

STATE OF ALABAMA)

COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

*RESOLUTION# 2024-073
OF THE
BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION*

In Support of City of Fairhope's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program Application.

WHEREAS, the City of Fairhope is growing at an unprecedented rate with a nearly 47 percent increase in residents from the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 98 is the main commuter route to the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, joining all cities along including Spanish Fort, Daphne, and Fairhope; and

WHEREAS, Fly Creek is a perennial stream that flows into Mobile Bay and provides vital habitat for many aquatic and terrestrial species; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is at the crossing of State Route 42 (U.S. Highway 98) over Fly Creek in the City of Fairhope; and

WHEREAS, through the life of the existing culvert structure at this crossing, it appears that erosion and geomorphic failure have caused undermining at the downstream segments of the culvert; and

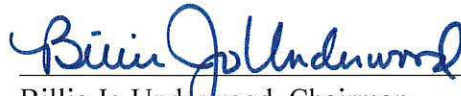
WHEREAS, the culvert continues to show signs of failure which, if allowed to remain, may cause U.S. Highway 98 to fail posing safety concern to the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation commissioned an Alternative Analysis and one of the alternatives posed was a single span concrete bridge and culvert removal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairhope, Alabama Department of Transportation, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, and other interested partners have determined that barring the monetary barrier, culvert removal and bridge construction would be most beneficial for the aquatic habitat of Fly Creek; now therefore


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the Baldwin County Commission supports the City of Fairhope's application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant and any other sources of federal funding that may become available.

DONE, under the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama, as affixed on this the 6th day of February 2024.



Billie Jo Underwood, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

ATTEST:


Roger H. Rendleman, County Administrator