PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment

In accordance with guidelines requiring the regular review and updating of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) Public Participation Plan (PPP), the proposed amendments to the HPFL-MPO PPP will be presented to the public for official review and comments.

The draft amendments will be available for review at www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo. A hard copy of the document can be requested by contacting the MPO office at 601.554.1008. The official review and comment period will be held from May 20, 2021 until July 5, 2021.

Topics of the proposed amendments include:

- o Updates of department contact information
- o Addition of the updated Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan (Appendix C)
- Addition of virtual public town hall meeting venues for community involvement in projects and studies
- Changes to certain methods and metrics of performance of Social Media and Website usage (Appendix E)

Written comments regarding the PPP amendment should be emailed to mpo@hattiesburgms.com or mailed to:

Armendia Esters, MPO Division Manager P.O. Box 1898 Hattiesburg, MS 39403-1898

Additionally, HPFL-MPO is hosting a virtual public meeting on the matter at 5:30 p.m. on June 1, 2021. This will provide the public with another opportunity to make comments on the proposed PPP amendment.

Individuals who would like to participate in the virtual public meeting should contact the HPFL-MPO at 601.554.1008 by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021. Access to the hearing will be available by computer, smart phone, or land line telephone.

Anyone who may require auxiliary aids or special accommodations to participate should advise the HPFL-MPO at least 10 business days in advance by calling 601.554.1008 or emailing aesters@hattiesburgms.com.

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