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January 27, 2021

CERTIFICATION FOR JANUARY 2021 MPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

In accordance with La. Acts 2020, No. 302 and Executive Proclamation JBE 2020-168 and JBE 2020-174, this notice shall service as a certification of the Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee's ("Committee") inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Committee will provide for attendance and quorum at its essential government meeting on January 28, 2020 via video conference. Pursuant to La. Acts 2020, No. 302, the Committee must meet because:

- 1) Governor John Bel Edwards has continued the state of emergency due to a public health emergency covering the geographic area served by the Committee and, due to the large size of the Committee needed to make a quorum, such a gathering would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- 2) Matters that, if they are delayed, will cause curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship. Because the Committee represents those state and local entities responsible for the planning and implementation of transportation projects, its continued function during this pandemic is essential and, failing timely meeting, would result in the curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with La. Acts 2020, No. 302 and Executive Proclamations JBE 2020-168 and JBE 2020-174, the Committee's meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 12:00 P.M. will be held via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set for in the Notice posted on January 27, 2021.

Dirk Guidry Chairman

Houma-Thibodaux MPO Policy Committee