to the property of the COMMISSION for the purposes of constructing the proposed transportation improvements.

3. Work with the LPA, through the District LPA Coordinator, during the various phases of the work with the goal of producing a project that will be acceptable to the COMMISSION upon completion.

4. Review all submittals in a timely manner, in accordance with the PDM, to allow the project to progress in an orderly fashion.

5. During the progress of the PROJECT, assist the LPA in obtaining reimbursements of federal funding for any phase that is eligible for reimbursement. All costs associated with this process, and any other involvement by the MDOT staff in this PROJECT, will be charged as a project cost.

6. Submit all documents to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) when required or requested by the FHWA.

ARTICLE II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Should the LPA fail to complete the construction of the proposed transportation improvements as contemplated by this agreement after construction is commenced, the LPA agrees that it will bear all costs of completion over and above the funds supplied by the FHWA through MDOT. The COMMISSION shall have the right to audit all accounts associated with the PROJECT, and should there be any overpayment by the COMMISSION to the LPA, the LPA agrees to refund any such overpayment within 30 days of written notification. Should the LPA fail to reimburse the COMMISSION, the COMMISSION shall have the right to offset the amount due from any other funds in its possession that are due the LPA on this or any other project, current or future.

B. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to termination at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice by either party. Such notice shall not, however, cancel any contract made in reliance upon this agreement and underway at the time of termination. Any contract underway shall be allowed to conclude under its own terms. The LPA agrees to bear complete and total legal and financial responsibility for any such agreement. Additionally, funds may be suspended/terminated under the provisions of Section F.

C. It is understood that this is a Memorandum of Understanding and that more specific requirements for the conduct of the design of the transportation improvement project are contained in the Federal Statutes, the Code of Federal Regulations, the Mississippi Code, and the Standard Operating Procedures for MDOT, and other related regulatory authorities. The LPA agrees that it will abide by all such applicable authority.

D. In the event that any act of omission or commission on the part of the LPA causes loss of Federal funding from FHWA or any other source, or any penalty being imposed by the United States of America under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251, et seq. or any other provision of law, the LPA shall be solely responsible for all additional costs.

E. Should the LPA miss the obligation deadline set in this MOU, MDOT reserves the right to obligate funds for the project as obligation authority becomes available, and may not authorize the obligation of those funds until after the obligation of other projects that are set to meet their individual deadlines

F. The Executive Director of MDOT may withhold federal funds for the PROJECT for any of the following reasons:

a. Failure to proceed with the work when so instructed by the MDOT or to adhere to the requirements of the contract.

b. Failure to perform the work with sufficient workmen, equipment and materials to assure completion within contract time.

c. Performing unacceptable work, or neglecting or refusing to remove materials or to perform any such work as may be rejected as unacceptable.

d. Discontinuing the prosecution of the work.

e. Failure to comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, regulations, permits, and all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunal's having jurisdiction or authority which affect those engaged or employed on the work or affect the conduct of the work.

f. Becoming insolvent, being declared bankrupt or committing any act of bankruptcy or insolvency.

g. Allowing a final judgment to stand unsatisfied.

h. Making an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

i. Failure to deal with all storm water issues as defined in the permit and/or PDM.

j. Failure to properly maintain any project that uses federal funds may cause future federal funds to be withheld for any projects in the jurisdiction of the local agency.

k. Failure for any other cause whatsoever to carry on the work in an acceptable manner.

Before federal Funds are terminated, the LPA will be notified in writing by the Executive Director of the conditions which make termination of funds imminent. If no effective effort has been made by the LPA, its agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors, to correct the conditions of which complaint is made, within fifteen (15) calendar days after notice is given, the Executive Director may declare the Federal Funds suspended for the PROJECT and notify the LPA accordingly. The LPA will then

have forty-five (45) days in which to correct all conditions of which complaint is made. If all conditions are not corrected within forty-five (45) days, the Executive Director may declare the federal funds for the PROJECT terminated and notify the LPA accordingly. If all conditions are corrected, within the forty-five (45) day period, the LPA will be reimbursed under the terms of this agreement, for all work satisfactorily completed during the forty-five days period.

ARTICLE III. NOTICE & DESIGNATED AGENTS

A. For purposes of implementing this section and all other sections of this Agreement with regard to notice, the following individuals are herewith designated as agents for the respective parties unless otherwise indentured in the addenda hereto:

For Contractual Administrative Matters:

COMMISSION:
Melinda L. McGrath,
Executive Director, MDOT
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850
Phone: (601) 359-7002
Fax: (601) 359-7110

LPA:
Samantha Abell, City Manager
City of Gautier
3330 Highway 90
Gautier, MS 39553
Phone: 228-497-8000
Fax: 228-497-8028

For Technical Matters:

COMMISSION:
David Seyfarth
District LPA Coordinator – District VI
MDOT
16499 Highway 49
Saucier, MS 39574-9740
Phone: (228) 832-0682
Fax: (601) 832-0681

LPA:
Chandra Nicholson
Director of Economic Dev. & Planning
City of Gautier
3330 Highway 90
Gautier, MS 39553
Phone: (228) 497-1878
Fax: (228) 497-1038

B. All notices given hereunder shall be by U.S. Certified Mail, return receipt requested, or by facsimile and shall be effective only upon receipt by the addressee at the above addresses or telephone numbers.

ARTICLE IV. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

A. The relationship of the LPA to the COMMISSION is that of an independent contractor, and said LPA, in accordance with its status as an independent contractor, covenants and agrees that it will conduct itself consistent with such status, that it will neither hold itself out as, nor claim to be, an officer or employee of the COMMISSION by reason hereof. The LPA will not by reason hereof, make any claim, demand or application or for any right or privilege applicable to an officer or employee of the COMMISSION, including but not limited to workers' compensation coverage,

unemployment insurance benefits, social security coverage, retirement membership or credit, or any form of tax withholding whatsoever.

B. The COMMISSION executes all directives and orders through the MDOT. The LPA executes all directives and orders pursuant to applicable law, policies, procedures and regulations. All notices, communications, and correspondence between the COMMISSION and the LPA shall be directed to the designated agent shown above in Article III.

ARTICLE V. RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

To the extent permitted by law, the Commission and the LPA agree that neither party nor their agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors, will be held liable for any claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expenditure arising out of any negligent act, actions, neglect or omission caused solely by the other party, its agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors.

ARTICLE VI. MISCELLANEOUS

No modification of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be binding unless such modification shall be in writing and signed by all parties. If any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

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ARTICLE VII. AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT

Both parties hereto represent that they have authority to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts (facsimile transmission, email or otherwise), each of which shall be an original Agreement, and all of which shall together constitute but one Agreement.

So agreed this the _____ day of _____, 20___.

City of Gautier

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Samantha Abell, City Manager

Attested:

_____
(Appropriate clerk etc)

So agreed this the _____ day of _____, 20___.

MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
By and through the duly authorized
Executive Director

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Melinda L. McGrath, PE
Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Transportation

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