



June 2, 2025

Mr. Jon McCraw, City Manager
City of Diamondhead
5000 Diamondhead Circle
Diamondhead, MS 39525

RE: Budget Appropriation Request for FY2026 for the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Dear Mr. McCraw:

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) respectfully submits to the City of Diamondhead its invoice for the FY2026 apportionment due to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which the GRPC manages and staffs. The GRPC was established by the State of Mississippi under MS Code Title 17-1-29 and operates the MPO in accordance with federal requirements contained in 23 CFR 450.310.

The FY2026 apportionment invoice is based on a formula that includes the annual amount of federal planning funds awarded to the MPO and the jurisdiction's percentage of the population of the designated MPO area. GRPC uses the requested apportionment funds as the required twenty percent local match to the eighty percent federal funds for MPO operations. GRPC operations are detailed in its Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and include planning studies, corridor and traffic operation studies, circulation plans and regional traffic counts.

The City of Diamondhead is one of the fifteen-member government agencies that includes twelve cities and three counties on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that comprise the federally required MPO. GRPC has served in this capacity since 1972 when the federal government declared all cities and counties within a census-designated urban area must be represented by an MPO to be eligible to receive federal highway funding. These federal highway funds provide eighty percent of the cost of transportation improvement projects, mostly in the form of highway, bridge, and highway safety projects.

The required apportionment from the City of Diamondhead is \$3,810.00.

Please let me know if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

GULF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Kenneth W. Yarrow
Executive Director

Enclosure



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