

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

Notice is hereby given that the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) is in the planning stages for establishing the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and related documents and applications will be available for public review and comment. The TIP defines Federal aid projects for the HPFL- MPO area.

Notice is further given that the HPFL-MPO will hold a Special Called Technical Committee meeting on May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and a Special Called Policy Committee meeting on May 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Details of the meetings follow.

The HPFL-MPO initiated a call for project applications on March 1, 2020 for proposed new projects or amendments to projects already on the 2019-2022 TIP. Applications were received from the member jurisdictions and will be considered first by the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee at the Special Called May 11, 2020 meeting and finally, by the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee at its Special Called May 15, 2020 meeting. Both meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Intermodal Facility (Historic Train Depot), Community Room, 308 Newman Street, Hattiesburg, MS. Both meetings include an opportunity for public comment in person. In light of public health concerns, new meeting parameters have been established. Visitors and members alike are encouraged to participate electronically. No more than 10 individuals will be allowed entrance into the meeting. Social distancing guidelines will be imposed. Individuals interested in attending the meeting are encouraged to do so electronically if at all possible. Please contact 601-545-4675 or mpo@hattiesburgms.com prior to the meeting date for instructions on accessing the meeting either by phone or by internet. Following are general details on all applications received.

This notice serves to notify the public that the HPFL-MPO Committees will consider all projects on the existing 2019-2022 TIP, and the following applications.

Project Edit Application:

- TIP Project #122 – City of Hattiesburg, Street Improvement, widening on Lincoln Rd between Hwy 11 and 28th Ave in FY 2024 (\$3,780,000 in additional federal funds)
- TIP Project #502 – Forrest County, New Shared Use Path along Classic Dr. from Hwy 49 to Pine Tree Dr. in FY 2022 (\$188,088 in additional federal funds)
- Former TIP Project #505 – Forrest County, Pedestrian Bridge at Country Club Rd crossing US Hwy 49 (\$793,600 in additional federal funds)

Committees may take up edits or deletions to any other existing TIP project as they consider these applications.

This process is being conducted in accordance with the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), the TIP Handbook, and the MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP).

This notice is intended to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed projects through May 14, 2020. The HPFL-MPO Policy Committee is expected to vote to approve a draft TIP at its May 15, 2020 Special Called meeting. The draft 2021-2024 TIP will be forwarded to MDOT for inclusion in the draft Statewide TIP, which will afford a 45-day comment period prior to final adoption. Public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP will satisfy the PPP requirements.

The 2019-2022 TIP is available for review at www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo.

Individuals who do not have the use of a computer are encouraged to visit their local public library for access to the Internet. If you prefer, you may call HPFL-MPO at (601) 545-6259 to request a copy of the TIP.

Interested parties, including representatives of the affected public and transportation agencies, private providers of transportation, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, and other transportation stakeholders who desire to present their views on the amended TIP and/or submit written comments should contact:

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To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities that require aids or services to participate can contact the HPFL-MPO office at (601) 545-4675; or e-mail mpo@hattiesburgms.com to make arrangements.

Written comments should be directed to the MPO at the above address and must be received by Thursday, May 14, 2020.