

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Rev.1



Opening Prayer

Recognition of Guests

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

PRE-CONSTRUCTION/LPA

2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. BES-RWD 2023-01 under the Roadway Design Services Master Contract with Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC [Flowood, MS] to provide Phase A Roadway Final Right-of-Way Plans for the replacement of Bridge No. 17.2 over Hominy Creek on SR 469, Project No. STBG-0062-02(022)/109086-101100, Rankin County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$125,377.49.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to advertise for Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Master Contract(s) for Natural Environment Services, Statewide.

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

Mud Creek Water Association
SR 346 over Mud Creek and ditch (3.6 & 3.8) and bridge inspection of four additional bridges within the floodplain. (PE)
STBG-0858-00(016)/107862-101500, Pontotoc County
Estimate: \$11,927.32
MDOT Share: \$11,927.32
Company Share: \$0.00

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

New Albany Light, Gas & Water
SR 178 Bridge Replacements - 5 bridges [Bridge #s 33.6, 35.6, 35.4, 35.2 & 34.1]
BR-2909-00(006)/106103-201500, Marshall County
Estimate: \$215,458.95
MDOT Share: \$215,458.95
Company Share: \$0.00

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Central Electric Power Association
SR 19 from 0.25 mile south of SR 492 to Tucker Drive
SP-0026-01(072)/101649-203500, Neshoba County
Estimate: \$10,995.83
MDOT Share: \$10,995.83
Company Share: \$0.00

6. Authorize the Executive Director to approve the listed Supplemental Utility Agreement:

City of Ripley / water
SR 15 from just north of the Union CL to 1 mile North of SR 4 @ Ripley
Tippah County
SP-0022-04(070)/101631-201500

Supplemental #1 Amount: \$63,239.00
MDOT Supplement Amount: \$15,170.00
City of Ripley Supplement Amount: \$0.00

Total Revised Agreement Amount: \$78,409.00

7. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying an uneconomic remnant containing 0.03 acre along US 45 in Wayne County, Project Number 97-0002-052-10/101139-001000, Parcel Number 082-0-00-X, to Van Joe Cooper and Dixie L. Cooper, adjoining property owners, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$132.00 (appraised value of \$120.00 plus 10% transaction fee).
8. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying an uneconomic remnant containing 28.94 acres in Desoto County, Project Number STP-0029-02(013)/102556-201000; Parcel Number 057-0-01-X, to First Global Methodist Church, the highest bidder, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$418,000.00 (bid amount of \$380,000.00 plus 10% transaction fee)
9. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying an uneconomic remnant containing 4.10 acres along US 45 in Wayne County, Project Number 97-0002-02-052-10/101139-001000, Parcel Numbers 069-1-00-X, 070-0-00-X, 073-0-00-X, 074-0-00-X, 075-0-00-X, 079-1-00-X and 080-0-00-X, to Thad Taylor, adjoining property owner, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$11,165.00 (appraised value of \$10,150.00 plus 10% transaction fee).

10. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Quitclaim Deed conveying 1.73 acres of surplus right of way and uneconomic remnants along US 90 in Jackson County, Project Number 46-0003-01-083-10/103103-201000, Parcel Numbers 002-0-00-W/X, 003-0-00-W/X and 004-0-00-W/X, to In Sync Holdings, LLC, adjoining property owner, in exchange for payment in the amount of \$290,130.50 (appraised value of \$263,775.00 plus 10% transaction fee).

11. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Temporary Permit with the Federal Bureau of Prisons for right of entry to certain property at the Federal Correctional Complex in Yazoo City on SR 3 on Project No. HSIP-0037-02(006)/109195-201000, in Yazoo County. The right of entry will provide the Commission the legal right to enter upon the property to construct the project.

12. Pass Condemnation Orders on the listed parcel:

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

030-00-00-W Motes, Margaret Coker

13. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Work Assignment No. TICE-PS 2022-03 under the Professional Surveying Services Master Contract with Tice Engineering, Inc. [Wiggins, MS] to perform boundary and topographic surveys for the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 167.3 on SR 18 over Archusa Lake, Project No. STBG-0065-02(012)/109351-101100, Clarke County. The amount of the work assignment will not exceed \$138,182.78.

14. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Memoranda of Agreement between the Commission and the listed Local Public Agency, in order to establish the responsibilities for the development of the following project:

Pearl River County Board of Supervisors
HSIP-0055-00(043)LPA/109557-701000
Safety Circuit Rider improvements on Anchor Lake Rd, Ceasar Rd, F Z Goss Rd, Fords Creek Rd, Liberty Rd, Rock Ranch Rd, Sycamore Rd and West Union Rd

15. 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:

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Copiah-Lincoln Community College
STP-0279-00(012)LPA/108795-701000, Campus Pedestrian Improvements,
Copiah County, to the lowest bidder Central Asphalt Company, Inc., Vicksburg,
MS, at a cost of \$945,222.50 which is 5.83% under the LPA's Engineering
Estimate of \$1,003,903.05.

City of Starkville
STP-0420-00(026)LPA/109194-701000, Pedestrian Improvements at the
Intersection of Spring Street and Hwy 12, Oktibbeha County, to the lowest bidder
Burns Dirt Construction Inc., Columbus, MS, at a cost of \$474,774.51 which is
3.44% over the LPA's Engineering Estimate of \$459,000.00.

16. Authorize the Executive Director to award to Local Public Agencies,
Transportation Alternative (TA) Projects from Federal Funding provided by the
Federal Highway Administration and to enter into Memoranda of Agreement for
the purpose of utilizing these funds. See **Attachment A**.

FIELD OPERATIONS

17. Authorize the acceptance of \$16,275.00 from AmTrust Group, on behalf of
Trichel Enterprises LLC as full settlement of damage to the median cable barrier
on I-55 Northbound between mile markers 166 and 175 in Carroll County
(Project No.: 92-2055-08-149) and authorize the Executive Director to execute
the necessary release or other appropriate settlement documents.
18. Authorize the Executive Director to advertise for Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite
Quantity (IDIQ) Master Contract(s) for Architectural Consulting Services,
Statewide.
19. Award of Construction Bids per Staff Recommendations from the January 24,
2024 and January 31, 2024 Lettings. (See **Exhibit A** for details)

INTERMODAL PLANNING

20. Request approval to allocate a portion of FFY 2024 federal funds and obligation authority in the amount of \$4,561,029 to the Office of State Aid Road Construction for the period beginning on November 18, 2023, and ending on January 19, 2024. Any rescission in funds or erosion control costs will result in a reduction in the amount of funds allocated and the reduction of obligation authority.
21. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the small purchase contract with Applied Research Associates, Inc. [Champaign, IL] to perform falling weight deflectometer (FWD) testing on SR 76 and backcalculate pavement layer modulus values using the Evaluation of Layer Moduli and Overlay Design (ELMOD) backcalculation user manual and to provide training on the manual for MDOT, Project No. 2019(012)/108113-101000, State Study 304, Statewide. The amount of the supplemental agreement will not exceed \$27,023.10 for a revised total contract amount of \$214,692.28.
22. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a small purchase contract with RDV SYSTEMS INC. [Flowood, MS] to evaluate safety concerns along SR 4 between I-55 in Tate County and SR 7 in Marshall County, Project Nos. SP-0060-02(023)/108784-101000 and 108784-102000, Marshall and Tate Counties. The amount of the contract will not exceed \$27,150.00.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

23. Recommend concurrence with the Department of Information Technology Services to award the following:
 - a. Charles D. Craft, Middle South Computer [Ridgeland, MS] for the Planned Purchase of 300 Office Automation PCs, 150 CADD PCs, 50 CADD Laptops, 100 Office Automation Laptops and 150 Monitors, at a total amount not to exceed \$730,678.50, for Information Systems Division. This procurement was done through competitive quotes from the ITS Express Products List.
 - b. Deighton Associates LTD [Whitby, Ontario] for Premier Support, Maintenance and Training for Deighton's Total Infrastructure Management Software (DTMIS) for a 3-year term ending 01/31/2027 at a total amount not to exceed \$466,993.22 for Research Division. This procurement was competitively bid by ITS as contracting agent for MDOT.

HUMAN RESOURCES

24. Authorize the Executive Director to execute necessary documents to carry out MDOT's Civil Engineering Graduate Level Degree Program Standard Operating Procedure pursuant to Section 37-101-293 of the Mississippi Code for reimbursement of employee educational expenses.
25. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Mississippi Engineering Society (MES) to provide membership and continuing education for MDOT engineers during 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$82,497.00.
26. Authorize the Executive Director to execute contracts with various hotels in Natchez for lodging costs associated with the 2024 Statewide Maintenance Meeting taking place April 23-25, 2024 at a rate not to exceed \$149.00 per night.
27. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary agreements with the Embassy Suites in Ridgeland, MS for meeting space and other costs associated with the Consortium for Asphalt Pavement Research and Implementation (CAPRI) Spring Meeting taking place March 5-6, 2024 at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

28. Ratify and approve payment of the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$23,023,448.50, for the periods January 31, 2024, February 7, 2024, and February 14, 2024.
29. Approve the Payroll Docket for the period February 1, 2024, through February 15, 2024, not to exceed the sum of \$5,000,000.00, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe, and employee authorized deductions.
30. Ratify and approve the Commissioners' and Executive Director's salaries and expenses for an aggregate amount of \$18,124.86, plus statutory withholding, state match, fringe and employee authorized deductions for the periods January 31, 2024, February 7, 2024, and February 14, 2024.

31. 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 February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024.
32. Ratify the following emergency purchases:
- a. Kirk Auto World, Grenada, MS

Three (3) trucks, totaling \$42,500.00 each, for a total of \$127,500.00, for the Aeronautics and Rails Division (2) and the Construction Division (1).
 - b. Pinebelt Motors, Hattiesburg, MS

Two (2) trucks, totaling \$44,896.12 each, for a total of \$89,792.24, for District VI.
 - c. Scott Powerline and Utility Equipment, Monroe, LA

One (1) bucket truck, totaling \$234,400.00, for the Information Systems Division.
33. Request authority to purchase from the following agency contract:
- McComb Diesel, Magnolia, MS
- One (1) truck tractor, specification number 924-115CT-66TTT, 2000-1032/330, totaling \$138,900.00, for the Materials Division, pending DFA approval.

LEGAL

34. Authorize the acceptance of \$7,624.00 from USA Insurance Company in full settlement of property damage to a sign control box located on Hwy 90 in Harrison County, Mississippi. Project No. 92-6090-24-074-10 (MDOT File No. 2019-0291) and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary release or other appropriate settlement documents.

35. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Second 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-0053-01(017)/109074-201000 in Lee County, Mississippi (SR 145 Bridge Replacement (#210.8) which consists of approximately three (3) parcels; and Project No. STBG-0029-00(034)/109071-201000 in Itawamba County (SR 178 Five Bridge Replacements – 105.0, 104.8, 105.2, 105.7 & 105.4) which consists of approximately twenty (20) parcels. This amendment will also increase the maximum contract amount by \$49,190.00. The new contract amount will increase from \$19,800.00 to \$68,990.00 inclusive of expenses. These additional projects should take approximately 115 billable attorney hours and approximately 46 billable paralegal hours.
36. Decrease the minimum amount of liability insurance required to be carried by recipients of Federal Transit Administration Grant Agreements with MDOT Transit Division for intrastate operation from a minimum of \$5,000,000 to a minimum of \$1,000,000.
37. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Project Preliminary Engineering Initiation Package with Patriot Rail Company for preliminary engineering review for Project SP-0040-03(025)/107849-101200 on MS 25 in Tishomingo County for an amount not to exceed \$16,000.
38. Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Project Preliminary Engineering Initiation Package with Patriot Rail Company for preliminary engineering review for Project SP-0022-04(070)/101631-101000 on MS 15 in Tippah County for an amount not to exceed \$16,000.
39. Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Steering Committee of the Mississippi Management and Reporting System that allows MDOT to continue to use or seek a new stand-alone Financial Management System (FMS) and formulate a uniform system of accounting for all monies expended by the Commission which will interface with the Mississippi Accounting System for Government Information and Collaboration (MAGIC), as authorized by Section 7-7-3 of the Mississippi Code.
40. Request an Executive Session to discuss the settlement of a Workers' Compensation matter as permitted by § 25-41-7 MCA.