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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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August 27, 2012

The Honorable William DeLoughy, Mayor
City of St. Marys
418 Osborne Street
St. Marys, GA 31558

RE: Informal Part 13 Complaint filed by TJP@JAX, Inc. against the City of St. Mary's, Georgia and the St. Mary's Airport Authority – Filed: August 23, 2012

Dear Mayor DeLoughy:

Our office is in receipt of the above referenced letter, a copy of which is attached to this correspondence, which alleges violations of Federal Grant Assurance No. 22 by the City of St. Marys and the St. Marys Airport Authority.

The Georgia Department of Transportation acting as an agent for the Federal Aviation Administration under the Federal State Block Grant Program is required to investigate the allegations made by TJP@JAX, Inc. The letter alleges violation of federal grant assurance no. 22 when St. Marys Airport Authority revoked the commercial operating permit for the skydive operation. Additionally, the complaint alleges a commercial operating permit is not levied on Saint Marys' Aviation, the airport FBO. Since the City of St. Marys is the airport sponsor and is obligated to the federal grant assurances, the Department will coordinate with the City regarding this matter.

In an effort to more clearly understand and better assess the issues at hand, it is requested that the City of St. Marys respond by letter to the Department regarding the allegations contained in the referenced letter. Please include any documentation that support the City's decision to revoke the commercial operating permit including but not limited to written documentation from the Navy expressing concern or requesting restriction of the skydive operation. We also request documentation of all commercial operating permits assessed at the airports, including but not limited to the permit levied on Saint Marys' Aviation. In an effort to allow sufficient time for a reply, it is requested the City respond to Carla Sands, Acting Aviation Program Manager, 600 W Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 **not later than September 7, 2012.**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Carla Sands at (404) 631-1323.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol L. Comer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol L. Comer, Director
Division of Intermodal

CLC:CFS:CE

cc: Scott Seritt, Manager, Atlanta ADO; Steve Crowell, City Manager; Jay Stanford, Chairman, St. Marys Airport Authority