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May 21, 2026

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The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Duffy,

As a Member of Congress from Alabama, I am writing to show my support for the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

The proposed Main Dock Area Master Plan will establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port-related infrastructure investments that improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile. The planning effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs. By doing so, the Master Plan will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

This initiative has clear regional and national significance, as the Port and its supporting infrastructure serve as a critical node in the regional freight system and the broader national transportation network. Development of the Master Plan will support informed capital programming, improve coordination among public and private stakeholders, and ensure that future projects advance USDOT priorities such as freight


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I ask that you give this PIDP grant application your most thoughtful and serious consideration. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important application. I look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues.

Sincerely,

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Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress



May 19, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary
The Honorable Stephen M. Carmel, Maritime Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: PIDP Application – Port of Mobile, Alabama, “Main Dock Area Master Plan Development”

Dear Secretary Duffy and Administrator Carmel:

I am writing to express ArcelorMittal’s support for the Port of Mobile, Alabama, application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration for a Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) discretionary grant this funding cycle. This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

ArcelorMittal (AM) Calvert is a steel plant located in Calvert, Alabama, about 35 miles north of Mobile and currently employs over 1,800 team members. AM Calvert is recognized as one of the most advanced steel finishing facilities in the world and is highly complementary to ArcelorMittal's existing portfolio of world-class assets. The facility includes a river terminal, hot strip mill, cold rolling mill, three hot-dip galvanizing lines, rail yard, and supporting infrastructure. The facility serves automotive, construction, pipe and tube, service center, and appliance/ HVAC industries with an impressive portfolio of steel grades for high-value applications including hot rolled bands, hot rolled pickled and oiled, cold-rolled, and advanced coated products. AM Calvert also helps ArcelorMittal to meet increasing OEM demand for advanced high strength steels that are needed to produce lighter-weight, more fuel-efficient vehicles.

AM Calvert recently began operating a new electric arc furnace (EAF) which has expanded the types of inbound raw materials and subsequently the complexity of managing the overall supply chain. Further, construction of a non-grain-oriented electrical steel (NOES) facility is well underway.

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ArcelorMittal is in strong support of the Port of Mobile's grant application, and we look forward to the benefits, if awarded, that this project will provide the state and our facility once completed. We urge the Maritime Administration to provide full, fair, and favorable consideration to this PIDP application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom R. Dower", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Dower
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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

APM Terminals Mobile supports the Alabama Port Authority's application for Project ANCHOR under the FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The proposed Master Plan and container storage improvements will directly enhance capacity, improve freight mobility, and strengthen operational efficiency across the port. These upgrades are essential to handle growing cargo volumes and maintain the port's competitiveness in global supply chains.

We appreciate your consideration of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brian Harold
Managing Director
APM Terminals Mobile, LLC



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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Re: Letter of Support – PIDP Grant Application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of **The Economic Development Association of Alabama**, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Main Dock Area **Master Plan Development** and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**. This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

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For these reasons, **EDAA** strongly supports this PIDP grant application and urges USDOT to fund the development of the **Main Dock Area Master Plan**. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Sincerely,



Robin Ricks

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support – PIDP Grant Application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

Dear Secretary Duffy,

As President of the Mobile County Commission, I am pleased to express my strong support for the Main Dock Area **Master Plan Development** and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**. This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

The proposed Main Dock Area Master Plan will establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port-related infrastructure investments that improve **freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile**. The planning effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs. By doing so, the Master Plan will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

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For these reasons, my office strongly supports this PIDP grant application and urges USDOT to fund the development of the **Main Dock Area Master Plan**. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Connie Hudson

Mobile County Commission President, District 2

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support – PIDP Grant Application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

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Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of **International Paper Company**, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Main Dock Area **Master Plan Development** and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**. This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

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and ensure the Port remains a reliable component of the national freight system over time.

For these reasons, **International Paper Company** strongly supports this PIDP grant application and urges USDOT to fund the development of the **Main Dock Area Master Plan**. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Regards,



Turner L. Haddock
Manager, Export & Warehousing
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May 13, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development project application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

The planned Main Dock Area Master Plan Development project at the Port of Mobile is a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making. Specifically, Main Dock Area Master Plan will establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future infrastructure investments that improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile. The planning effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs.

The Port of Mobile is a critical economic driver for the State of Alabama and the southeast region, and this initiative has clear regional and national significance, as the Port serves as a critical node in the regional freight system and the broader national transportation network. The Master Plan will prioritize resiliency, sustainability, and risk reduction, thereby strengthening the Port's capabilities to support our national supply chain, enhance domestic and international trade competitiveness, and help reduce transportation costs for businesses and consumers nationwide.

Infrastructure investment, economic development, and high-wage job creation are among my top priorities as Governor. The Master Plan project would help achieve these goals. To this end, your full consideration of the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development project PIDP grant application will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Kay Ivey
Governor



May 13, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support – PIDP Grant Application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Main Dock Area **Master Plan Development** and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation’s **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**. This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

The proposed Main Dock Area Master Plan will establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port-related infrastructure investments that improve **freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile**. The planning effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs. By doing so, the Master Plan will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

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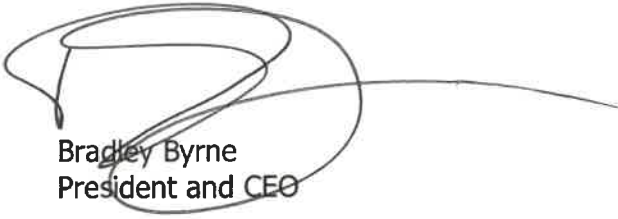
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For these reasons, the Mobile Chamber strongly supports this PIDP grant application and urges USDOT to fund the development of the **Main Dock Area Master Plan**. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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Bradley Byrne
President and CEO

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May 18, 2026

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

Re: Letter of Support – PIDP Grant Application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am pleased to express strong support for the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

The proposed Main Dock Area Master Plan will establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port-related infrastructure investments that improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile. The planning effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs. By doing so, the Master Plan will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

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durability, and ensure the Port remains a reliable component of the national freight system over time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



May 18, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support for PIDP Grant Application, Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the City of Mobile, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development and its application for funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The Port of Mobile is one of our city's greatest economic assets and a critical freight connection for the Gulf Coast and the national supply chain. Its continued success depends on practical, coordinated, and resilient infrastructure planning.

The Main Dock Area Master Plan will assess current conditions, forecast freight demand, evaluate multimodal access, and guide future port-related infrastructure investments. This work will help improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and the state of good repair while ensuring future projects are properly sequenced and aligned with regional and national transportation needs.

The City strongly supports this effort because it reflects the kind of disciplined planning needed to keep major infrastructure assets competitive and reliable. The plan will also help address resiliency, sustainability, and risk reduction by evaluating asset vulnerabilities and preparing the Port for extreme weather events and other disruptions.

For these reasons, the City of Mobile respectfully urges USDOT to fund the Main Dock Area Master Plan. This project will help lay the groundwork for nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit for Mobile, the Gulf Coast, and the country.

Sincerely,

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Spiro N. Cheriogotis
Mayor

DALE W. STRONG
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May 15, 2026

The Hon. Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Re: Alabama State Port Authority Main Dock Area Master Plan DOT MARAD PIDP Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

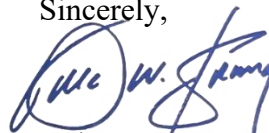
I write in support of the Alabama State Port Authority's (ASPA) grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

If awarded this grant funding, the ASPA will utilize this investment to support the development of the Main Dock Area Master Plan. This project is aimed at establishing a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port-related infrastructure investments that improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile. The Master Plan's development will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

Development of the Main Dock Area Master Plan, in addition to providing local and regional benefits, also holds significant and meaningful national impact. The ASPA anticipates that the plan will support improved capital programming, enhanced coordination among stakeholders, and ensure that future projects advance DOT priorities.

Therefore, I ask for your full and fair consideration of the ASPA's grant application to the DOT's PIDP. My office stands prepared to address any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Dale W. Strong
Member of Congress

Suzano Pulp and Paper America INC.

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May 19th 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Letter of Support – PIDP Grant Application for Main Dock Area Master Plan Development

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of **Suzano Pulp and Paper America Inc.**, I am pleased to express our strong support for the Main Dock Area **Master Plan Development** and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation’s **Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)**. This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

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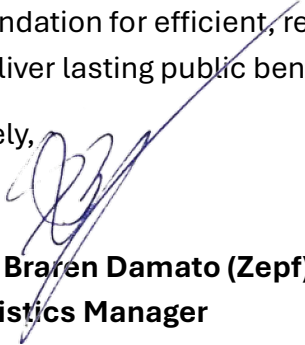
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For these reasons, **Suzano** strongly supports this PIDP grant application and urges USDOT to fund the development of the **Main Dock Area Master Plan**. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Sincerely,



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May 20, 2026

Stephen M. Carmel
Maritime Administration, Administrator
United States of Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Main Dock Area Master Plan Development – FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program

Dear Administrator Carmel,

I am writing to express my strong support for the FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) application submitted by the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development to the Maritime Administration at the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Main Dock Area Master Plan is designed to establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port related infrastructure investments that improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile. This effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs. By doing so, the Master Plan will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

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For these reasons, I fully support the FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program application submitted to fund the development of the Main Dock Area Master Plan. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Sincerely,



Tommy Tuberville
United States Senator