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The Honorable Mike Ezell
443 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Ezell,

Congratulations on your sweeping victory and reelection! The City Council of Diamondhead is proud to have you representing Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District, and we are grateful for your continued leadership and commitment to fighting for the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We look forward to continuing to with you in the years ahead.

The City Council of Diamondhead writes to express its strong support for the City of Diamondhead's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Economic Development Initiative (HUD-EDI) Grant Program. The City is seeking \$2.5 million in direct funding to support the Aloha District Transformation Project, an initiative designed to revitalize commercial traffic flow while creating a highly walkable destination for our residents and visitors.

Upon completion, the project will transform the Aloha District into a vibrant commercial corridor that encourages new business investment while improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity. The City of Diamondhead has consistently demonstrated its commitment to redeveloping this area and implementing walkable infrastructure in direct response to community input. This project will strengthen the local Gulf Coast economy while enhancing the quality of life for residents throughout the region.

The HUD Economic Development Initiative Grant Program aligns perfectly with the goals and needs of the City of Diamondhead. With the support of this funding, the City will be able to complete the third and final phase of the Aloha District Transformation Project, ensuring the full realization of its long-term vision and maximizing its economic and community impact.

In closing, the City Council of Diamondhead wholeheartedly endorses this grant application and respectfully urges your favorable consideration. The HUD-EDI grant represents a critical opportunity to advance economic development, improve public infrastructure, and support the continued growth of our community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Warmest regards,



Anna Liese
Mayor
On behalf of the City Council



City of Diamondhead

Opinion of Probable Cost

Commercial District Transformation Project - Kalani Drive

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Pay Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Mobilization	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Traffic Maintenance	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Solid Sodding	SY	850	\$ 18.00	\$ 15,300.00
Temporary Silt Fence	LF	1,400	\$ 7.00	\$ 9,800.00
Wattles, 20"	LF	200	\$ 9.50	\$ 1,900.00
Hydroseeding	AC	1	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 2,712.81
Removal of Pipe	LF	250	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,500.00
Removal of Asphalt Pavement, All Depths	SY	3,750	\$ 9.00	\$ 33,750.00
Removal of Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement, All Depths	SY	625	\$ 10.00	\$ 6,250.00
Removal of Curb and Gutter	LF	435	\$ 9.00	\$ 3,915.00
Saw Cut, Full Depth (Asphalt)	LF	225	\$ 9.00	\$ 2,025.00
Saw Cut, Full Depth (Concrete)	LF	500	\$ 9.00	\$ 4,500.00
Remove and Reset, Sign	EA	13	\$ 320.00	\$ 4,160.00
Remove, Relocate, and Protect Utilities	LS	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Cold Milling of Bituminous Pavement, All Depths	SY	215	\$ 15.00	\$ 3,230.00
9.5-mm, HT, Asphalt Pavement	TONS	450	\$ 200.00	\$ 90,000.00
12.5-mm, HT, Asphalt Pavement	TONS	450	\$ 200.00	\$ 90,000.00
Geotextile Fabric	SY	3,750	\$ 6.00	\$ 22,500.00
Geogrid	SY	3,750	\$ 9.50	\$ 35,625.00
Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick	SY	1,750	\$ 80.00	\$ 140,000.00
Concrete Sidewalk, 6" Thick	SY	200	\$ 90.00	\$ 18,000.00
Excess Excavation	CY	6,000	\$ 14.50	\$ 87,000.00
Borrow Excavation	CY	6,000	\$ 20.00	\$ 120,000.00
Size 610 Crushed Stone Base	TONS	2,150	\$ 85.00	\$ 182,750.00
Class "B" Structural Concrete, Minor Structures	CY	75	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 127,500.00
Reinforced Concrete Pipe, Class III	LF	1,000	\$ 60.00	\$ 60,000.00
Concrete Curb and Gutter	LF	2,700	\$ 40.00	\$ 108,000.00
Reinforcing Steel	LBS	6,100	\$ 5.00	\$ 30,500.00
Casting	LBS	2,750	\$ 8.00	\$ 22,000.00
Gratings	LBS	2,000	\$ 8.00	\$ 16,000.00
Stone Pavers	SF	9,000	\$ 35.00	\$ 315,000.00
Street Lights	EA	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Electrical Distribution	LF	1,400	\$ 80.00	\$ 112,000.00
Thermoplastic Striping	LS	1	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Tree Grate	EA	32	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 60,800.00
Cedar Elm Tree	EA	32	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 64,000.00
Irrigation System	LS	1	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00

Estimated Construction Costs \$ 2,306,717.81

10% Contingency \$ 230,671.78

Engineering Costs (Surveying, Design, Bidding, Construction Administration) \$ 461,343.56

Total Estimated Project Cost \$ 2,998,733.15