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Mr. Bobby Weaver, City of D'Iberville  
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Dear Mr. Weaver:

Federal law requires the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to jointly certify the transportation planning processes of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) at least every four years; a TMA is an urbanized area, as defined by the US Census, with a population over 200,000. The Federal Review Team conducted a virtual site visit of the Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO on May 6, 2025.

The certification review process is only one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable regulations, and the type of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This certification review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvement, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

Enclosed is the final *TMA Certification Review Report* for the Gulf Coast TMA, which includes documentation on various components of the joint certification review. The Federal Review Team has identified five (5) noteworthy practices and four (4) recommendations to further strengthen the current planning process of the Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO. There were no corrective actions.

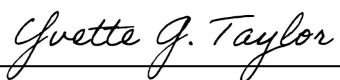
Based on this review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process for the Gulf Coast TMA substantially meets the federal requirements in 23 CFR 450 Subpart C. This certification will remain in effect until July 2029.

If you have questions regarding the certification review process or the *TMA Certification Review Report*, please contact Mrs. Necole Baker at (601) 965-7340 or Mr. Andres Ramirez at (404) 865-5611.

Sincerely,

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