PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) invites public review and comments on the HPFL Metropolitan Transportation Plan and MULTIPLAN 2045, the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Infrastructure Plan through the year 2045.

MULTIPLAN 2045 is a coordinated effort to develop MDOT's statewide long-range transportation plan and the plans for the HPFL-MPO and other MPOs in the state. All plans are developed simultaneously for consistency. MULTIPLAN 2045 addresses our transportation needs over a 25-year horizon and is updated every five years. The public is encouraged to review MULTIPLAN 2045 and make official comments. All comments received during the comment period will be considered prior to plan adoption.

The proposed plan is located at <u>www.mstransportationplan2045.com</u> as well as <u>www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo</u> and will be available there for official review and comment during from Oct. 16 – Nov. 30, 2020.

Additionally, HPFL-MPO is hosting a virtual public meeting on the matter at 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2020. This will include a recorded presentation from MDOT from earlier hearings as well as live interaction that will provide the public with the opportunity make comments on the proposed MULTIPLAN 2045.

Individuals who would like to participate in the virtual public meetings should contact the HPFL-MPO at 601.554.1008 by 1:00 p.m. on November 9th. Access to the hearing will be available by computer, smart phone, or land line telephone. Recordings of an October 27 presentations will also be available soon after October 27 at www.mstransportationplan2045.com until the end of the 45-day comment period.

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 <u>aesters@hattiesburgms.com</u>.

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