

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

Opening Prayer

Recognition of Guests

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

PRE-CONSTRUCTION/LPA

2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1, effective January 1, 2024, to Work Assignment No. KTA-SFC 2021-03 under the Quality Assurance and Quality Control Services for Steel Fabrication and Coating Master Contract with KTA-Tator, Inc. [Pittsburgh, PA] to continue to provide inspection related services for the bridge repair and painting on MS 35 at Petacocowa Creek (Bridge No. 211.3), Project No. STBG-0041-02(027)/109300-301000, Carroll County. The amount of the supplemental agreement will not exceed \$3,765.13 for a revised total contract amount of \$65,294.16.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. VI-UWI 2023-01 under the Underwater Bridge Inspection Master Contract with Volkert, Inc. [Jackson, MS] to perform underwater bridge inspection services for 71 bridges, Project No. BR-NBIS(103)/105324-111000, located in District 7. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$751,635.25. (Sub: Blue Diving and Salvage, LLC)
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. CON-UWI 2023-01 under the Underwater Bridge Inspection Master Contract with CONSOR Engineers, LLC [Edmond, OK] to perform underwater bridge inspection services for 86 bridges, Project No. BR-NBIS(103)/105324-111000, located in District 6. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$821,683.23. (Sub: Neel-Schaffer, Inc.)
5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. EO-UWI 2023-01 under the Underwater Bridge Inspection Master Contract with Engineering Operations LLC [Lacombe, LA] to perform underwater bridge inspection services for 86 bridges, Project No. BR-NBIS(103)/105324-111000, located in District 1. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$864,828.54.
6. Authorize the Executive Director to advertise for Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Master Contract(s) for Well Services, Statewide.

7. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the listed Utility Agreements:

North Benton Water Association
MS 704 Bridge Replacement [#162.5]
STP-0973-00(001)/106107-201500, Benton County
Estimate: \$53,860.00
MDOT Share: \$53,860.00
Company Share: \$0.00

Coast Electric EPA
US 49 from Desoto Park Rd to 500' South of E Wortham Rd (Palmer Creek Road)
HSIP-0008-01(155)/109323-201500, Harrison County
Estimate: \$11,812.96
MDOT Share: \$11,812.96
Company Share: \$0.00

8. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the listed Preliminary Engineering Utility Agreement:

Mashulaville Water District
MS 14 over Hashuqua Creek [Bridge #156.5] - UTIL
BR-0038-01(035)/106982-101500, Noxubee County
Estimate: \$11,381.14
MDOT Share: \$11,381.14
Company Share: \$0.00

9. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying surplus right of way containing 0.014 acre in Hancock County, Project Number ER-9354-00(002)/104637-201000 to Murphy Land Holdings, LLC, the adjoining property owner, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$40,194.00 (appraised amount of \$36,540.00 plus 10% transaction fee)
10. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying an uneconomic remnant containing 0.05 acre located along SR 76 in Itawamba County, Project Number NH-0078-01(010)/ 102075-201000, Parcel Number 006-0-00-X, to Danny and Connie Graham, adjoining property owners, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$495.00 (appraised value of \$450.00 plus 10% transaction fee).

11. Pass Condemnation Orders on the listed parcels:

US 90 from MS 609 to Dolphin Drive, Jackson County
NH-0003-01(186) / 106325-201000

028-00-00-W Borries, Jason E.

013-00-00-W Reginald Richards and Howard B. Wolf
013-00-00-Q-001 Mercchat, LLC
013-00-00-Q-002 JP Family Trust
12. 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 project:

Pat Harrison Waterway District
(Original MOA Book 22, Page 285)
STP-0282-00(012)LPA/108818-701000
Flint Creek Horse Trail
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$400,000.00
13. 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 - Gulf Park
STP-0295-00(023)LPA/108804-701000, Friendship Oak Sidewalk and Landscaping, Harrison County, to the lowest bidder Moran Hauling, Inc., Gulfport, MS, at a cost of \$791,519.00 which is 5.56% under the LPA's Engineering Estimate of \$838,095.00.

City of Madison
STP-7354-00(006)LPA/109219-701000&702000, New Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements on Highland Colony Parkway at Lake Castle Road, Madison County, to the lowest bidder Lewis Electric, Inc., Flowood, MS, at a cost of \$915,360.05 which is 1.89% under the LPA's Engineering Estimate of \$932,994.50.

City of Greenwood
STP-8844-00(003)LPA/108861-701000, Fulton Street Pedestrian Improvements - Phase II, Leflore County, to the lowest bidder Kenneth R. Thompson, Jr. Builder, Inc., Greenwood, MS, at a cost of \$1,057,158.94 which is 0.74% over the LPA's Engineering Estimate of \$1,049,365.16.

INTERMODAL PLANNING

14. 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 of the development of the following planning study:

City of Pascagoula
STP-8957-00(004) LPA 109553-711000
City of Pascagoula – 14th Street Traffic Study
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$39,920 (STBG-TMA)

15. Ratify and authorize the Executive Director to approve facility space, meals and associated costs for the agencies below to host Regional Coordination Summits within their areas. The summits will be held on the dates and locations below within the regions. The Summits are co-sponsored by the Department and the Regional Groups. MDOT's costs will not exceed \$21,000 (\$3,500 for each region).

Agencies	Regional Group Name	Date of Dialogue	Location
DJ Transit	Southern Connect (SC)	2/22/24	Hattiesburg, MS
NRoute Transportation Commission	Central MS Transportation Connection (Trans-Con)	3/28/2024	Jackson, MS
City of Oxford (Oxford University Transit System)	Northeast MS Intermodal Transit Association (N.I.T.A.)	5/14/2024	Oxford, MS
Bolivar County Council on Aging	Delta Rides	8/22/2024	Greenville, MS
MS Band of Choctaw Indians	East Central Transit Action Group (EZTAG)	9/18/2023	Philadelphia, MS
Natchez Transit System	Southwest Mississippi Accessible Regional Transportation (SMART)	9/26/2024	Natchez, MS

16. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. CPCS-ITTS 2019-03 under the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies (ITTS) Master Contract with CPCS Transcom, Inc. [Washington D.C.] to provide the ITTS with an updated Geographic Information System information sharing platform that documents regional bottleneck issues across the Southeast Region for 2019 to 2023, Project No. TPF-5(390)/109278-137100, Statewide. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$116,794.46.
17. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commission and the city of Gluckstadt which will allow the city to install and maintain, at their cost, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Battery Backup Systems at MDOT owned and operated traffic signals in Gluckstadt.
18. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. RKK-TRD 2022-02 under the Traffic Engineering Services Master Contract with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP [Nashville, TN] to provide Phase B Roadway and Traffic Engineering Final Construction Plans for intersection improvements on US 49 at Siloam Road and US 49 at SR 149, Project No. HSIP-0008-02(123)/109119-101000, Simpson County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$121,833.98.
19. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Work Assignment No. KH-TRD 2022-01 under the Traffic Engineering Services Master Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. [Meridian, MS] to prepare for and attend additional plan review meetings for the installation of cable barrier on I-22 in Desoto and Marshall Counties and on I-55 in Panola and Yalobusha Counties, Project Nos. HSIP-0006-01(104)/109062-101000, HSIP-0006-01(104)/109062-102000, HSIP-0055-04(118)/109063-101000, HSIP-0055-04(118)/109063-102000, and HSIP-0055-04(118)/109063-103000. The amount of the supplemental agreement will not exceed \$17,038.19 for a revised total contract amount of \$589,395.49.
20. Authorize the Executive Director to adopt amendments to the 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

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Agency	County	Project Description	Action
Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL) City of Hattiesburg	Forrest/Lamar	Hub City Transit - Electric Bus and Charging Infrastructure Deployment project	Add project to the TIP/STIP. City of Hattiesburg has received a grant from the FTA for the implementation of an electric bus system. Federal share = \$6,455,325 Local match = \$1,000,000
MDOT	Tippah	SR 15 from the Union CL to 1 mile N of SR 4 at Ripley	Revise state/local funding for FY 2024 CON.
MDOT	Tippah	SR 2 from existing SR 15 to SR 15 Bypass	Revise state/local funding for FY 2024 CON
MDOT/Central Mississippi Planning & Development District (CMPDD)	Hinds	I-20/I-55	MDOT is requesting to add project to the TIP/STIP for FY 2024 CON

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

21. Ratify and approve payment of the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$45,170,566.19, for the periods February 21, 2024, and February 28, 2024.
22. Approve the Payroll Docket for the period February 16, 2024, through February 29, 2024, not to exceed the sum of \$5,000,000.00, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe, and employee authorized deductions.

23. Ratify and approve the Commissioners' and Executive Director's salaries and expenses for an aggregate amount of \$18,635.37, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe and employee authorized deductions for the periods February 17, 2024, and February 24, 2024.
24. Authorize the Asset Management Division to execute documents to sell the following vehicles requested by the Town of Sumrall for a total price of \$25,000.00 as recommended by District 6 and approved by the Bureau of Fleet Management.
- 8800056 – 2010 F-550 Crew Cab Flat Bed Truck \$10,000.00
8500107 – 2014 F-550 Crew Cab 2CY Dump Truck \$10,000.00
9000722 – 2013 F-150 Regular Cab Pickup Truck \$5,000.00
25. Pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 65-1-17, authorize the Executive Director to execute a lease agreement with Flagship Embroidery, LLC, Pascagoula, MS, for the lease of office space beginning April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 with one (1) automatic extension through December 31, 2028 for \$1,500.00 per month for the Southern District Commissioner.
26. Authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with Jason West, Inc., North Port, AL, for mowing and litter removal, beginning April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025, with the potential for four (4) one-year automatic extensions through March 31, 2029 for a contract total not to exceed the amounts listed below for the following locations in District II:
- a. US 82 West Leflore County \$88,536.00 per year
- b. US 82 East Carroll and Montgomery Counties \$289,770.00 per year
27. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Barnes Lawn Service, Inc., West, MS, for landscape maintenance services for the Holmes County Rest Area, beginning March 1, 2024 though March 1, 2025, with the potential for four (4) one-year automatic extensions through March 1, 2029, for a contract total not to exceed \$27,183.00 per year for District III.
28. Authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with Jefcoat Pest Control, Bay Springs, MS, for pest control services, beginning March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2029, for a contract total not to exceed the amounts listed below for the following locations in District VI:

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- a. Ellisville Project Office \$720.00 per year
- b. Bay Springs Project Office \$720.00 per year

29. Ratify the following emergency purchases:

- a. Global Rental Co., Inc., Birmingham, AL

One (1) bucket truck, totaling \$156,353.00, for the Traffic Engineering Division.

- b. Gray-Daniels Ford Lincoln, Brandon, MS

Four (4) trucks, with options totaling \$45,800.00 each, for a total of \$183,200.00, for District VI.

- c. Kirk Auto World, Grenada, MS

Two (2) trucks, totaling \$45,900.00 each, for a total of \$91,800.00, for the Traffic Engineering Division.

30. Ratify the purchase from the following state contract:

Cannon Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Greenwood, MS

One (1) van, item number 070-9353-131-2, totaling \$41,895.00, for District II, pending DFA approval.

31. Request authority to purchase a Rollover Simulator, as a sole source, from Ray's Body Shop, Inc., Little Falls, MN, for the amount of \$44,200.00, for the Highway Safety Division. Ray's Body Shop, Inc. is the sole manufacturer of the Rollover Simulator. This sole source purchase was approved by DFA.

32. Request authority to purchase various parts and accessories, as a sole source, from Pile Dynamics, Inc., Cleveland, OH, for the Materials Division, for the amount of \$48,530.00. The parts and accessories will be used to upgrade an existing Pile Driving Analyzer. Pile Dynamics, Inc. is the only manufacturer of these parts and attachments and does not sell to any distributors. This sole source purchase was approved by DFA.

33. Request authority to extend the following agency contracts, for the period of April 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, pending DFA approval.

Excavator- 32,000lbs (TraxPlus)
Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis (McComb Diesel)
Truck Tractor (McComb Diesel)

34. Request authority to award to the successful vendor on the bid received on February 12, 2024:

Agency Contract for an Asphalt Analyzer, specification number ABA-7550-100, for the period of beginning at Commission Approval through August 31, 2024, for the Materials Division, pending DFA approval.

Infratest USA	Walepole, MA	<u>\$125,295.00</u>
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Infratest USA met all bid requirements, recommend award.

LEGAL

35. Rescind the Commission Order dated January 23, 2024, recorded in Minute Book 24, Page 25, for a Second Amendment to Title Contract No. 8200068748 between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Betty A. Mallett, Esq. of Betty A. Mallett, PLLC for Project STP-0018-02(057)/108287-201000 in Holmes County and Project STP-0018-02(057)/108287-202000 in Attala County.
36. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Third Amendment to Title Contract No. 8200070505 dated July 25, 2023, between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Matthew Y. Harris, Esq. of the Law Office of Matthew Y. Harris, PLLC as authorized on July 25, 2023, at Book 23, Page 944. This amendment will add Project No. STBG-9484-00(002)/109072-201000 in Lee County, Mississippi (SR 178 Bridge Replacement (#92.6 & 92.3) which consists of approximately eleven (11) parcels. This amendment will also increase the maximum contract amount by \$23,830.00. The new contract amount will increase from \$68,990.00 to \$92,820.00 inclusive of expenses. This additional project should take approximately 55 billable attorney hours and approximately 22 billable paralegal hours.

37. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Third Amendment to Title Contract No. 8200068748 dated April 25, 2023, between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Betty A. Mallett, Esq. of Betty A. Mallett, PLLC as authorized on April 25, 2023, at Book 23, Page 882. This amendment will add Project No. STP-0055-02(271)/108168-201000 in Madison County, Mississippi (I-55 from SR 463 to Gluckstadt Road) which consists of approximately nine (9) parcels. This amendment will also increase the maximum contract amount by \$21,225.00. The new contract amount will increase from \$25,000.00 to \$46,225.00 inclusive of expenses. This additional project should take approximately 50 billable attorney hours and approximately 35 billable paralegal hours.
38. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Third Amendment to Title Contract No. 8200065902 dated September 27, 2022, between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Barry Zirulnik, Esq. of the Law Firm of Price & Zirulnik, PLLC as authorized on September 27, 2022, at Book 23, Page 737. This amendment will add Project No. STP-0018-02(057)/108287-201000 in Holmes County, Mississippi (SR 12 over Big Black River - #83.4) which consists of approximately two (2) parcels; Project No. STP-0018-02(057)/108287-202000 in Attala County, Mississippi (SR 12 over Big Black River - #83.4) which consists of approximately two (2) parcels; and Project STP-0041-01(018)/108389-201000 in Holmes County, Mississippi (SR 17 over Gourdvine Creek Bridge Replacement - #36.0) which consist of approximately eight (8) parcels. This amendment will also increase the maximum contract amount by \$23,450.00. The new contract amount will increase from \$73,200.00 to \$96,650.00 inclusive of expenses. These additional projects should take approximately 55 billable attorney hours.
39. Cancel the Contracts for Legal Services between the Commission and the law firm of Quintarios Prieto Wood & Boyer, P.A., contained at Book 23, Page 998 of the Minutes of the Commission, effective immediately, for defense of the following cases filed before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission:
- Billy McGuff vs. the Mississippi Transportation Commission, MWCC #1502534
James H. Hammons vs. the Mississippi Transportation Commission, MWCC # 1804329 -P-7109-E-24

40. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the following Contract for Legal Services between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Amanda Alexander, Esq., and the law firm of Alexander Law, PA effective February 27, 2024 through August 31, 2026:

Case	Matter	Atty/Paralegal Fees per hour	Total Contract Amt Including Expenses
Billy McGuff MWCC #2306800-R-9645-A	Workers' Compensation	\$170.00/\$65.00	\$30,000.00
James Hammons MWCC #1804329-P-7109-E-24	Workers' Compensation	\$170.00/\$65.00	\$30,000.00