

Foley has asked Tiger Woods to move to the area andI'm just kidding. T.I.G.E.R. is actually an acronym for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Revenue. Personally, I think they should have went for Tiger Woods as it would probably generate more revenue to the area if they would get the golf superstar to move here. Again, I'm kidding, but the new transportation idea is certainly a big idea and it's in the works. Foley proposed a 59 walkover and other community upgrades and has had applications in front of the U.S. department of transportation for years. Last summer their \$23.77 million proposal made it to the final process for approval but was eventually declined. According to records, the grant was too large and not specific enough.

Foley is again planning to request funding through TIGER. Earlier this month a \$5.5 million grant was requested to help pay for projects to make bicycling and walking safer in the city. The project would include bicycle paths and shared lanes and a \$750,000 pedestrian walkover near the intersection of Highway 59 and 98. All-in-all the proposal would include 23 miles of bike lanes. It's a massive project that would, no doubt, help the area, but with times as tight as they are, I would not expect anything to be done with this particular proposal any time soon. Some Eastern Shore officials are also planning to request similar grants for community upgrades. For info

Most types of construction has slowed along the Gulf Coast and it's evident as **Gulf Shores condos** and **Orange Beach condos** and especially, **Perdido Key, FL condos** go unfinished. Phoenix West II is still trying to complete construction years after they began. I truly believe that things will get back to normal around here, but it may take a little time.