

## **City of Columbus, Mississippi**

### **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Improvements**

#### **Purpose and Needs Statement**

The purpose of this proposed project is to rehabilitate several roadways throughout the city of Columbus, Mississippi as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). It is also an emphasis of this project to renovate the adjacent sidewalks within the right-of-ways of these streets to provide accessibility for disabled citizens in accordance with guidelines set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). This project will upgrade the roadways to meet current design standards.

This project will focus on streets within the city limits of Columbus that are already on the existing Federal-aid System and eligible for Federal-aid STP funds. The specific streets to be included in this project and their locations are as follows:

1. Military Road (FA 9527) from Ridge Road to HWY 82.
2. South 15<sup>th</sup> Street (FA 7182) from 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to Pickensville Rd.
3. Bell Ave./Airline Rd. (FA 7181) from HWY 69 to S. 25<sup>th</sup> St./MLK Jr. Dr.

Construction of this project will provide better conditions for current and future traffic in these areas, in addition to enhancing pedestrian safety and creating accessible routes for citizens with disabilities.

Funding for this project has been approved through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Environmental documentation has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration as a Categorical Exclusion on

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SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT – SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TIPPAH COUNTY  
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The project area currently has dilapidated sidewalk and pedestrian routes that provide inadequate and unsafe walking routes to Blue Mountain Elementary School. The goal of this project is to alleviate this problem by constructing new sidewalks to provide a needed walking route to the school under the MDOT Safe Routes to School Program.

The current sidewalks are cracking and breaking apart, and in some places, they have need to be removed because they have fallen into such a state of disrepair. This project will correct this problem by removing the old sidewalk and replacing it with new sidewalk with drainage measures as needed along the routes of the existing sidewalk.