

PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization
FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

The Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) will hold a 15-day public comment period beginning **Thursday, December 24, 2020** for the public to review and provide comments regarding the proposed amendments to the current FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This process is being conducted in accordance with State and Federal guidelines and the HPFL-MPO Public Participation Plan procedures. The HPFL-MPO TIP for the Hattiesburg Urbanized Area is a part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) document.

The proposed amendments include the following projects:

1. Hall Ave. Western Overpass-new project
Construction of an overpass and improvements to Hall Avenue. The project will also include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hall Avenue and Bay Street.
2. Bus Stop Improvements (BSI) -grouped sidewalk projects
Hub City Transit plans to create an ongoing sidewalk projects group to enhance pedestrian access and ADA accessibility across the service area. Improvements will include sidewalks, shelters and other bus stop amenities, pedestrian signals, and crosswalks to increase connectivity, accessibility, and safety along bus routes.
3. 4th St. Phase III-allocation of unused funds-new project
Allocation of the unused funds of the completed 4th Street Phase III project to a new project which will include the construction of an 8' multiuse pathway along 4th Street from 38th Avenue to Thornhill Drive.
4. Lincoln Road Project (TIP Project I.D. 122) partial re-allocation of funds to the Country Club Road Project (TIP Project I.D. 119)
Partial re-allocation of funds from the Lincoln Road Project to the project at Country Club Road which includes the adaptation of the roadway to a typical urban roadway to increase traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Bicyclists will be accommodated with a shared-use pathway.

The proposed amendments will be available for review at www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo. A hard copy of the documents can be requested by contacting the MPO office at 601.554.1008. The official review and comment period will be held from December 24, 2020 – January 8, 2021.

Written comments regarding the proposed FY 2021-2024 TIP amendments should be emailed to mpo@hattiesburgms.com or mailed to:

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Anyone who may require auxiliary aids or special accommodations to participate in this comment period should advise the HPFL-MPO by calling 601.554.1008 or emailing aesters@hattiesburgms.com for assistance.

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