

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 14, 2024**

Opening Prayer

Recognition of Guests

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

PRE-CONSTRUCTION/LPA

2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a grant agreement and all necessary documents to administer the project with Federal Highway Administration, all of which will set forth policy, guidelines, and regulatory restrictions, that will direct the effective and efficient administration of Rural Surface Transportation Program Grant Funds to Project No. NHPP-0008-04(066) / 108150-301000, Yazoo County.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2, effective March 29, 2024, to Work Assignment No. GS-RWD 2020-06 under the Roadway Design Master Contract with Gresham Smith MS P.C. [Jackson, MS] to provide additional Phase B roadway design services for the widening of MS 19 from MS 492 to Tucker, Project No. STP-0026-01(072)/101649-101000, Neshoba County. The amount of the supplemental agreement will not exceed \$18,607.06 for a revised total contract amount of \$682,640.54.
4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 7, effective March 20, 2024, to the Engineering Services Contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. [Jackson, MS] to revise the design of the multi-use path and roadway plans on 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 \$62,072.34 for a revised total contract amount of \$2,854,774.88. (Sub: Morgan Dean, Inc.)
5. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a small purchase contract with SOL Engineering Services, LLC [Jackson, MS] to provide Phase A Final-Right-of-Way Plans for the widening of existing US 61 to four lanes between Arcola and Leland, Project No. SP-0009-03(072)/109384-101000, Washington County. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$208,393.52. (Sub: Michael Baker International, Inc.)

6. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. MDI-HY 2021-06 under the Hydraulic Engineering Services Master Contract with Morgan Dean, Inc. [Clinton, MS] to provide Phase A bridge Hydraulic Design and Recommendations for the replacement of two bridges along US 51 (Bridge No. 292.1 over Hurricane Creek Tributary 3.1.2 and Bridge No. 292.7 over Hurricane Creek Tributary 3.1), Project No. NHPP-9327-00(008)/109095-101100, Desoto County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$159,475.54. (Sub: Stantec Consulting Services Inc.)

7. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. VI-HY 2021-06 under the Hydraulic Engineering Services Master Contract with Volkert, Inc. [Jackson, MS] to provide Phase A Bridge Hydraulic Design and Recommendations for the I-55 bridge replacement over Albritton Creek (Bridge Nos. 26.4 A&B), Project No. STBG-0055-01(127)/109434-101100, Lincoln County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$172,516.29.

8. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Master Contracts with the following firms for Hydraulic Engineering Services, Statewide. The maximum amount that can be charged by each firm per this master contract will be \$2,000,000. Commission action will be required for work assignments that exceed \$100,000. The termination date for executing new work assignments under this contract will be June 30, 2027.

Firm	City
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	Ridgeland, MS
ARCADIS U.S., Inc.	Ridgeland, MS
Garver, LLC	Ridgeland, MS
Gresham Smith MS P.C.	Jackson, MS
Hardesty & Hanover, LLC	Metairie, LA
HDR Engineering, Inc.	Flowood, MS
L & R Engineers, Inc.	Grenada, MS
Mendrop Engineering Resources, LLC	Ridgeland, MS
Michael Baker International, Inc.	Ridgeland, MS
Morgan Dean, Inc.	Clinton, MS
Neel-Schaffer, Inc.	Jackson, MS
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	Jackson, MS
Volkert, Inc.	Starkville, MS

Waggoner Engineering, Inc.	Jackson, MS
WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure Inc.	Brentwood, TN

9. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. MBI-BR 2024-01 under the Bridge Services Master Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. [Ridgeland, MS] to provide Phase C construction engineering services for seven bridge sites on MS 15 from just north of the Union County line to 1 mile north of MS 4 at Ripley, Project No. STBG-0022-04(070)/101631-301000, Tippah County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$282,488.62.

10. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. MBI-UWI 2023-01 under the Underwater Bridge Inspection Master Contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. [Ridgeland, MS] to perform underwater bridge inspection services for 17 bridges located in Districts 1, 6, and 7, Project No. BR-NBIS(103)/105324-111000. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$125,347.35.

11. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Indefinite Delivery / Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Master Contracts with the following firms for Quality Assurance and Quality Control Services for Steel Fabrication and Coating, Statewide. The maximum amount that can be charged by each firm per this master contract will be \$1,500,000. Commission action will be required for work assignments that exceed \$100,000. The termination date for executing new work assignments under this contract will be June 30, 2027.

Firm	City
HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.	Moon Township, PA
KTA-Tator, Inc.	Pittsburgh, PA
Pennoni Associates Inc.	Clearwater, FL
TRC Engineers, Inc.	Mechanicsburg, PA

12. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the listed Engineering Utility Agreements:

Mud Creek Water Association
MS 346 over Mud Creek and ditch (3.6-3.8)
STBG-0858-00(016)/107862-201500, Pontotoc County
Estimate: \$11,995.58
MDOT Share: \$11,995.58
Company Share: \$0.00

Humphreys County Water
MS 12 over Sunflower River (23.9)
BR-0018-01(026)/106109-201500, Humphreys County
Estimate: \$5,328.00
MDOT Share: \$5,328.00
Company Share: \$0.00

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

Mud Creek Water Association
MS 346 over Mud Creek and ditch (3.6-3.8)
STBG-0858-00(016)/107862-201500, Pontotoc County
Estimate: \$133,752.12
MDOT Share: \$133,752.12
Company Share: \$0.00

Humphreys County Water
MS 12 over Sunflower River (23.9)
BR-0018-01(026)/106109-201500, Humphreys County
Estimate: \$93,981.00
MDOT Share: \$93,981.00
Company Share: \$0.00

BellSouth Telecommunication, LLC d/b/a AT&T
MS 12 over Sunflower River (23.9)
BR-0018-01(026)/106109-201500, Humphreys County
Estimate: \$89,297.35
MDOT Share: \$49,235.85
Company Share: \$40,061.50

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Town of Mount Olive
US 49 at MS 35
HSIP-0008-02(117)/108247-201500, Covington County
Estimate: \$143,700.00
MDOT Share: \$143,700.00
Company Share: \$0.00

14. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying surplus right of way containing 0.012 acre along US 49 in Rankin County, Project Number NH-0008-03(034)/ 102046-203000, to Wheatley III, LLC, the adjoining property owner, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$6,050.00 (appraised amount of \$5,500.00 plus 10% transaction fee)

15. Pass Condemnation Orders on the listed parcels:

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

040-00-00-T John J Whitehead, Jr, Trust

011-01-00-W Estabrook Properties, LLC

16. 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 Hattiesburg
HPP-8750-00(004)LPA/105845-802000
4th Street Sidewalk Improvements
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$669,634.75

17. 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:

City of Richland
(Original MOA Book 23, Page 689-690)
STP-7325-00(002)LPA/109182-701000
Signal Improvements on Old Highway 49 at Carrier Boulevard (SAFETY)
Total Estimated Federal Funds: \$267,347.00

18. 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:

City of Jackson

STP-0250-00(052)LPA/108072-701000, Woodrow Wilson Traffic Signal Improvements, Hinds County, to the lowest bidder Powell Construction Services, Inc., Gulfport, MS, at a cost of \$795,465.60 which is 21.77% under the LPA's Engineering Estimate of \$1,016,850.00.

City of Jackson

STP-6928-00(014)LPA/108073-701000, State Street Signal Project at High Street, Mississippi Street, Amite Street, Pearl Street, Pascagoula Street, Tombigbee Street, Court Street, South Street, and Rankin Street, Hinds County, to the lowest bidder McInnis Systems, Inc., Byram, MS, at a cost of \$1,285,379.94 which is 16.53% over the LPA Engineering Estimate of \$1,103,037.50 and 5.67% over the MDOT Construction Estimate of \$1,216,376.80.

Meridian Community College

STP-0320-00(034)LPA/109163-701000, Campus Pedestrian Improvements, Lauderdale County, to the lowest bidder Cullum Construction, LLC., Meridian, MS, at a cost of \$604,799.15 which is 13.76% over the LPA Engineering Estimate of \$531,651.97 and 19.15% under the MDOT Construction Estimate of \$748,061.61.

City of Natchez

STP-6090-00(001)LPA/109134-701000, Downtown Sidewalk Improvements on Commerce Street from Main Street to Franklin Street, Adams County, to the lowest bidder Wildstone Construction Services, LLC, Flora, MS, at a cost of \$462,943.00 which is 0.48% over the LPA Engineering Estimate of \$460,715.00.

19. 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:

Madison County Board of Supervisors

STP-6985-00(001)LPA/106993-701000, Widening Bozeman Rd., Madison County. The LPA received 1 bid with the apparent low bid being 29.94% over the LPA's Engineering estimate, and 20.35% over MDOT's Estimate.

FIELD OPERATIONS

20. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a CN Railroad Utility Crossing Permit application for MDOT to install fiber optic cable underneath a CN Railroad crossing on MS 477 (US DOT # 967 742R) in Rankin County. The permit will allow MDOT to install buried fiber optic cable to establish communication with MDOT owned traffic signals and other Intelligent Transportation System devices along the new West Rankin Parkway. The cost of the permit application would be a non-refundable fee of \$1,350.00.
21. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. NS-CEI 2022-01 under the CE&I Services Master Contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. [Jackson, MS] to provide Owner Advisor Services for the MDOT Construction Manager/General Contractor project for US 72 from Knox Road to Coopwood Road, Project No. SP-0007-01(102)/109563-101000, Marshall County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$430,996.81.
22. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the Pearl River County Sheriff's Department for the placement of Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) or other permanently mounted law enforcement devices on the right-of-way.
23. Central Mississippi Incorporated of Winona, MS applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as a restricted common carrier in intrastate operations transporting passengers throughout the state of Mississippi. Interested carriers were notified but as no protests were filed, a hearing was not required and was dispensed with. MDOT Hearing Officer Melinda Lott recommends that the Commission grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Central Mississippi Incorporated in intrastate operations transporting passengers from irregular routes throughout the state of Mississippi.
24. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. TE-GEO 2022-06 under the Geotechnical Engineering Services Master Contract with Thompson Engineering, Inc. [Ridgeland, MS] to develop a new Geotechnical Manual for MDOT, Project No. SP-9999-09(386)/109559-101000, Statewide. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$201,276.92.
25. Award the Construction Bids per Staff Recommendations from the April 23, 2024 and May 1, 2024 Lettings. (See **Exhibit A and Exhibit B** for details)

INTERMODAL PLANNING

26. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Multi-Modal Contract No. 503599-302000 with Yellow Creek Inland State Port for construction of a rail spur. This supplemental agreement will extend the grant agreement one-year from July 15, 2024, to a revised completion date of July 15, 2025.
27. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Multi-Modal Contract No. 503606/303000 with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission to construct a barge fleeting area. This supplemental agreement will extend the grant agreement six-months from July 1, 2024 to a revised completion date of December 31, 2024.
28. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Multi-Modal Contract No. 503599-301000 with Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission for construction of a railroad lead track. This supplemental agreement will extend the grant agreement two-years from July 1, 2024, to a revised completion date of July 1, 2026.
29. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Multi-Modal Contract No. 503597-305004 with Greenville Mid-Delta Airport for potable water improvements. This supplemental agreement will extend the grant agreement one-year from July 19, 2024, to a revised completion date of July 19, 2025.
30. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary release of lien or other appropriate documents to dispose of the following vehicles. These vehicles were operated by Section 5310/5311 Program subrecipients and have been disposed of in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration Program property management procedures.

Provider	MDOT#	VIN#	Year	Make
Claiborne County HRA	C7753	2C7WDGBG4KR607287	2019	Dodge
Claiborne County HRA	C7754	2C7WDGBG4K4607290	2019	Dodge
Mt. Zion	108	1FDEE3FLECDA19208	2012	Ford
South Central	C9128	1FDEE3FS0ADA52896	2010	Ford

South Central	C9129	1FDEE3FS9ADA23350	2010	Ford
South Central	C9130	1FDEE3FS2ADA23352	2010	Ford
South Central	C9131	1FDFF4FS9ADA15761	2010	Ford
South Central	C9147	2C7WDGBG4KR605765	2019	Dodge

31. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. NS-RWD 2023-06 under the Roadway Design Services Master Contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. [Jackson, MS] to provide Permanent Signing Plans for the replacement of horizontal curve warning signs, Project Nos. SP-9999-03(396)/109287-103000 and SP-9999-05(424)/109287-105000 in Districts 3 and 5. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$296,881.78.
32. Authorize the Executive Director to advertise, select, and negotiate a Professional Services Contract for the Pavement Condition Survey of the state-maintained highway system and the National Highway System (NHS), Project No. SPR-1(129)/109278-128000, Statewide.
33. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. KH-TRD 2022-06 under the Traffic Engineering Services Master Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. [Meridian, MS] to provide Phase A Final Right-of-Way Plans for the installation of a Restricted Crossing U-Turn at the intersection of US 45 and Robison Street/Mitchell Avenue, Project No. HSIP-0002-06(033)/109491-104000, Lee County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$137,032.26.
34. Authorize the Executive Director to adopt amendments to the 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Agency	County	Project Description	Action
Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC)	Hancock	Bay St. Louis Beyer Street Sidewalk project	Adding TMA-STBG funds (reallocating funds from the Old Spanish Trail Lighting project) and moving from FY 2023 to 2024

Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC)	Hancock	Bay St. Louis Old Spanish Trail Lighting project	Reducing federal TMA-STBG funds (being reallocated to the Beyer Street Sidewalk project)
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

35. Ratify and approve payment of the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$27,435,775.33, for the periods May 1, 2024, May 8, 2024, and May 15, 2024.
36. Approve the Payroll Docket for the period May 1, 2024, through May 15, 2024, not to exceed the sum of \$5,000,000.00, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe, and employee authorized deductions.
37. Ratify and approve the Commissioners' and Executive Director's salaries and expenses for an aggregate amount of \$22,004.47, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe and employee authorized deductions for the periods May 1, 2024, May 8, 2024, and May 15, 2024.
38. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Miamisburg, OH to provide subscription services for the period June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, at a rate of \$166.00 per month for Administrative Services Division.
39. In accordance with the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law, authorize the Executive Director to issue a requisition for funds from the Lottery Proceeds Fund administered by the Department of Finance and Administration that are necessary for expenditures on lottery projects for the period May 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024.
40. Authorize the Executive Director to retire the following Standard Operating Procedures:

Right of Way Division – Retired

ROW-02-01-00-000 Assurances

ROW-02-03-00-000 Preliminary Planning for Right of Way

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ROW-02-04-00-000 Definitions

ROW-03-02-00-000 Legal

ROW-04-01-00-000 Title Section

ROW-04-01-03-003 Disposal of Surplus Right of Way and Uneconomic
Property

ROW-06-01-00-000 Appraisal

ROW-06-04-00-001 Acquisition and Relocation

ROW-07-00-00-000 Accounting Section

ROW-08-04-00-000 Acquisition

ROW-09-01-00-000 Property Management

41. Ratify the following emergency purchases:

a. Kirk Auto World, Grenada, MS

One (1) truck, options totaling \$41,800.00, for District II.

b. Pine Belt Motors, Hattiesburg, MS

One (1) truck, options totaling \$45,800.00, for the Bridge Division.

42. Request authority to extend the following agency contracts for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Repairing, replacing, and re-tensioning cable barriers for District I, II, V, and VI.
(Highway Safety Systems)

43. Request authority to advertise for the following agency contract, for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

Herbicides

44. Request authority to award the successful vendors on the bids received April 12, 2024, and May 1, 2024.

a. Agency contract for the lease of uniforms for period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026, for District III, pending DFA approval.

Award per Supplement A.

b. Agency contract for the lease of uniforms for period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026, for District V, pending DFA approval.

Award per Supplement B.

c. Agency contract for the lease of uniforms for period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026, for District VI, pending DFA approval.

Award per Supplement C.

d. Agency contract for the lease of uniforms for period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2026, for District VII, pending DFA approval.

Award per Supplement D.

e. Agency contract for the purchase of attenuator parts, delivered statewide, for period beginning at Commission Approval through April 30, 2025, pending DFA approval.

Award per Supplement E.

45. Reject the bids received on April 16, 2024.

Agency Contract for a Digger Derrick Truck

Altec Industries, Inc.	Birmingham, AL	\$336,237.00*
Terex Utilities South	Watertown, SD	\$348,171.87*

*Both Altec Industries and Terex Utilities South failed to meet the required bid specifications. The bid will be re-advertised.

LEGAL

46. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the following Contract for Legal Services between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Timothy D Crawley, Esq., and the law firm of Anderson Crawley & Burke, PLLC effective May 14, 2024 through August 31, 2027:

Case	Matter	Atty/Paralegal Fee Per Hour	Total Contract Amt Including Expenses
Melvin Brown MWCC #1904070	Workers' Compensation	\$170.00/\$65.00	\$30,000.00

47. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the following Contract for Legal Services between the Mississippi Transportation Commission and Michael E. D'Antonio, Jr., Esq., and the law firm of Purdie & Metz, PLLC effective May 14, 2024 through August 31, 2027:

Case	Matter	Atty/Paralegal Fee Per Hour	Total Contract Amt Including Expenses
Tracy G. Quillian MWCC #2302355	Workers' Compensation	\$170.00/\$65.00	\$30,000.00

48. 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 July 1, 2024, through August 31, 2027, and the maximum contract amount for each shall not exceed \$200,000.00 for the following listed attorneys/law firms:

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Attorney/Law Firm

Matthew Y. Harris, Esq. and the Law Office of Matthew Y, Harris, PLLC

Shannon S. Elliott, Esq. and Elliott Law Firm, PLLC

Betty A. Mallett, Esq. and the Law Firm of Betty A. Mallett, PLLC

Kate H. Patterson, Esq. and the Law Firm of Patterson Ehrhardt, PLLC

Elizabeth R. Carr, Esq. and Southern Capital Title Company, LLC

J. Brian Kelley and the Law Firm of Ross & Kelley, PLLC

Christopher M. Howdeshell, Esq. and the Law Firm of Pittman Howdeshell, PLLC

Barry S. Zirulnik, Esq. and the Law Firm of Price & Zirulnik, PLLC

49. Request an Executive Session to discuss the settlement of Workers' Compensation matters as permitted by § 25-41-7 MCA.

**ADDENDUM
MAY 14, 2024**

FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Transportation Commission, the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff of Panola County to provide inmate labor in Panola County.

LEGAL

2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi, which will grant the Commission a temporary construction easement on the City's right of way, for the construction of a roundabout at the SR 3 and Willie Morris Parkway intersection, in connection with Federal Aid Project No. HSIP-0037-02(006) / 109195/301000 in Yazoo County.