects as related, and do not understand why they have been combined into a single activity. While I understand that it is probably not the case, it appears to many that the Town of Dauphin Island will be managing what should be exclusively a POA project. These two projects may even have different administrators. My comment is the respectful request that these two projects be defined, documented, and managed independently - even if the administrator is shared between them. This would go a long way toward alleviating the concerns I have heard from numerous people. I would also like to be clear that this comment is not in opposition to any aspect of either project - only that they remain independent.	Recipients of RESTORE Act funds must follow stringent federal rules and regulations, and not all submitters are eligible to receive and manage these funds. To overcome this obstacle, the Council combined several projects under the management of organizations having experience administering federal funds, which also allows for some efficiencies. To that end, Projects #79, 291, and 324 were combined into one grant to allow the Town of Dauphin Island to oversee and administer all three projects. Each activity will remain a separate activity and the funds budgeted for each will be dedicated to that activity only. Any changes to project activity will require approval by the Council. The Council will monitor all activity to ensure funds are spent as approved, and specifically, that all three projects will be treated as separate tasks within one grant. The project will follow all federal guidance, and the DIPOA will have input into the development of the feasibility study's scope of work and involvement throughout the life of the project. Finally, the Council believes the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development can economically enhance the long-term sustainability of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club and vice versa.	Yes
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	AltaPointe Health Systems	Anonymous	Commenter opposed to the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club feasibility study.	Activity #1: Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III. Opposed against Phase I will include the development of a planning-level feasibility study of the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club to determine alternatives for the best use of the property to enhance and compliment the Aloe Bay Harbour Town development. This study will not benefit the sand dunes, Isle Dauphine which is on the National Historic registrar nor the beaches used by the locals and tourists.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's concern. The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association Board, as the elected representative body for all Dauphin Island property owners, voted to submit this project to the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council for funding.	No
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	AltaPointe Health Systems	Anonymous	Commenter opposed to the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club feasibility study.	I oppose Activity #1. Isle Dauphine Beach & Golf Club feasibility study.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's concern. The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association Board, as the elected representative body for all Dauphin Island property owners, voted to submit this project to the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council for funding.	No
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	AltaPointe Health Systems	Anonymous	Commenter opposed to the Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club feasibility study.	Activity #1. Oppose Isle Dauphine feasibility study.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's concern. The Dauphin Island Property Owners Association Board, as the elected representative body for all Dauphin Island property owners, voted to submit this project to the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council for funding.	No

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Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III		Rogers, Mike	Commenter supports Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	My name is Mike Rogers. I have been a full time and part time resident of Dauphin Island for over 40 years. I am very excited that Dauphin Island (DI) has received RESTORE funds to help make it more resilient to future catastrophes. Over the last 40 years I have seen many changes at DI. Many have been positive and many have been disasters. I was very fortunate to spend a lot of time at DI prior to Hurricane Frederic. I spent a lot of time at the Isle Dauphine Club where I learned to swim, sail and play golf. Hurricane Frederic was not only destroyed many buildings and parts of the maritime forest, it also destroyed a lot of peoples livelihood. With the bridge being gone, the Isle Dauphine Club began a slow decline. The membership dwindled and the Club was not able to keep up the facilities. This caused a tremendous loss of revenue for the Property Owner's Association but also was detrimental to all of the people that relied on the Club for a job. I believe that most people that have property on DI appreciate it's reputation as a quaint fishing village and summer vacation spot. Over the years there have been a lot of ideas on how to improve DI without losing its cherished reputation. Unfortunately most ideas are shot down before they are fully vetted. The result is that it is hard to make DI more resilient by thinking long term about what is best for its permanent and part time citizens. I served in various capacities on the DI Property Owners Association (DIPOA). I watched as a small vocal group challenged any attempt to improve DI. I am a builder by trade and work with developers from around the country. I believe that development is good if done in the proper way. I am also an environmentalist have served on local and state non-profits such as Alabama Coastal Foundation and The Nature Conservancy. I believe that we have the opportunity to use the RESTORE funds to help make DI more resilient for future generations. I believe that the funds provide for a feasibility study for DIPOA property, in particular the Isle Dauphine. This is critical to moving beyond the impasse that has existed for too long. I want to thank those responsible for having the foresight to do a study. We will never be able to stop disasters, but we can begin to act in a manner that is consistent with stewardship and best management practices. Let's put DI's best interest before our own and work to make it better for all.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	No
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for economic development and infrastructure projects that will help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination, bolster the growth and prosperity of the seafood industry, and will facilitate economic competitiveness. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II and III activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the Town of Dauphin Island to develop a business district along Aloe Bay with mixed-used public facilities, lodging, retail space and the completion of a feasibility study for Isle Dauphine Beach and Golf Club. This project will help area increase revenues from lodging, sales tax, ecotourism, and tourism activities such as the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	No
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III		Crozier, George	Commenter supports Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	This project is the outgrowth of an Auburn University Landscape Architect M.S. thesis following a CZM studio taught at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. It addresses the most significant needs of the community facing the inexorable onslaught of Relative Sea Level Rise. It reflects a deep appreciation of the assets of the island and a modern, sustainable approach to the future.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	No
Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	This project supports recommendations included in the Dauphin Island Conservation Plan (2007) and will be included again in the forthcoming Dauphin Island WMP to increase public access and preserve the community's heritage and traditional uses of the natural resources of Aloe Bay. This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways: ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections and EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Aloe Bay Harbour Town Phases I, II, & III	No
Redevelopment Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II & III	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases 1, II, & III	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for economic development and infrastructure projects that will bolster the growth and prosperity of the seafood industry, help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination and will facilitate economic competitiveness. I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II and III activity. CAP supports the City of Bayou La Batre's vision for the city docks including upgrades and repairs to the docks property, public space for the enjoyment of residents, and tourists and a dock area where local seafood boats can sell seafood directly to the public. This funding will create an infrastructure project that will promote local seafood industries, ecotourism opportunities, and local heritage and culture while providing an economic boost to the City. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Redevelopment Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II & III	No

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Redevelopment Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II & III	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases 1, II, & III	This project addresses several goals and objectives established in the Bayou La Batre Watershed Plan related to improving public access and promoting the culture of the Bayou. Input gathered during development of the WMP indicated community concerns related to lack of access and preservation of cultural heritage in the watershed. This project implements recommended actions set forth in the Bayou La Batre WMP: creation of more public access to the water, improvement of the city docks, supporting traditional uses of working waterfronts in the Bayou, and increasing economic opportunities related to working waterfronts-dependent industries while diversifying into other non-traditional sectors (e.g. cultural and eco-tourism). This project addresses the following goals in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access and preserving/enhancing cultural assets: ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections and TAC-3: Conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Redevelopment Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II & III	No
Redevelopment Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II & III		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Redevelopment of Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases 1, II, & III	This is indeed probably the most promising and grossly underutilized asset of the town. The proposed project incorporates and improves on some of the concepts proposed by the Urban Land Institute following Hurricane Katrina. The commitment to the seafood industry is more attractive than the ULI emphasis on recreational fishing but they are not mutually exclusive. The area desperately needs investment in the community and this should provide an impressive kickstart.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Redevelopment Bayou La Batre City Docks Phases I, II & III	No
Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure projects that will facilitate environmental sustainability and improve the overall quality of life for all citizens and businesses in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the City of Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the City of Bayou La Batre to replace undersized water mains with larger lines to provide adequate water pressure and fire protection for many areas within Bayou La Batre Utilities Board service area. With these upgrades, many residents will see a decrease in home insurance rates due to better fire protection near their homes. This increased capacity will also allow the City to be prepared for growth in residential, commercial and recreational developments. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades	No
Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades	Well justified.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Bayou La Batre Water Distribution System Upgrades	No
Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure projects that will facilitate environmental sustainability and improve the overall quality of life for all citizens and businesses in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to extend water and sewer under Interstate 65 via directional boring to bring potable water, fire protection, and gravity sanitary sewer to Northwest Satsuma households currently relying on individual wells and onsite septic tanks. These funds will ensure that approximately 100 homes in this area will no longer suffer from inadequate potable water and sewer infrastructure and that the City of Satsuma will be able to accommodate future commercial and residential growth. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	No
Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	Well justified.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	No
Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	This project is in line with recommendations that will be developed in the forthcoming Gunnison Creek WMP to reduce pollution loads in the watershed, including the removal of illicit discharges of untreated wastewater in the watershed. The receiving water body of Gunnison Creek, Bayou Sara, has been negatively impacted by nitrogenous wastes, often associated with malfunctioning wastewater infrastructure. A reduction in up-stream inputs would be beneficial for the system. This project addresses the following goal in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving water quality: ERP-1 Improve trends in Water Quality in priority watersheds with impairments discharging into priority fishery nursery areas.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Northwest Satsuma Water and Sewer Project	No

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Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure projects that will facilitate environmental sustainability and improve the overall quality of life for all citizens and businesses in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant activity. CAP supports the construction upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant enabling the Town of Mount Vernon to meet ADEM and EPA minimum standards and regulations, provide more reliable service, ensuring improved environmental conditions, and allowing for future growth. The present Water Treatment Plant has long outlived its useful life and is experiencing frequent failures, resulting in public health threats by impaired water quality and the creation of environmental issues and concerns. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant Project	No
Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant Project	Well justified.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mount Vernon Water Treatment Plant Project	No
Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and restoration projects that will protect sensitive environments, enhance access to outdoor recreation, and help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II and III activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to develop and implement a countywide Blueway/Paddle Trail Master Plan that includes construction, trail management, and promotional campaign elements based upon a needs assessment, market analysis, and trail/recreation planning and design principles. This funding will develop and implement a plan that will increase and enhance the public's access to local waters, and protect sensitive environments along the coast, and promote nature-based tourism. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	No
Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	Following the completion of the Ron Jones (Chickasabogue Creek) Paddling Trail I suggested 9 separate venues that would constitute a network of paddling trails so I am delighted to see the funding of this project. There is, however, a significant error in the proposal description. The Outdoor Industry Association report states that consumer/paddling spending in Alabama was \$7.5 billion not \$75 Billion as stated. It's only one decimal point but it's significant. But it does not seriously diminish the value of the project. It's a good one.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	Yes
Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	This project supports recommended actions set forth in the following watershed management plans by increasing public access through establishment/promotion of Blueway trails: Bayou La Batre, Fowl River, Dog River, and Three Mile Creek. Increasing public access to waterways will be a recommended action in all future watershed management plans awaiting development throughout Mobile County. This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways: ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections and EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mobile County Blueway Trail Development Phases I, II, & III	No
Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and transportation projects that will facilitate economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and improve the overall quality of life for all citizens and businesses in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support using Direct Component funding for the Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to complete the 24.5-mile extension from I-10 to I-65, past the South Alabama Mega Site. This funding will allow for the acquisition of all right-of-way property necessary to move on to the construction phase of the roadway. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Project	No
Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Project	The hurricane evacuation need is well justified but the "corridor for economic development" is slipped in as a need and that should be of some concern. The unavoidable landscape alteration within the proposed "corridor" will further degrade ecological services as well as increasing local traffic unless the county is unusually vigilant in containing the costs of subsequent loss of water and habitat quality.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension Project, with the noted exception to potential loss of water and habitat quality. The Council will closely monitor the stringent regulatory compliance requirements imposed by Treasury.	No

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Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and transportation projects that will facilitate economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and improve overall quality of life for all citizens and businesses in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the Baldwin County delegation pursuing the completion of five major infrastructure projects adding additional lanes to three major state routes in five separate projects, totaling 18.31 miles of capacity improvements. These corridors have been identified for capacity improvements to reduce congestion and enhance access to and between the surrounding areas. Tourism and economic development are supported and enhanced through the completion of this infrastructure project. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project	No
Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project	The hurricane evacuation need is well justified but the "corridor for economic development" is slipped in as a need and that should be of some concern. The unavoidable landscape alteration within the proposed "corridor" will further degrade ecological services as well as increasing local traffic unless the county is unusually vigilant in containing the costs of subsequent loss of water and habitat quality.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements Project, with the noted exception to potential loss of water and habitat quality. The Council will closely monitor the stringent regulatory compliance requirements imposed by Treasury.	No
Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and economic development projects that will facilitate economic competitiveness, create jobs, and promote an environment in which businesses can prosper in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal activity. CAP supports the Alabama State Port Authority's effort in converting a former Bulk Handling Facility into a state-of-the-art Roll On-Roll-Off (RO-RO)/Mobile Vehicle Processing Facility at the Port of Mobile. This funding will allow automobile and equipment manufacturers in Alabama and other neighboring states access to a more cost-effective deep-water gateway for exporting American made products, as well as importing commodities and components that support those manufacturers. This will help the nation compete in the global economy, creating jobs and improving the regional and national economy. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal Project	No
Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal Project	Any recycling of infrastructure is a good thing.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Alabama State Port Authority RO-RO Terminal Project	No
Gulf Shores Ambassadors of the Environment Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Ambassadors of the Environment Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure projects that will raise environmental awareness, help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination, and bolster environmental sustainability. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Ambassadors of the Environment activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort by the City of Gulf Shores to construct a city-run facility that will house ecotourism programs to raise environmental awareness, promote stewardship, increase community resilience, protect natural resources, and preserve our quality of life. The Ambassadors of the Environment program will allow participants to take part in hands-on, interactive experiences that explore these principles and how they relate to terrestrial, aquatic, and human systems. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Gulf Shores Ambassadors of the Environment Project	No
Gulf Shores Ambassadors of the Environment Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Ambassadors of the Environment Project	I gather that the Ambassadors to the Environment program will be funded by the City of Gulf Shores and I would have liked to have seen that plan outlined to justify the infrastructure outlay. The Ocean Futures Society program appears to be largely integrated within the Ritz-Carlton hotel system and it is not clear how the affiliation with a municipality will work. The topics listed are wonderful and activities found on their web site are most impressive but qualified staffing and logistic support is not cheap. This project would be much stronger in my mind if there had been some coordination between Gulf Shores and interests on Dauphin Island. This still achievable and would hope that there could be some discussion. For example, the aquarium on Dauphin Island after a scenic ferry ride across the mouth of the Bay past Fort Morgan could be incorporated into the AE program.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Gulf Shores Ambassadors of the Environment Project. Suggestion regarding potential coordination with Dauphin Island noted and has been forwarded to the appropriate representative with the City of Gulf Shores. The City of Gulf Shores responded directly to commenter ensuring collaboration with the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, as well as other potential partners (see MIP Appendix, Attachment 9).	No

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Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure projects that help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination and bolsters the preservation history and culture of our region. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to design and construct a facility that will serve as the Welcome Center for the Historic Africatown Community. Increased tourism, historic preservation, and economic development will be promoted and enhanced by the completion of this new facility. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	This is another great example of finally taking advantage of an enormously underutilized asset for the community. It will have a great impact on the people and an economic tourism plus as well. This could be marketed along with the new memorial in Montgomery.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II		Rogers, Mike	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	To whom it may concern - I wanted to express my appreciation that the Africatown Heritage and Welcome Center was selected to be funded for the first round of RESTORE funds. Africatown is a cultural jewel not only to our city but our country. The recent press around the potential discovery of the last slave ship Clotilde gave a sense of how important Africatown is to our country. The find made international news! It is important that this area continues to thrive so that present and future generations will know the history. The community is very active in preservation and history and this funding will provide a shot in the arm to help provide facilities worthy of the location. It will attract people of all ages and races and be an attraction that will help the local economy and bring further investment into this area. Thank you for seeing this and selecting this project for funding!	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	This project is in line with recommended actions that will be developed in upcoming watershed plans for the Lower Chasaw Creek Watershed related to the preservation and promotion of the cultural resources of the area. This project addresses the following objective in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access and preserving/enhancing cultural assets: ERP-3.3 Create driving/walking/biking/paddling trails on historical, ethnic, and religious themes (Native American, African-American, Civil War, etc.) to encourage eco-heritage tourism around and on the estuary.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No
Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	Africatown Community Development Corporation (ACDC) Board Members	Gary Cowles Allen Rentz	Commenter supports the Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	We write in wholehearted support of the Africatown Community Development Corporation's (ACDC) proposed project to plan, design, and build an Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II as part of your Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan (noted as Activity #11 at your May 23, 2018 public meeting held at Five Rivers Tensaw Theater, Spanish Fort, AL), in cooperation with the City of Mobile who would implement the project. The Africatown Community Development Corporation (ACDC) was incorporated in 2013 as a domestic, non-profit, 501c3 corporation to preserve and protect Mobile's African-American Heritage. The ACDC's efforts have been in past years largely focused on reducing blight and beautifying the historic neighborhood, encouraging former residents to return home to live, and increasing the rolls and quality of education at the historic Mobile County Training School, the second oldest school in Alabama and the training grounds for many professional athletes. In January 2016 the City of Mobile released Africatown Neighborhood Plan, a model for improving the historic community. ACDC was engaged with the development of this plan and also in coordinating its efforts with neighboring businesses and industries along its border. We have had the honor and pleasure of working with the ACDC over the last few years and highlight below some of its successes that promise to make it an excellent partner in the development of a much-needed Welcome Center: In partnership with Alabama Power, the Alabama Department of Agriculture and other public and private partners, in 2015, the ACDC launched the successful Jake's Lane Community Garden to serve as a social and education center and provide fresh vegetables for the Community, located in a "food desert." The quantity and variety of fresh produce grows with each passing season along with the addition of commercial grade gardening equipment and, with the award of an ADECA Healthy Food Financing grant in February of this year, its members are preparing plans to develop a "MarketPlace" to sell excess produce within and outside their Community; In 2016, the ACDC developed the Africatown Business & Community Panel (ABCP) in collaboration with local businesses and industries operating or headquartered in the vicinity of the Community and the Port of Mobile to regularly meet and communicate about goals and activities. (see MIP Appendix, Attachment 8 for full comments)	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Historic Africatown Welcome Center Phase I & II	No

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Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and transportation projects that will facilitate economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and improve the overall quality of life for all citizens and businesses in Coastal Alabama. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to implement the proposed St. Louis Street Technology Corridor initiative, facilitated through redevelopment of existing public infrastructure, is integral to promoting the objective of creating positive change within the City. The St. Louis Street project is currently reinforced by numerous public and private sector development programs which are either planned or underway within the Central Business District. Upon completion, the St. Louis Street infrastructure initiative promises to support long-term revitalization, and ensure economic sustainability of existing and future businesses within the Coastal Alabama Region. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	No
Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	Looks good. Certainly, infrastructure upgrades are overdue for downtown Mobile.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	No
Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	As stated in the Three Mile Creek WMP, excess water quality pollutants discharging to Three Mile Creek produce elevated nutrient and pathogen levels and low dissolved oxygen concentrations. This project would address the primary identified sources for these pollutants, stormwater runoff and failing sanitary sewer infrastructure, by reconstructing sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure in the lower reaches of the watershed. This project addresses the following goal in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving water quality: ERP-1 Improve trends in Water Quality in priority watersheds with impairments discharging into priority fishery nursery areas.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Innovating St. Louis Street: Mobile's Technology Corridor	No
Mobile Greenway Initiative	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Mobile Greenway Initiative	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and restoration projects that will protect sensitive environments, enhance access to outdoor recreation, and help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Mobile Greenway Initiative activity. CAP supports the ongoing effort to develop and implement the Mobile Greenway Initiative a series of infrastructure projects designed to reconnect City of Mobile citizens and neighborhoods through cycling and pedestrian-oriented transportation options, create and enhance social and recreational opportunities, and develop a more resilient environment for both citizens and wildlife. This funding will allow for the development of the Three Mile Creek Greenway (TMCG) Trail which will provide a continuous, 12-mile path for runners, walkers, and cyclists immediately adjacent to Three Mile Creek from Langan Park in west Mobile to the Mobile River in east Mobile. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mobile Greenway Initiative	No
Mobile Greenway Initiative		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Mobile Greenway Initiative	This is a great project but the narrative left out one critical point – human health! This concern was the original motivation for the Mobile County Health Department to expand the trail beyond the bounds of Tricentennial Park. Dr. Bert Eichold identified the dire health condition of the African-American community near the creek. Obesity, diabetes, and cardiac health were of great concern to him and “recreating” on or near the creek seemed like an obvious approach to addressing the problem.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mobile Greenway Initiative. Suggestion regarding narrative on human health benefits B51noted and added to project narrative.	Yes
Mobile Greenway Initiative	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Mobile Greenway Initiative	This project implements recommendations in the Three Mile Creek WMP to establish a multi-use Greenway/Blueway trail system along the course of Three Mile Creek. This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways: ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections and EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Mobile Greenway Initiative	No
Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	Coastal Alabama Partnership	Blankenship, Wiley	Commenter supports the Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	CAP supports the use of RESTORE Act funding of regional, collaborative projects that will have the greatest positive impact on Coastal Alabama's economy and environment. Several of the proposed activities in the Draft MIP accommodate CAP's initiatives and legislative agenda. Specifically, CAP's support of funding for infrastructure and restoration projects that will protect sensitive environments, enhance access to outdoor recreation, and help promote Coastal Alabama as a regional tourism destination. Therefore, I want to express our support for using Direct Component funding for the Working Waterfront and Greenspace Restoration Project. CAP supports the ongoing effort to improve to the shoreline and bluffs in Fairhope, Alabama, to insure its resiliency, sustainability, and to provide access to the city's waterfront. This project will provide a necessary catalyst so the City can host waterfront tourism activities such as regattas, sailing events, and fishing tournaments. We encourage the Council to include this important project in its final MIP and would urge final approval by the U.S. Department of Treasury.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	No

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Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	"Working waterfront" has specific connotations within the context of coastal zone management and that conventional approach does not appear in the project which is really focused on South Beach Park. I think the project is misnamed but other than that is an excellent choice.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	No
Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	Swann, Roberta	Commenter supports the Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	This project seeks to implement practices that will be recommended during the development of the upcoming Fly Creek WMP, including: shoreline stabilization/enhancement using living shoreline techniques, reconstruction of stormwater and wastewater infrastructure, incorporation of low impact development techniques, increased and enhanced public access, and promotion of the area's cultural resources. This project addresses the following goals and objectives in the Mobile Bay NEP's CCMP related to improving access to waterways and ecosystem restoration and protection: ERP-2 Improve ecosystem function and resilience through protection, restoration and conservation of habitats including beaches, bays, backwaters and rivers; ERP-3 Restore/Expand human connections; and EPI-1.4 Create and support programs that expose more people to local waterways.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Working Waterfront and Greenspace Project	No
Planning Grant to Amend Multiyear Implementation Year		Crozier, George	Commenter supports the Planning Grant to Amend Multiyear Implementation Year	Very sensible.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for the proposed project, Planning Grant to Amend Multiyear Implementation Year	No
Not project specific comments	Gulf Restoration Network	Whitehurst, Andrew	Commenter concerned about more money spent on road projects than sewer projects	It is a positive development that the Multi-year implementation plan contemplates water and sewer treatment upgrades, the Mobile Greenway Initiative, Mobile Blueways trail, and stormwater management. In contrast to the positive MIP projects, there are listed projects such as the Baldwin Beach Express (project 7) and the various ALDOT road projects allocate \$80M to roads, some of which will cause, through their construction, water quality problems, and altered drainage patterns. Roadbuilding is the single largest price tag in the MIP list. Some of these alterations will be temporary through construction, but some will be permanent. It is disheartening to think that the largest ticket items on a spending list using money that should be focused on restoration will instead build roads. It is positive that the second biggest amount other than spending for roads, will be for sewer improvements that will benefit Mobile Bay, its related estuaries and the rivers and creeks that flow into them. Scaling back the road projects and focusing more money on improving water quality would be a better multi-year use of the funds. A better plan would fix real problems instead of creating new ones, and help prepare the region to be more resilient to storms, sea-level rise and the other challenges.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates the comment. As part of the review process, the Council will ensure all activities in this plan are eligible under the RESTORE Act. Each project was evaluated on its own merit and need with justification provided. It is important to note the Council has dedicated close to \$100 million in water quality improvement projects in Alabama's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.	No
Not project specific comments	Mobile Baykeeper	Callaway, Casi	Commenter concerned about more money spent on road projects than sewer projects	The biggest issue among these selected projects is the uneven financial contribution between project types. For instance, \$68,140,000 on roads vs. \$8,566,700 on sewer projects. Your documents cite that additional and widened roadways will decrease traffic congestion and air pollution in specific areas. These are the short-term effects, however, and we need to be using these once in a lifetime funds for long-term planning. The Baldwin County road projects will create impacts to following Mobile Bay Watershed waterways. Roadways cause negative impacts on rivers and streams in the following ways: more paved areas increase flood risk and water pollution because water cannot easily be absorbed into the ground; more vehicles result in more oil, pollutants, and litter running off into our waterways; in order to build the extension of the beach expressway, a great deal of open forest and/or farmland, will have to be bought and converted. The Council has noted these expanded roadways will "reduce carbon emission," but with these farmlands removed and replaced with asphalt and vehicles, the opposite will occur; and more roadways often open areas to new development leading to additional water quality impacts.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates the comment. As part of the review process, the Council will ensure all activities in this plan are eligible under the RESTORE Act. Each project was evaluated on its own merit and need with justification provided. It is important to note the Council has dedicated close to \$100 million in water quality improvement projects in Alabama's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.	No

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Process	City of Prichard	Harris, Taikai	Commenter feels the AGCRC did not abide by the statute	I would like to know why the rules were not followed according to the statute of law on all decisions to be made by the council. The rule states six votes.	The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org . Following this process and a vote at a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. This Selection Process included a requirement that a project proposal receive 4 "Requests for Evaluation" by Council members before progressing to the next stage. Subsequently, under both the RESTORE ACT and the Process, a proposal thereafter had to obtain at least a majority vote (6 votes of the 10 member Council) in order to be included in the Draft MIP. All projects included in the MIP received the required number of requests and votes (or more) at both stages in the Selection Process. The Council has been and will remain committed to following all requirements of the RESTORE Act in connection with all of its actions. The Council understands that providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan and has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of their call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. In addition, the Executive Director of the AGCRC has met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate individuals about the project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and to inform as to who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. Of particular note, the AGCRC Executive Director met with City of Prichard officials on two occasions at Prichard City Hall to discuss DWH funding sources, eligible activities, and the decision-making process for each. Please note Phase I of the City of Prichard's Project #211 (W. Turner Rd/Dunlap Circle), which was moved forward by the Council for a detailed evaluation, will be funded under the Spill Impact Component (Bucket 3) as part of a more comprehensive drainage improvement project to be implemented by Mobile County (Toulmin Springs and Gum Tree Branch).	No
Process	City of Prichard	Jackson, S.	Commenter feels the AGCRC did not abide by the statute	In reference to the Title 6 compliance, the citizens of Prichard feels that the spirit of the law was not met to the extent to see minority led and administered projects or outreach efforts prior to selection. Ms. Jackson, speaking for many citizens.	The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org . Following this process and a vote at a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. The Council understands that providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan and has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of their call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. In addition, the Executive Director of the AGCRC has met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate individuals about the project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and to inform as to who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. Of particular note, the AGCRC Executive Director met with City of Prichard officials on two occasions at Prichard City Hall to discuss DWH funding sources, eligible activities, and the decision-making process for each. Please note Phase I of the City of Prichard's Project #211 (W. Turner Rd/Dunlap Circle), which was moved forward by the Council for a detailed evaluation, will be funded under the Spill Impact Component (Bucket 3) as part of a more comprehensive drainage improvement project to be implemented by Mobile County (Toulmin Springs and Gum Tree Branch). All projects included in the Draft MIP were approved by majority vote as outlined in Section 1603 of the RESTORE Act.	No

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Process		Green, Kim	Commenter concerned about lack of transparency	During the course of planning and preparation for the decision on the MIP, why was there no transparency? If you feel that there was transparency, please clarify so that the citizens of Prichard can understand your decisions.	The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org . Following this process and a vote at a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. The Council understands that providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan and has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of their call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. In addition, the Executive Director of the AGCRC has met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate individuals about the project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and to inform as to who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. Of particular note, the AGCRC Executive Director met with City of Prichard officials on two occasions at Prichard City Hall to discuss DWH funding sources, eligible activities, and the decision-making process for each. Please note Phase I of the City of Prichard's Project #211 (W. Turner Rd/Dunlap Circle), which was moved forward by the Council for a detailed evaluation, will be funded under the Spill Impact Component (Bucket 3) as part of a more comprehensive drainage improvement project to be implemented by Mobile County (Toulmin Springs and Gum Tree Branch).	No
Process	Mobile Baykeeper	Callaway, Casi	Commenter concerned about lack of transparency	We again ask that you open the project review process to public scrutiny and review -- even to the point of following the state's Open Meetings Act. The project selection process must also open up to true public review. Not having access to project information without contacting the applicant - which in several cases changed late into the 45-day comment period - is not a clear and transparent process. The public should be allowed to attend meetings when you are allowing applicants to present to Council. At a very minimum, every applicant should be allowed to present or NO applicants can present.	The Council understands that providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan. The Council has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of their call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. The Executive Director of the AGCRC has met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate individuals about the project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and to inform as to who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. The Council takes this responsibility very seriously, and will exercise its authority to obtain additional information needed to make an informed decision on a project under consideration and to do so in the most efficient manner.	No
Not project specific comments	Mobile Baykeeper	Callaway, Casi	Commenter concerned about environmental impacts	Insist on zero impacts to the environment. Each project submitted must be built with the future in mind, meaning these once in a lifetime funds should be using the best materials, future thinking processes and the highest and best practices for environmental protection and resiliency.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's concerns. The Council will carefully monitor engineering and design of each project to ensure best practices and will closely monitor the stringent regulatory compliance requirements imposed by Treasury.	No
Not project specific comments	Mobile Baykeeper	Callaway, Casi	Commenter supports projects supporting the community, economy and environment	Mobile Baykeeper fully supports projects that connect, educate and engage people to our natural resources. The blueways, greenways and education projects meet the triple bottom line of supporting the community, economy and environment now and for future generations.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's support for blueways, greenways, and education projects.	No

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Process	M.O.R.E. (Making Opportunities and Resources Equitable)	Davis, Carletta	Commenter concerned minority communities not awarded/implementing more projects	<p>Mobile-based M.O.R.E. is a collective of businesses, nonprofits and advocacy organizations in Alabama who organized a 501(c)3 to advocate for a fair portion of the \$20.8 Billion settlement -- at least 25 percent -- for under-served majority communities in Alabama which is far from what is being proposed at this time. We believe an equitable amount of these funds represent a game-changing economic opportunity for our under-served communities that have been mired in poverty for generations. In the past decade alone, the wealth of families and businesses in our communities have been further decimated by natural and man-made disasters, from Katrina and other devastating hurricanes and tornadoes, to the housing market collapse, to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. We have had multiple meetings with you ED and made multiple public comments to advocate this sediment to the Council. Therefore, we are quite disappointed in the lack of outreach to the minority community prior to this council selecting the projects, we are also disappointed in the fact that the council has selected only 3% of the projected first round MIP amount to go to the minority community. This council did not give adequate instructions to the minority community on how to directly receive funds. To have a fiduciary agent will cost the project which will cause less to go to the project itself, so it is imperative for the recipient to be the implementer. State and local officials will leverage public resources and private partnerships which is a much-needed strategy in underserved communities and one that has been proven to work. We therefore are requesting that this Council take the time and engage the minority community effectively and in a wholistic way. Also, we request that the Council increase the number of projects that are in the minority communities in Mobile and Baldwin County, and that the instructions and preparations be done so that those communities control their own projects. These proposed action plans will achieve the highest economic impact that help our communities need to recover from these disasters and generational poverty. The plans include community revitalization models that enhance economic sustainability, build environmental justice awareness, and conservation. So, we sincerely hope that our recommendation be taken seriously and are met with a willingness to work with the minority community for a fair resolution.</p>	<p>The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org. Following this process and a vote at a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. The Council understands that providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan and has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of their call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. In addition, the Executive Director of the AGCRC has met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate individuals about the project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and to inform as to who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. Of particular note, the AGCRC Executive Director met with representatives from M.O.R.E. and the Growth Alliance Task Force on two different occasions totaling more than 5 hours to explain the Council's process and the challenges associated with sub-recipient eligibility. In a June 20, 2018 Council work session, all comments submitted were reviewed. During the discussion on this specific concern, the Council asked the Administrator to research the combined financial impact or benefit that all 14 activities (excluding the planning grant) in the plan will have on low-moderate income communities. This analysis is based upon the U.S. Census Bureau census tract reference maps and takes into consideration only the tracts where the project will physically be implemented; it does not include the broader impact a project may have on a particular community or region. This research indicates close to 40% of the total funding allocated in Activities 1-14 will be spent in low-moderate income communities. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2018). It is important to note that, although not guaranteed for funding, projects not funded in this First Round Draft MIP will be eligible for consideration in future rounds.</p>	No
Not project specific comments		Reuss, John	Commenter would like to see water quality improvement project in Magnolia Springs	<p>My name is John Reuss. I live in Magnolia Springs at the Cold Hole in the Magnolia River. I am writing to comment on the Restore Grants reported by Lawrence Spector in the Mobile-Press Register. My wife and I have lived on the Magnolia River Since 1994. During that time the creeks feeding the Cold Hole, and the Cold Hole itself, have become so silt laden that sand bars have developed. At low tide in the Winter the bottoms of the creeks and the River are exposed. In the Summer at high tide, especially with a West wind, the River covers my wharf and invades my lawn. After a heavy rain the runoff from North Foley, Summerdale and Robertsdale carries a flow of silt that will settle out on my wharf at a depth of an inch or more. These flows also carry septic overflow which is visually present and has an unpleasant odor. I believe that the septic overflow has sickened one swimmer and may have contributed to two dogs contracting stomach cancer. While all of the projects on the published list are important, many are not conservation related. Whatever flows down the Magnolia River winds up in Weeks Bay, Mobile Bay and eventually the Gulf. This has an impact on both recreational and commercial fishing as well as recreational boaters and kayakers. There doesn't appear to be any representation for the Magnolia River on the Council. Yet the Magnolia River is used for fishing and boating by residents of many of the communities with projects that have been approved. So, my purpose in writing is to ask that when considering Bucket 3 Projects The Council consider issues described above.</p>	<p>The Council acknowledges and appreciates the suggestion, as the Council welcomes ideas for future funding. All ideas should be submitted to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Project Suggestion Portal, available at http://www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org. Please note the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council was created with the passage of the RESTORE Act in 2012, and as such, there is no ability to change the current makeup of the Council. That said, Council members would welcome any communication from the commenter to discuss projects of concern. In addition, the Council has forwarded the commenter's correspondence to the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, which recently completed the Weeks Bay Watershed Management Plan, to see if there are any opportunities for a restoration project as a result of that planning process.</p>	No

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Not project specific comments		Graves, Caroline	Commenter concerned about the Mobile Harbor dredging project	My comments for the Alabama Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, due by Monday, June 4, 2018. Do not redact my name. Nobody was affected by the BP oil spill more than the people on Dauphin Island and south Mobile County were. "Under OPA, injury assessment involves determining whether resources or their services were injured, and then quantifying the degree and extent of those injuries and services losses: • Injury determination. To determine injury, the Trustees evaluated whether a pathway could be established from the discharge to the exposed resource, whether the resource had been exposed to oil, and the injury caused by that exposure. The Trustees evaluated not only the extent of injuries to natural resources, but also to the services those resources provide. They also evaluated injuries resulting from response activities, including fishery and beach closures, beach excavation, removal of oil from marshes and beaches, boat activities, and placement of protective boom" Over the past 30 years, the State of Alabama has purposely let Dauphin Island's property erode away by Corps'/Ports' dredging of the Mobile shipping channel. Now, to add insult to injury, the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council is headed up by the director of the Port Authority, Jimmy Lyons, who is making the decisions for BP money going to Dauphin Island. Mr. Lyons wants all of the BP money for the Mobile Harbor including \$50 million dollars for a car roll-on, roll-off center. This is ironic, when previously Mr. Lyons stated that the BP oil spill had no effect on the Mobile Harbor at all. Is this part or an injury caused by the BP oil spill? What is so ironic is in 2000, the State of Alabama gave the Port Authority \$100 million Dollars for a massive expansion to the Port, and the money came from the Billions of Dollars oil/gas money from the off-shore gas pipelines that only go through and around Dauphin Island and the Port has not use one penny of the \$100 million dollars to protect the adjacent shoreline of Dauphin Island from the erosion caused by the dredging. The State gave the \$100 millions dollars to the Port Authority, without requiring the Port Authority to follow Federal Laws to mitigate to the erosion to adjacent shoreline of Dauphin Island caused by dredging the Mobile Harbor Entrance Channel. (see MIP Appendix, Attachment 8 for full comments)	The Council acknowledges and appreciates the comments. The RESTORE Act established the authority of the Alabama Council to select projects to be included in Alabama's Multiyear Implementation Plan and State Expenditure Plan. The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org . Following this process and a vote at a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. It is important to note that, although not guaranteed for funding, projects not funded in this First Round Draft MIP will be eligible for consideration in future rounds. Moreover, the Council welcomes ideas for future funding. All ideas should be submitted to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Project Suggestion Portal, available at www.alabamacoastalrestoration.org .	No
Multiple projects		Rushdan, Nashid	Commenter supports water quality projects over road/port projects.	I am opposing the use of Restore Fund for the following Projects. Activity #7: Baldwin beach express I-10 to I-65 Extension, Activity #8: Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements, Activity #9: Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal, Activity #10: Ambassadors of the Environment. In my opinion there is a more critical need for water quality and water related infra-structure that these funds can be used for rather than the projects listed above. My recommendation is to use the following dollar amount between the Cities in Mobile and Baldwin County: Use \$80 millions for water quality in the Coastal Unincorporate area of Theodore, Grand Bay, Coden, St Elmo, Mon Louis, Heron Bay and Irvington. for North Mobile County Axis, Bucks, Chastang and Creola. Use \$20 millions for water quality in Unincorporate area of Baldwin County and Incorporate Daphne. Use \$9 millions for water quality in Prichard, Chicksaw, Saraland and Satsuma.	The Council acknowledges and appreciates the comment. As part of the review process, the Council will ensure all activities in this plan are eligible under the RESTORE Act. Each project was evaluated on its own merit and need with justification provided. It is important to note the Council has dedicated close to \$100 million in water quality improvement projects in Alabama's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.	No

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Multiple projects/process	Operator HomeCare, Inc.	Antalon, Jackie	Commenter supports water quality projects over road/port projects and is concerned about lack of outreach and public participation in the process.	<p>Operation HomeCare Inc. (OHC) continues to express concerns with the effectiveness of the State's RESTORE outreach, engagement, public participation and input in the decision making process. OHC has been active in the process and maintain relationships in the impacted historically underserved coastal communities since 2010. Further, over the past three years these communities have expressed concerns about the lack of transparency and systemic barriers to engagement, participation and access to information during meetings held by the council. We respectfully oppose prioritizing the use of RESTORE Act direct component funding for the following; Activity #7- Baldwin Beach Express I-10 to I-65 Extension, \$11,678,482; Activity # 8- Baldwin County ALDOT Capacity Improvements, \$58,504,000; Activity # 9- Alabama State Port Authority Automotive Logistics/RO-RO Terminal, \$29,630,741; Activity #10- Ambassadors of the Environment, \$10,040,702. As an alternative \$80M for Mobile County via collaborative activities to address water quality issues in coastal unincorporated communities such as Coden, Grand Bay, Mon Luis , Heron Bay, St. Elmo, Irvington, Theodore, Axis, Chastang, Creola and Bucks. Similarly \$20M to Baldwin County to address water quality issues in coastal unincorporated communities. Also provide cities and towns such as Prichard, Chickasaw, Saraland, Daphne and other coastal community clusters a share of \$9M. Additionally, we have serious concerns to the draft MIP in fully funding projects that have been consolidated which may or may not meet initial regulatory compliance. We urge you to be fiscally responsible with these limited funds.</p>	<p>The Council acknowledges and appreciates commenter's suggestions and concerns. The Council's Project Selection Process was presented at a public meeting on December 6, 2016, and was subsequently posted online at www.restorealabama.org. Following this process and a vote at a public meeting on March 7, 2018, the Council selected projects to be included in the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan. The Council understands that providing opportunities for public review and comment is an important part of the process to develop the Multiyear Implementation Plan and has made extensive efforts to make the development of this plan accessible and transparent to the public, including notifying the public of their call for project ideas through the Coastal Restoration distribution list (over 4,400 signees at that time) as well as posting the announcement on the Council website; holding a public meeting on January 25, 2017 to receive comments on projects in the portal under consideration for funding; and providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Draft Multiyear Implementation Plan, both electronically and in writing, as well as at a public meeting on May 23, 2018. In addition, the Executive Director of the AGCRC has met with over 40 civic organizations, municipalities, and NGOs to educate individuals about the project portal, the various funding sources, the eligible activities, and to inform as to who the decision makers are for each of these funding sources. As part of the review process, the Council will ensure all activities in this plan are eligible under the RESTORE Act and will closely monitor the stringent regulatory compliance requirements imposed by Treasury. Each project was evaluated on its own merit and need with justification provided. It is important to note the Council has dedicated close to \$100 million in water quality improvement projects in Alabama's Draft State Expenditure Plan, currently under development.</p>	No

From: Morgan, Eliska
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 2:00 PM
Subject: Follow up to RESTORE public Hearing on May 23rd

Ms. Bell,

As follow up to your comments at the AGCRC Public Hearing on May 23, please find responses below from Vince Beebe with ALDOT's SW Region in Mobile.

Regards,
Eliska Morgan

Eliska Morgan
Executive Director
Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council

I pulled the EA on the SR-180 (FBE to SR-161) project and Wynell Bell was in attendance and provided a comment sheet. Here are some responses:

- * How and when will the Home owners that live on East Canal Dr. be made aware of the project?
The public comment period and public meetings were previously held in 2001 and no further meetings are currently planned for this project.
- * Where should a request be made to see the detailed public records to show that they comply with regulations for the disbursement of Federal funds?
An appointment with ALDOT's Southwest Region Pre-Construction Section can be made to view the public records. Please contact Mr. Vince Beebe, P.E. – (251) 470-8334
- * Who has the plans and where should the request be made to see those plans?
ALDOT Southwest Region in Mobile (1701 West I-65 Service Road N, Mobile, AL 36618) can show current plans during the appointment.
- * As stated in Section H, How was it determined that there would be “no environmental impact” during and for the construction of the expansion of Highway 180 for 3.4 miles West of the Foley Beach Expressway?
The Environmental document (EA Checklist) approved 4/10/03 by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) can be viewed during the appointment to help answer these concerns.
- * Where can I find the detailed records that tell who, when, where, and how the evaluation for this project was done?
ALDOT Southwest Region Office in Mobile.
- * How was it determined that there would be no adverse impact?
Review of the Environmental document will help answer this question.

I think a visit by Wynell Bell to discuss and review the layout and environmental document with us would be the best way to respond.

Please advise as needed.

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June 29, 2018

George F. Crozier, Ph.D.
Dauphin Island Sea Lab
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Dear Dr. Crozier,

Thank you for the comments regarding the City's proposed RESTORE project to create an ecotourism and environmental education facility here in Baldwin County. I would like to provide you with more information about this exciting project, and hopefully address some of your concerns. We *absolutely* understand the importance of coordination with DISL for the success of our program, as well as the importance of the academic and education resources that the MESC brings to our region. The Sea Lab has a well-deserved reputation as a world-class research and education facility, and we look forward to establishing partnerships and developing programs that facilitate interactions between our project and DISL.

As you well know, our communities were directly and significantly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, both environmentally and economically. For us, the great lesson of the oil spill was to clearly demonstrate how closely connected our way of life is to our natural resources. The concept for the Ambassadors project was born out of a desire to teach future generations to take better care of our natural environment than we ourselves have, and I know DISL has been working toward that goal for generations. We see this project as an opportunity to develop and enhance collaborations with many partners, including Gulf State Park, USA, MBNEP, MS-AL Sea Grant, Weeks Bay NERR, USFWS, and all the other outstanding organizations that are doing the good work of promoting environmental stewardship in our area. The Gulf State Park Restoration Project has created opportunities to establish relationships with global organizations including Valor Hospitality, Hilton, and potentially even National Geographic. We feel that bringing Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society in as a partner is another opportunity to bring international awareness to the ecology and natural beauty of the Gulf Coast.

Our RESTORE project will create a facility to house this program on property directly adjacent to the Gulf State Park Learning Campus. The facility will take advantage of our tremendous tourism market to promote sustainable tourism and environmental awareness. We are in discussions with the State and Valor to create mutually beneficial agreements that will allow the program to fully capitalize on the confluence of environmental-related resources that already exist or are developing in our area. We envision a state-of-the-art facility focused on sustainable design concepts that will enhance and complement the existing programs and resources in the region. We anticipate working with regional school systems to provide another resource for education programs, as well as with our tourism industry to promote and develop ecotourism.

As we get into the detailed program development phase of our project, we will be in contact with all of the various entities described above to build working relationships and develop our program as efficiently as possible. Dr. Richard Murphy, Director of Science and Education for
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OFS, will be spending a lot of time here in the early stages of development, and he will certainly be looking to meet with the DISL group to get an understanding of the important environmental and ecological issues in our area. I'll be glad to make the introductions once we get underway.

We greatly appreciate your time and review of this and all the RESTORE projects that have been put before the Council for consideration, and I look forward to discussing this with you further. Please feel free to contact me anytime ((251)968-1124) if you need more information or if I can assist you in any way.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Craft".

Robert Craft, Mayor

Cc: Richard Murphy, Ph.D.
Eliska Morgan