# IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION

2018 Tourism Summit

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## TRANSPORTATION DEMANDS

- Gulf Shores population (2016 est.): only 12,000
- Millions of annual visitors generate demands more similar to much larger metro areas
- Only 3 State Highways to move traffic: Hwy 59, Hwy 180, Hwy 182



# 1,373,267

cars traveled through Gulf Shores in July 2017



# **COMPLETED/ONGOING PROJECTS**

#### ADAPTIVE SIGNALS - \$2,500,000

- Improved traffic efficiency by 15%
- 19 Signals Upgraded
- 50% ALDOT Funded

#### ACCESS MANAGEMENT - \$2,000,000

- Improved traffic efficiency by 5%
- 50% ALDOT Funded



#### **BEACH BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS**



#### PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

### Sidewalks & Pedestrian Bridges - \$4,500,000

- 8 miles of 8' sidewalks constructed
- Two pedestrian bridges constructed
- Encourage walking & biking to businesses
- Reduce dependency on motor vehicles
- Improve pedestrian safety and quality of life



Highway 59 8' Sidewalks

Highway 59
Pedestrian
Bridge

#### **FUTURE PROJECTS**

#### **New Arterial Roadways**

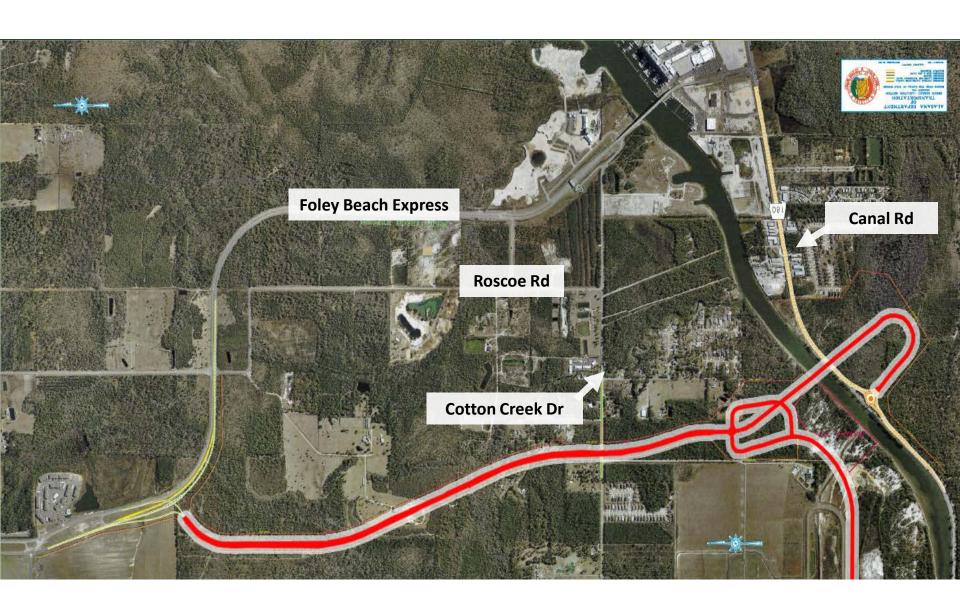
- Work with ALDOT to develop new roads/bridges
- Relieve pressure on existing state highways
- 100% ALDOT Funded

### **New/Improved Local Connectors**

- Widen existing intersections & roadways
- Construct new local roadways
- 50 80% Grant Funded



#### **FOLEY BEACH EXPRESS EXTENSION**



#### **WATERWAY EAST BLVD EXTENSION**

#### **TIGER Grant**

