

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A POLICY FOR EARMARKED FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission heretofore has not expressed a policy with regard to the selection of Consulting Engineering Firms on those projects for which “earmarked funding” has been established by the Congress of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is desirous of setting forth such a policy which shall apply to all such projects in the future which reduces or affects the Commission’ funding streams, state or federal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that certain High Priority Projects which are not on the state primary or federal highway systems are earmarked for special funding by the Congress for Local Public Agencies from discretionary categories within the Highway Trust Fund and in associated annual Transportation Appropriations, which do not reduce or affect the Commission’s funding streams, state or federal, and that such earmarks are therefore excluded from application of the following policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective Federal Fiscal Year 2005, the consultant selection for “earmarked” projects which reduce or affect the Commission funding shall be performed only by a selection committee expressly approved by the Commission, or in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures for the Consultant Services Contract Administration Division.

ORDERED, this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.