

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR MISSISSIPPI SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND LIMITED POPULATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS ON EAST ALOHA DRIVE.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi have completed the planning phase for improvements along East Aloha Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi are seeking funding in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 from the Mississippi Development Authority through the Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program to complete the improvement project along East Aloha Drive; and

WHEREAS, provided the City is awarded the Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 the City of Diamondhead agrees to provided matching funds of at least twenty percent (20%) which is approximately \$30,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi:

SECTION 1. The city of Diamondhead shall provide the matching funds of at least twenty percent (20%) if awarded a Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant for improvements along East Aloha Drive; and

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to sign any and all documents pertinent to this grant application and the City is obligated to match at least twenty percent (20%) funds whether it be cash, in-kind service(s) or a combination of both to meet the requirements for this grant application. The City will assume responsibility for expenditures in excess of \$150,000 for this project.

**RESOLVED**, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Depreo and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Depreo	<u>✓</u>	___	___
Councilmember Moran	<u>✓</u>	___	___
Councilmember Morgan	<u>✓</u>	___	___
Councilmember Koenenn	<u>✓</u>	___	___

Councilmember L'Ecuyer

✓                

Mayor Schafer

✓                

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

ATTEST:

Jeannie Klein  
JEANNIE KLEIN, CITY CLERK

Thomas E. Schafer, IV  
THOMAS E. SCHAFER, IV, MAYOR



## **Attachment 1: Project Description**

### **East Aloha Improvements**

The City of Diamondhead is Mississippi's most recent incorporated city, with its incorporation occurring in 2012. In its original capacity, the City was established in the 1960's as a resort community along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Diamondhead is a small municipality with the most recent decennial census affirming a population of 8,425. Even though its incorporation is fairly recent, the City's infrastructure and main business district has been established for some time. Diamondhead strategically located its commercial corridor along Aloha Drive which connects to Interstate 10 via Gex Drive. The City of Diamondhead is proposing the East Aloha Improvements Project to Mississippi Development Authority's (MDA) Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program for funding in order for the City's commercial corridor to be able to compete against larger, modern cities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The East Aloha Improvements Project encompasses the following priorities as identified by MDA: Priority #2: Community Development Improvements and Priority #3: Public Improvements. The Project will include:

- 1,500 square yards of five foot sidewalks
- 2,750 square feet of crosswalk and arrows
- 1,000 square feet of raised crosswalks
- 5,000 linear feet of curbing
- Green space and landscaping
- Asphalt overlay

As of 2016, the Gulf Regional Planning Commission calculated an annual average daily traffic count of 11,000 along this heavily trafficked area. In its current state, there are no sidewalks or identified pedestrian access ways along the commercial corridor. The construction of sidewalks and pedestrian crossings will aid the community in becoming a more walkable and safer city.

An indirect benefit of the East Aloha Improvements Project is the support of existing jobs in the region. The current employment figure in the Project's region is 207, the breakdown of the employee total can be found on the following page. The improvements incorporated with the Project will increase vehicular and pedestrian traffic, which will thereby improve commercial sales in the Project's vicinity and support job retention of those commercial entities.

Another facet to the improvements included in the Project is the addition of landscaping to the medians of the main roadways. The landscaping will provide a physical barrier that separates vehicular traffic and protects pedestrians as they traverse the commercial corridor. The elements of the East Aloha Improvements Project will also create a safer environment for the use of golf carts within the City's commercial corridor.

The East Aloha Improvements Project will have a long-term impact towards the competitiveness of the City of Diamondhead and will have a significant, positive impact on the commercial tax base and retention of existing jobs in the East Aloha area. The City of Diamondhead enthusiastically submits the

East Aloha Improvements Project to MDA for funding through their Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program and appreciates the consideration of its proposal.

<b>Business</b>	<b>Employee Total</b>
Goodwill Industries	5
Dan's Po Boys	12
D H Donuts	2
Trena's Hair Salon	8
Accelerated Physical Therapy	
Exit 16	6
Gulf Coast Life Family Clinic	7
Diamondhead Pharmacy	6
True Value Hardware Store	6
Rouses	60
Goody's	8
Dollar Tree	9
Urgent Care	9
Diamond Nutrition	1
Five Happiness	3
Solar Nail	3
Team Title	4
Gwen's Hair Now	5
Pizza Hut	9
U S Postal Service	1
Keesler Federal Credit Union	6
Tobacco Hut	1
Just 4 Him Haircuts	2
CVS Pharmacy	10
Diamondhead Fire Department	18
The First Bank	6
Tiki Bay Daiquiri	7
Aloha Wine & Spirits	10
Hancock Bank	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>207</b>