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Subject: Approval of FY2027-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and
MS Federal Planning Finding – Statewide Assessment

Dear Mr. White:

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.220, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have found that the FY2025-2028 STIP for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is based on a transportation planning process that substantially satisfies the requirements of 23 USC 134 and 135, 49 USC 5303 and 5304, 23 CFR Part 450 (Subparts B, C and Appendix A), 23 CFR Part 500, and 49 CFR Part 613 (Subparts A and B).

23 CFR 450.220(b) requires the FHWA/FTA approval of the STIP to include a finding that the process from which the STIP was developed is consistent with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and 135 and 49 USC 5303 and 5304. This finding is based on the *Federal Planning Finding – Statewide Assessment* conducted by FHWA and FTA with MDOT staff on September 11, 2024, as there have been no significant changes since the last review in FY 2024. The finding is also dependent on the self-certifications of the statewide and metropolitan planning processes for MDOT and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and the joint certification reviews in the Transportation Management Areas (TMAs). Enclosed for your reference and information is a copy of the report that concludes that the statewide transportation planning process satisfies the above-mentioned federal requirements.

On behalf of FHWA and FTA, we look forward to continuing our coordination with MDOT, the MPOs, the local and regional transit service providers, and other transportation stakeholders to further implement the various transportation planning provisions in federal law.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Necole Baker with FHWA at (601) 965-7340 or Mr. Andres Ramirez with FTA at (404) 865-5611.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: MS Federal Planning Finding – Statewide Assessment Report

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