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Stephen M. Carmel
Maritime Administration, Administrator
United States of Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

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.

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 movement efficiency, economic competitiveness, and supply chain resilience; additionally, the Main Dock Area Master Plan will prioritize resiliency, sustainability, and risk reduction by strengthening the Port's ability to withstand extreme weather events and other disruptions, while also integrating asset vulnerability assessments and operational efficiency strategies into long term planning. These elements will help reduce future disruptions, improve infrastructure durability, and ensure the Port remains a reliable component of the national freight system over time.

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