

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 22, 2025

Opening Prayer

Recognition of Guests

1. Approve minutes of the previous meeting(s).

PRE-CONSTRUCTION/LPA

2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a small purchase contract with Rackley Engineering LLC [Biloxi, MS] to provide Phase A Field Inspection Plans and Phase B Final Construction Plans for the I-10 and MS 605 interchange, Project No. NHPP-0010-01(185)/109879-101100, Harrison County. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$29,738.28. (Sub: Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc.)
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. GAR-RWD 2023-04 under the Roadway Design Master Contract with Garver, LLC [Ridgeland, MS] to provide Phase A design services and Phase B Final Construction Plans for I-20 from the end of the Mississippi River bridge to 0.65 mile east of the MS 27/US 61 overpass, Project No. IM-0020-01(278)/109482-101100, Warren County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$700,416.64. (Sub: EJES, Incorporated)
4. Amend Commission Order, which was approved by the Mississippi Transportation Commission on December 13, 2023, and recorded in Minute Book 23 Page 1050, to correct the work assignment number and the not to exceed amount. The revised item will read as follows:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. HDR-BR 2024-03 under the Bridge Services Master Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. [Jackson, MS] to provide design review services for the Phase B design calculations and plans developed by MDOT for the replacement of Bridge No. 76.2 on MS 42 over Bogue Homa Creek, Project No. STP-0063-03(012)/108394-101100, Perry County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$233,346.21.
5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying surplus right of way containing 2.025 acres along MS 9 in Pontotoc County, Project Number STP-2833-00(004)/105094/201000, to Brian Boatner, adjoining property owner, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$5,720.00 (appraised value of \$5,200.00 plus 10% transaction fee).

6. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1, effective April 22, 2025, to Work Assignment No. RPC-APPR 2023-12 under the Appraisal and Appraisal Review Services Master Contract with Ridge Point Consultants, LLC [Meadville, MS] to provide appraisal services for four additional parcels on US 72 from Knox Road to Coopwood Road, Project No. SP-0007-01(102)/109563-201000, Marshall County. The amount of the supplemental agreement will not exceed \$14,000.00 for a revised total contract amount of \$113,947.00.
7. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. GAR-HY 2024-02 under the Hydraulic Engineering Services Master Contract with Garver, LLC [Ridgeland, MS] to provide Phase A Bridge Hydraulic Design and Recommendations for the replacement of two bridges on MS 8 (Bridge Nos. 64.1 and 64.9), Project No. STBG-0016-02(045)/109344-101100, Grenada County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$273,794.51.
8. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the Commission and the listed Local Public Agency, in order to establish the responsibilities for the development of the following project:

City of Long Beach
STP-9081-00(004)LPA/109857-701000
Widening of Cleveland Avenue from Klondyke Road to West Railroad Street
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$2,110,663.00
9. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Replacement Memorandum of Agreement between the Commission and the listed Local Public Agency, in order to establish the responsibilities for the development of the following projects:

Lowndes County Board of Supervisors
(Original MOA Book 23, Page 814)
STP-7045-00(001)LPA/109392-701000
Pedestrian Improvements along 5th Street North from 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$1,300,000.00

Alcorn State University
(Original MOA Book 22, Page 273)
STP-0011-00(018)LPA/108825-701000
Campus Bicycle Path Improvements
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$1,342,848.72

10. Upon the receipt of all necessary documentation from the Local Public Agency (LPA), request concurrence with the listed LPA recommendation to reject the bid on the following project:

City of Starkville

STP-7131-00(001)LPA/109583-701000, Spring Street South from Highway 12 to Locksley Way Pedestrian Improvements, Oktibbeha County. The LPA received 1 bid with the apparent low bid being 14.23% over the LPA's Engineering estimate, and 3.19% over MDOT's Estimate.

11. Upon the receipt of all necessary documentation from the Local Public Agency (LPA), request concurrence with the listed LPA recommendation to award the construction bid on the following projects:

University of Southern Mississippi

University of Southern Mississippi /109427-701000, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Pedestrian Improvements, to the lowest bidder Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC., Gautier, MS, at a cost of \$331,1367.15 which is 17.85% under the LPA Engineering Estimate of \$403,104.00.

Northwest Mississippi Community College

STP-0229-00(007)LPA /109420-701000, Pedestrian Improvements on Northwest Drive in front of the newly constructed Performing Arts Center, to the lowest bidder Bluff City Construction Co., LLC., Memphis, TN, at a cost of \$326,070.65 which is 5.95% under the LPA Engineering Estimate of \$346,698.00.

City of Brandon

STP-0013-00(055)LPA/109422-701000, Grants Ferry Parkway Shared Use Path, to the lowest bidder Thornton Construction Co., Inc., Brandon, MS, at a cost of \$1,533,103.75 which is 7.01% under the LPA Engineering Estimate of \$1,648,653.00.

FIELD OPERATIONS

12. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Class III Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with T.L. Wallace Construction, Inc. on Federal Aid Project No. NHPP-0010-01(161)/107509-301000, in Hancock County. This project provides for interchange reconstruction on I-10 at Diamondhead. Due to the unsuitable material under the concrete ramps pay item 203-G001, Excess Excavation needs to be added to the contract. The cost of this agreement is \$405,179.74 for a revised contract amount of \$20,427,244.74. This Supplemental Agreement adds twenty (20) Working Days, revising the total working days to two hundred and eighty six (286) Working Days.

13. Ratify the following Class I & II Supplemental Agreements with Key, LLC, on Project Nos. NHPP-0055-02(253) / 107899301 and NHPP-0055-02(260) / 108384-301000 in Hinds and Rankin Counties. This project provides for Bridge Preservation on I-20 E to I-55 N and I-55 bridges. This ratification will give the Project Engineer and District Engineer the authority to execute an additional \$100,000 of Class I and Class II Supplemental Agreements.

Type/Number	Description	Amount
Class I #1	Workzone Law Enforcement	\$9,600.00
Class II #5	Impact Attenuators	\$35,380.00
Class II #6	Hydrodemolition Idle Time	\$45,092.68
Class II #8	Raised Pavement Markers	\$46,458.00
Total		\$136,530.68

14. Ratify the following Class I & II Supplemental Agreements with JLB Contractors, LLC, on Project No. STBG-0086-00(009) / 108824-301000 in Harrison County. This project provides for a roundabout construction on Shriners Blvd at I-10. This ratification will give the Project Engineer and District Engineer the authority to execute an additional \$100,000 of Class I and Class II Supplemental Agreements.

Type/Number	Description	Amount
Class I #1	Minor Alterations to Contract	\$2,323.83
Class II #1	Electrical Revisions	\$14,578.96
Class II #2	Removal of Concrete Pavement	\$24,185.19
Class II #3	Concrete Median Barriers	\$40,347.50
Class II #4	Workzone Law Enforcement	\$15,000.00
Class II #6	Additional Work MOT and Mob	\$53,251.58
Total		\$149,687.06

15. Ratify the following Class I & II Supplemental Agreements with W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company, on Project No. STP-0066-01(008) / 103060-301000 in Jackson County. This project provides for the Grade, Drain, Bridge, and Pave 4-lane approximately 9 miles of MS 57 from I-10 to Vancleave. This ratification will give the Project Engineer and District Engineer the authority to execute an additional \$100,000 of Class I and Class II Supplemental Agreements.

Type/Number	Description	Amount
Class II #2	Drilled Shaft Permanent Casing	\$64,858.22
Class II #3	Removal of Trash and Debris	\$64,417.00
Total		\$129,275.22

16. Ratify the Executive Director's action closing to all traffic the following bridges:

Bridge No.	Structure ID	County	Route	Feature Intersected	Proposed Posing Limit
130.0	13018	Madison	51	Relief	Closed to All Traffic
130.1	13024	Madison	51	Doaks Creek	Closed to All Traffic
160.3	12953	Lowndes	over US45/US82	US 45/US82	Closed to All Traffic
162.5	10283	Benton	704	Grays Creek	Closed to All Traffic

17. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1, effective August 19, 2024, to Work Assignment No. BGC-GEO 2022-02 under the Geotechnical Engineering Services Master Contract with Bhate Geosciences Corporation [Birmingham, AL] to provide the additional subsurface investigation and testing services for the proposed multi-use path along US 90 from MS 609 to Dolphin Drive, Project No. NH-0003-01(186)/106325-101000, Jackson County. The amount of the supplemental agreement will not exceed \$29,627.85 for a revised total contract amount of \$133,048.15.

18. Authorize the Executive Director to transfer the title of the following vehicle, which is of no further use to the agency, to a public entity for the purpose of transporting prison inmates to remove litter from the State's maintained highway system:

Property ID	Vehicle Description	Mileage	Donated To	Donated By
9001003	2015 Dodge Ram 1500	173,971	Grenada County Sherriff Dept.	District 6

19. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an Easement & Construction Agreement between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the City of Forest, Mississippi for proposed repairs to slope failures located on the I-20 Eastbound on-ramp and off-ramp on Project Number NHPP-0020-02(013)/109270-301000 in Scott County.

INTERMODAL PLANNING

20. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary release of lien or other appropriate documents to dispose of the following vehicle. The vehicle was operated by Section 5310/5311 Program subrecipient and has been disposed of in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's property management procedures.

Provider	MDOT#	VIN#	Year	Make
MS State University-SMART	A0528	1FDFE4FS1KDC63858	2019	Ford

21. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Contract, effective April 22, 2025, with the selected consultant; Pathway Services, Inc. [Broken Arrow, OK]; to provide a Pavement Condition Survey of the state-maintained highway system, Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) sample routes, and National Highway System (NHS) routes, Project No. SPR-1(129)/109278-128000, Statewide. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$6,044,026.54.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

22. Recommend concurrence with the Department of Information Technology Services to award the following:

Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. [Englewood, FL] for the purchase of traffic cameras and accessories for the MDOT traffic network, at a total amount not to exceed \$149,670.00, for Information Systems Division. This procurement was competitively bid by ITS as contracting agent for MDOT.

CIVIL RIGHTS

23. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a small purchase contract, effective April 22, 2025, with Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc. [Raleigh, NC] to assist MDOT in establishing an overall annual goal on a triennial basis (FY 2026, 2027, and 2028) for the participation of DBEs in all budgeted contracts utilizing Federal-aid highway funds, Project No. SP-9999-09(421)/108045-103000, Statewide. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$28,671.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

24. Ratify and approve payment of the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$105,457,428.29, for the periods April 16, 2025, and April 23, 2025.
25. Approve the Payroll Docket for the period April 16, 2025, through April 30, 2025, not to exceed the sum of \$5,000,000.00, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe and employee authorized deductions.
26. Ratify and approve the Commissioners' and Executive Director's salaries and expenses for an aggregate amount of \$17,583.85, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe and employee authorized deductions for the periods April 16, 2025, and April 23, 2025.

DELETED

- ~~27. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a service agreement with Sweeping Corporation of America, Inc., Nashville, TN, for sweeping various roads and bridges in Warren County, MS, beginning May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, with the potential for four (4) one-year automatic extensions through April 30, 2030, for \$76,127.31 per year for District III.~~

28. Request authority to purchase from the following agency contracts, pending DFA approval:

a. Covington Sales & Service, Inc., Denham Springs, LA

One (1) debris collection truck, specification number DCDT-20FR, 1032-180, for a total of \$280,000.00 for District II.

b. McComb Diesel, Inc., Magnolia, MS

One (1) single axle cab and chassis truck, specification number 854-33,000GVW-85CA-7CYDB-2201-1032/180, for a total of \$123,586.00 for District VII.

c. Transportation South, Pelham, AL

Eighteen (18), 17 Passenger ADA Buses, specification number 971-Bus 17A-ADA with options totaling \$128,403.00 each for a total of \$2,311,254.00 for the Public Transit Division, for Bolivar County Council on Aging (2), Central MS Inc., (1), Community Development, Inc (5), Copiah County Human Resource Agency(1), DJ Transit (2), Five County Child Development Program (1), MS Valley State University Mass Transit (1), Mount Zion Economic Community Center (1), NRoute Transit (1), Philadelphia Transit (2), and South Central Community Action (1).

29. Request authority to extend the following agency contracts for the period of June 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, pending DFA approval.

Knuckle Boom Truck (Covington Sales and Service)
6 Passenger ADA Mini-Van (Model 1)

30. Request authority to advertise for the following agency contract for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Polyethylene and Polypropylene Pipe

31. Request authority to advertise for the following agency contract for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Tractor Rental (District II)

LEGAL

32. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Master Contract Agreements for Legal Services, with the following attorneys/law firms, upon request, to provide title examinations, certificates and closings for the Commission. For Work Assignments issued under these Master Agreements, MTC will pay a flat rate fee in the amount of \$800.00 per parcel, for all work, both attorney and paralegal, related to the initial title examination and initial certificate of title, and a flat rate fee in the amount of \$250.00 per parcel, for all attorney and paralegal work related to each additional updated title examination and certificate of title completed within 5 years of the initial title examination. Excluding work for which MTC will pay a flat rate fee as set forth above, MTC will pay an hourly rate for all other work at \$170.00 per hour for attorney time and \$65.00 per hour for paralegal time. These contracts shall be effective August 1, 2025, through August 31, 2028, and the maximum contract amount for each shall not exceed \$100,000.00 for the following listed attorneys/law firms:

Attorney/Law Firm
Matthew Y. Harris, Esq. and the Law Office of Matthew Y. Harris, PLLC
Elizabeth Carr, Esq. and Southern Capital Title Company, LLC

33. Authorize the Office of the Attorney General to execute the following Work Assignments under the Title Services Master Contracts with Attorney/Law Firm to perform title services on the listed projects.

Attorney/Law Firm	Project/County	Description	Estimated Amount
Shannon S. Elliott, Esq./Elliott Law Firm, PLLC	STBG-0306-00(023)/ 108853-201000 (Claiborne County)	SR 547 over Baker's Creek (2.1) - approximately 3 parcels	\$3,000
Matthew Y. Harris, Esq./Matthew Y. Harris, PLLC	NHPP-0071-06(011)/ 109090-201000 (Tippah County)	SR 4 Bridge Replacement #112.7 – approximately 4 parcels	\$4,000
Christopher M. Howdeshell, Esq./Pittman Howdeshell, PLLC	STBG-0065-02(012)/ 109351-201000 (Clarke County)	SR 18 over Archusa Creek #167.3 – approximately 17 parcels	\$17,000

Kate Patterson, Esq. & Wesley Ehrhardt, Esq./Patterson Ehrhardt, PLLC	FFG-0006-1(26) (Marshall County)	Surplus Property – Randall Swaney; Old Hwy 178 next to Kingdom Hall Church Parcel: 145-22-01002	\$800
Kate Patterson, Esq. & Wesley Ehrhardt, Esq./Patterson Ehrhardt, PLLC	NH-0007-01(079) (Marshall County)	Surplus Property – Frank Fitzgerald	\$800
Barry Zirulnik, Esq./Price & Zirulnik, PLLC	STBG-0072- 02(032)/ 109140- 201000 (Yazoo County)	SR 3 over Creek (Bridge #21.2) – approximately 7 parcels	\$7,000
Barry Zirulnik, Esq./Price & Zirulnik, PLLC	STBG-0013- 01(018)/ 109094- 201000 (Copiah County)	SR 28 Bridge Replacement #37.6 – approximately 3 parcels	\$3,000
H. Scott Ross, Esq./Ross Law Office, PLLC	STBG-2841- 00(016) & STBG- 2841-00(019)/ 109076-201000 (Chickasaw County)	SR 245 from 3.5 miles South of Lee CL to Lee CL (Bridge #s 195.0, 198.0, 198.8, 199.0, 199.1, 199.2, 199.6 & 200.3) – approximately 20 parcels	\$20,000

34. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Public Trust Tidelands Lease with the Secretary of State's Office for construction and maintenance of culverts along U.S. Highway 90 in Jackson County, Mississippi. The term of the lease is forty (40) years beginning on 1st day of July, 2025, with the Commission having the right to extend the lease by an additional twenty-five (25) years at the expiration of the 40-year lease. There is no cost associated with this agreement.
35. Authorize and request the Office of the Attorney General to file suit and hire any expert witnesses deemed necessary to pursue a claim against Hollaman Raney, Oxford, MS for damages suffered by the Commission regarding incomplete title work in Desoto County, Mississippi. The amount of damages that the Commission suffered was \$100,000.00.

36. Request the Office of the Attorney General to begin legal proceedings to protect the interest of the Commission in land and improvements used to provide relocation services to Tony and Amanda LeClair on Project No. Br-0040-03(020), Termini SR 25 between SR 4 and CR 23 (189.3) in Tishomingo County.

37. Authorize and request the Office of the Attorney General to file suit and hire any expert witnesses deemed necessary to pursue a claim against Industrial Recycling & Demolition, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and any other responsible parties for damage to the Pearl River Bridge on Highway 28 in Copiah County, Mississippi. The estimated amount of the claim is \$2,000,000.00 for MDOT Project No.: 92-3028-15-016/30100 (MDOT Legal File No.: 2024-0229).

38. Authorize and request the Office of the Attorney General to file suit and hire any expert witnesses deemed necessary to pursue a claim against Campbell Timber Co. LLC, Toxey, Alabama, and any other responsible parties for damage to median wall, overhead sign truss, and guardrail on I-59 Northbound in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. The amount of the claim is \$210,947.90 for MDOT Project No.: 92-5059-38-310/308216-30100 (MDOT Legal File No.: 2022-0324).

39. Authorize the acceptance of payments for property damage in the following and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary release and/or other settlement documents:

Responsible Party	Property Damaged and Location	Project or Equipment No.	Payment	In Settlement or in Full Settlement	MDOT Legal File No.
GEICO Choice Insurance Co./Daniel Tally	Median Cable Barrier I-22 Eastbound, Itawamba County	Project No. 92-1022-29-061; 306708/301000	\$1,572.50	In Settlement	2025-0158
EAN Holdings, LLC	Guardrail I-59 Eastbound, Lauderdale County	Project No. 92-5059-38-250; 307407/301000	\$3,162.42	In Settlement	2025-0239

ADDENDUM
APRIL 22, 2025

PRE-CONSTRUCTION-LPA

1. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the listed Utility Agreements:
City of Southaven – Sewer
I-55 from Church Road to MS 302 – Reconstruction and Widening and I-55
approximately 1 mile north of MS 302 – Sign truss and Signage.
NH-0055-04(096)/100222-203510, Desoto County
Estimate: \$2,075,323.35
MDOT Share: \$1,496,038.34
Company Share: \$579,285.01

City of Southaven – Water
I-55 from Church Road to MS 302 – Reconstruction and Widening and I-55
approximately 1 mile north of MS 302 – Sign truss and Signage.
NH-0055-04(096)/100222-203510, Desoto County
Estimate: \$1,484,466.00
MDOT Share: \$1,159,739.06
Company Share: \$324,726.94