



## **Minutes of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization**

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING October 14, 2020**

The Technical Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session on **October 14, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

#### **Technical Committee Members Present-In Person Attendance:**

Ginger M. Lowrey, Planning Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Lamar Rutland, P.E.	City of Hattiesburg	Voting

#### **Technical Committee Members Present- Virtual Attendance**

John Weeks, P.E.	City of Petal	Voting
Nick Connolly, P.E.	Forrest County	Voting
Corey Proctor, Planning Director	Forrest County	Voting
Don Walker, P.E.	Lamar County	Voting
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Shundreka Givan	FHWA	
Necole Baker	MDOT	
April Fairley	MDOT	
Perry Brown, P.E.	MDOT	Voting
Kelly Castleberry, P.E.	MDOT	Voting

#### **MPO/HCT Staff**

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg
Armendia Esters, MPO Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Stephanie Hall Campos, Office Manager & Public Engagement Coordinator	City of Hattiesburg

#### **Visitors**

None

**Call to Order/Introductions:**

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Technical Committee Meeting was called to order by Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO. Voting Delegates were identified.

**AGENDA SESSION:**

**There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting Agenda of October 14, 2020.** A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Michael Hershman to accept the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item IV, Review and Comment on the HPFL-MPO Technical meeting minutes for July 8, 2020.** A request was made by Ginger Lowrey to edit the format of the future meeting minutes to indicate whether members attended virtually or in-person. A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Nick Connolly to approve the minutes and format edit. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item V, Review and Comment on the HPFL-MPO Technical Electronic Voting minutes for August 12-14, 2020.** An electronic vote was held on the matter of a recommendation to approve the 2021-2022 UPWP and the 2021-2024 TIP of the HPFL-MPO. A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Nick Connolly to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item VI, Recommend the approval of the 2020-2021 HPFL-MPO Technical & Policy Committee Calendar.** A motion was made by Lamar Rutland to recommend the approval of the 2020-2021 HPFL-MPO Technical & Policy Committee Calendar. The motion was seconded by Ginger Lowrey. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item VII, Recommend the acknowledgement of the setting of a public comment period, the setting of one (1) Virtual Public Hearing and one (1) publication providing notification of the same of the proposed amendment to the Public Participation Plan (PPP) of the HPFL-MPO.**

**The proposed amendment to the PPP addresses the implementation of a new and safe electronic venue for public participation in HPFL-MPO public hearings that does not require physical attendance. This will address any future concerns or difficulties regarding the meeting location.**

A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Nick Connolly to recommend acknowledgement of the public comment period, the Virtual Public Hearing, and the publication for notification of the proposed amendment to the PPP. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item VIII, Recommend the acknowledgement of the setting of a public comment period, the setting of two (2) Virtual Public Hearings and two (2) publications providing notification of the same by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the draft of the 2045 MULTIPLAN Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan and the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) draft of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.** A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Nick Connolly to recommend acknowledgement of the public comment period, two Virtual Public Hearings, and two publications for notification of the 2045 MTP and 2045 MULTIPLAN drafts. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item IX, Recommend the acknowledgement of the approved FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.** A motion was made by Lamar Rutland and seconded by Nick Connolly to recommend acknowledgement of the approved FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item X, Recommend the acknowledgement of the completion of the Pavement Management Plan.** A motion was made by Ginger Lowrey and seconded by Lamar Rutland to recommend acknowledgement of the completion of the Pavement Management Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item XI, Recommend the approval of the UPWP 2021-2022 Modifications (Corrections/Updates): the UPWP 2021-2022 inclusion of the Cares Act Grant funds that were awarded for Task 6, updates to the Organizational Chart, and the corrections to the Figure 2-Task Schedule.** Discussion was held. A motion was made by Lamar Rutland to recommend the approval of the UPWP 2021-2022 modifications. The motion was seconded by Ginger Lowrey. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item XII, Recommend the approval of the proposed TIP 2021-2024 Modifications:**

Discussion was held regarding:

*Addition of Sidewalk construction projects into the TIP, with possible change to a group format*

- Bus and Bus Facilities, Sidewalk 1 – Status: Grant Awarded. Section 5339 FTA FFY 2020 Small Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds \$1,831,200.00
- Bus and Bus Facilities, Sidewalk 2 – Status: *Application Phase*. Section 5339 FTA FFY 2018, 2019, and 2020 Small Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds \$611,491.00

*Construction of Overpass/Improvements project-Hall Avenue*

- Overpass over the Norfolk Southern rail line to include landscaped median.
- In addition, construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hall Avenue and Bay Street.

A motion was made by Lamar Rutland to recommend the approval of the 2021-2024 TIP modifications. The motion was seconded by Corey Proctor. The motion was unanimously approved.

**There came the matter of Item XIII, Public Comment Opportunity**  
No public comment at this time.

**There came the matter of Item XIV, Other Business/Local Business**

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO facilitated discussion regarding:

A. Discussion: RFP-Transit Master Plan

B. Discussion: Project Updates-LPAs

- City of Petal-John Weeks.
  1. The City is still moving forward with the Old Richton Road widening project. Submitted application for TA funds for the project.
- Forrest County-Nick Connolly.
  2. The County has completed the concrete/drainage portion of the construction project on J Ed Turner Road. The next phase will be to start building the plaza.
  3. The County's Country Club Road project plan/design is in progress.
  4. The County's Classic Drive project has been moved to 2022 and the County will be applying for additional funds.
- Lamar County-Michael Hershman
  5. The County is continuing the Old Highway 11 project, which is in the utilities relocation phase; ROW has been acquired and the final plan review is in progress.
  6. The County's Oak Grove Road/Weathersby Road Roundabout project is in the Environmental phase. Conceptual drawings have been reviewed by MDOT.
  7. The County's Oak Grove Road/Hegwood Road/Lincoln Road is in the design phase.
- City of Hattiesburg-Lamar Rutland
  8. The City is finishing the 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue construction project.

- C. MPO Policy Committee Chairmanship Rotation for FY21
  - Mayor Toby Barker, City of Hattiesburg, will be the new Chair.
  - Supervisor Warren Byrd, Lamar County, will be the new Vice-Chair.
- D. LRTP-Anticipated Special Called virtual meeting/electronic vote to recommend approval.  
The vote will take place in December 2020.
- E. Proxy Form updates will be sent to all of the LPA's to list FY21 voting members.

**There came the matter of Item XV, Meeting Adjournment.** Th next scheduled meeting is the Technical Committee meeting on January 13, 2021. There being no further business, a motion was made by Perry Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nick Connolly. The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: 1/13/21

Attest:

  
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Armendia Esters, Recording Secretary

Date: January 13, 2021

1. Call to Order/ Invocation Technical Committee Chairperson
2. Introductions/Identification of the LPA's voting delegates
3. Approve Agenda of the October 14, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting  
Approve, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting Agenda of October 14, 2020
4. Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2020
5. Approve Minutes of the August 12-14, 2020 Technical Committee Electronic Vote  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Minutes of the electronic vote for the 2021-2022 UPWP and the 2021-2024 TIP approval
6. Approve the 2020-2021 HPFL-MPO Technical & Policy Committee Calendar  
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Committees meeting dates for FY 2020-2021
7. Approve the setting of a public comment period, the setting of one (1) Virtual Public Hearing and one (1) publication for amendment of the HPFL-MPO Public Participation Plan.  
The amendment addresses the implementation of a new and safe electronic venue for public participation in HPFL-MPO public hearings that does not require social contact, due to COVID-19 concerns.
  - Public comment period will begin November 16, 2020 and will end December 30, 2020.
  - Virtual Public Hearing will be December 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
  - Publication Date of Notice: November 12, 2020

8. Acknowledge the setting of a public comment period, the setting of two (2) Virtual Public Hearings and two (2) publications providing notification of the same by the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the draft 2045 MULTIPLAN Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:
  - Public comment period will begin October 16, 2020 and will end November 30, 2020.
  - Virtual Public Hearing #1 will be October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
Publication Dates: October 8, 2020 and October 15, 2020
  - Virtual Public Hearing #2 will be November 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.  
Publication Dates: October 22, 2020 and October 29, 2020
9. Acknowledge the approved FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan  
[https://mdot.ms.gov/applications/five\\_year\\_plan/STIP.aspx](https://mdot.ms.gov/applications/five_year_plan/STIP.aspx)
10. Acknowledge completion of the Pavement Management Plan
11. Acknowledge the approved UPWP 2021-2022 Modifications (Corrections/Updates): Review of the UPWP 2021-2022 inclusion of the Cares Act Grant funds that were awarded for Task 6, updates to the Organizational Chart, and the corrections to the Figure 2-Task Schedule
12. Acknowledge TIP 2021-2024 Modifications
  1. Discussion: Addition of Sidewalk construction projects into the TIP, with change to a group format accommodating similar applications in the future
    - Bus and Bus Facilities, Sidewalk 1 – Status: Grant Awarded. Section 5339 FTA FFY 2020 Small Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds \$1,831,200.00
    - Bus and Bus Facilities, Sidewalk 2 – Status: *Application Phase*. Section 5339 FTA FFY 2018, 2019, and 2020 Small Urbanized Area Formula Program Funds \$611,491.00
  2. Discussion: Construction of Overpass/Improvements-Hall Avenue
    - Overpass over the Norfolk Southern rail line to include landscaped median, sidewalk on one side of the roadway and multiuse pathway on the other
    - In addition, construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hall and Bay Avenue
13. Public Comment Opportunity  
Discussion: This time is allotted for public input or comment.
14. Other Business/Local Business
  - A. Discussion: RFP-Transit Master Plan
  - B. Discussion: Project Updates-LPAs
  - C. MPO Policy Committee Chairmanship Rotation for FY21
  - D. LRTP-Anticipate Special Called virtual meeting for electronic vote to approve
  - E. Proxy form updates
15. Meeting Adjourned



## **Minutes of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization**

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 08, 2020**

The Technical Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session **JULY 08, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi & by computer, tablet, phone or smartphone for this Meeting.

#### **Technical Committee Voting Members Attending:**

Lamar Rutland, Director of Engineering	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Ginger Lowrey, Planning Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
John Weeks, Engineer, Shows, Dearman & Waits	City of Petal	Voting
Corey Procter Planning Director	Forrest County	Voting
Nick Connolly, Engineer, Shows, Dearman & Waits	Forrest County	Voting
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Don Walker, Engineer, Walker & Associates	Lamar County	Voting
Kelly Castleberry, P.E., District 6 LPA Engineer	MDOT	Voting
Perry Brown, P.E., Engineer	MDOT	Voting
Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg	

#### **Other Members Attending:**

Shundreka Givan	FHWA
Callison Richardson	Area Development Partnership
April Fairley, Public Involvement Coordinator	MDOT - Environmental Division
Sammy Holcomb, State Planning Engineer	

#### **MPO/HCT Staff**

Calvin Russell, MPO Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Addie West, MPO Administrative Assistant	City of Hattiesburg
Hema Goplan, MPO Specialist	City of Hattiesburg

#### **Visitors**

Spencer Robinson	MDOT
Trung Trinh	MDOT
Robert Walker	Neel Schaffer
Mark Sorrell	Neel Schaffer
Gabe Faggard	MDOT



**Called to Order/Introductions:**

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Technical Committee Special Called meeting was called to order by Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO at 10:00 a.m. Voting Delegates for each LPA were identified.

**AGENDA SESSION:**

**There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the July 8, 2020 HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Agenda.** After committee review, Don Walker need to be added as an attending member and add Callison Richardson as a member. A motion was made by Corey Proctor and seconded by Michael Hershman to Approve the Agenda with these two corrections. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

**There came the matter of Item IV, Review HPFL-MPO Technical Committee Minutes of April 8 and May 11, 2020.** After committee review, it was noticed that Don Walker and Callison Richardson need to be added as attending members on the April 8, 2020 Minutes. A motion was made by Corey Proctor and seconded by Michael Hershman to Approve the Agenda with these two corrections. A motion was made by Corey Proctor and seconded by Michael Hershman to Approve the Minutes for April 8 and May 11, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

**There came the matter of Item V, I-59/Hwy 49 Interchange**

Robert Walker explained about study of the I-59/Hwy 49 interchange and the Planning & Environmental statuses of the traffic area. He discussed the outdated Clover Leaf design and safety issues concerning the biggest traffic problems on North HWY 49 to South HWY 59. He needs help to Identify solutions that will address mobility and safety issues for the I59 /US 49 interchange in Hattiesburg. He discussed the need to get as much input from locals and any entities so everything is taken into consideration. He said more opportunities for entities to participate will be provided.

**Action Requested: No voting action required**

**There came the matter of Item VI, Interstate Legislation**

Andrew Ellard discussed need to make members aware of the I-14 legislation that will originate in Mississippi from Meridian I59 to Laur4el then South to Hattiesburg then to the Coast. MDOT and the Governor's Office has sent Letters of Support to the Legislation. This will be a Big Deal to have it come through Hattiesburg.

**Action Requested: No voting action required.**

**There came the matter of Item VII, TIP Projects Update from members**

Lamar Rutland-Hattiesburg-38<sup>th</sup> Ave-Working on Construction -Weather Permitting

John Weeks-Petal-Section on HWY 42-Working on Widening & Road Improvements-Weather Permitting

Nick Connolly-Forrest-Construction on Country Club Pedestrian Access-Concrete Halfway to J.E. Turner Rd

Don Walker-Lamar-Old HWY 11 Widen-Right of Way acquisitions to work out

-Request to visit Round About- Submit Plans to MDOT Round About Project

-Intersection Improvement Lincoln RD & Hegwood Planning c

Kelly Castleberry-MDOT-I59/HWY 42-Petal-South US 49-All Trees Cut-Vertical Wall Install HWY 589 in

-Purvis

**Action Requested: No voting action required.**

**There came the matter of Item VIII, Other Business/Local Business**

Vincent Nelms moved to the Coast and we are working to fill his position as well as others in HCT. We have Bus Shelters & Sidewalks to install and Several Buses to replace.

**Action Requested: No voting action required.**



**There came the matter of Item V, Adjournment.**

**The next scheduled Technical Committee meeting is on **OCTOBER 14, 2020.****

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Corey Proctor and seconded by Lamar Rutland to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried. Andrew Ellard adjourned the meeting.

  
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Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: 10/14/2020

Attest:  
  
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Addie West, Recording Secretary

Date: 10/14/2020



**ELECTRONIC VOTES of the  
Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 14, 2020**

**TO: HPFL-MPO TECHNICAL Committee Voting Members**

**The attached Memorandum serves as a reminder that at the last HPFL-MPO TECHNICAL Committee meeting, the members were told that an electronic vote would be needed for the**

**FINAL Approved DRAFTS of the:  
2021-2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)  
2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) attached.**

**PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVAL OR DENY:  
#1 2021-2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**

**PLEASE VOTE TO APPROVAL OR DENY:  
#2 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)**

**We received the Technical Committee Electronic Votes today & they voted to Approve both UPWP & TIP Unanimously.**

**Technical Committee Members:**

Lamar Rutland, Director of Engineering	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Ginger Lowrey, Planning Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
John Weeks, Engineer, Shows, Dearman & Waits	City of Petal	Voting
Amy Heath, Planning	City of Petal	Voting
Nick Connolly, Engineer	Forrest County	Voting
Corey Procter Planning Director	Forrest County	Voting
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Don Walker, Walker & Associates	Lamar County	Voting
Kelly Castleberry, P.E., District 6 Engineer	MDOT	Voting
Perry Brown, P.E., Engineer	MDOT	Voting

  
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Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: 8/14/2020

Attest:  
  
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Addie West, Recording Secretary

Date: 8/14/2020



# HPFL-MPO

## Technical & Policy Committee

### 2020-2021 Calendar

#### MPO MEETINGS

With some exceptions, HPFL-MPO **Technical Committee** meetings are scheduled for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each quarter, and HPFL-MPO **Policy Committee** meetings are scheduled for the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** of each quarter. All meetings are held at the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility located at 308 Newman Street, Hattiesburg MS at 10 a.m.

#### Public Participation

Public participation in the transportation process is encouraged. All meetings of the Policy and Technical committee meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may request time on the agenda of the HPFL-MPO committees to comment on specific subjects of interest to the representatives. A minimum of two weeks advance notice should be given for requested agenda time. Agendas for regular meetings also include time for general public comments. Virtual attendance by phone or computer may also be arranged by contacting the MPO office at 601.545.6259 at least one day in advance of the meeting.

#### MPO 2020-2021 MEETING DATES

<b>OCTOBER 14, 2020</b>	<b>Technical Committee</b>
<b>OCTOBER 21, 2020</b>	<b>Policy Committee**</b>
<b>JANUARY 13, 2021</b>	<b>Technical Committee</b>
<b>JANUARY 27, 2021</b>	<b>Policy Committee</b>
<b>APRIL 14, 2021</b>	<b>Technical Committee</b>
<b>APRIL 28, 2021</b>	<b>Policy Committee</b>
<b>JULY 14, 2021</b>	<b>Technical Committee</b>
<b>JULY 28, 2021</b>	<b>Policy Committee</b>
<b>OCTOBER 13, 2021</b>	<b>Technical Committee</b>
<b>OCTOBER 27, 2021</b>	<b>Policy Committee**</b>

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Mississippi Department of Transportation

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and three of the state's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) invite public review and comments on MULTIPLAN 2045 (Mississippi's Unified Long-Range Transportation Infrastructure Plan for the year 2045).

MULTIPLAN 2045 is a coordinated effort to develop MDOT's statewide long-range transportation plan and the plans for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) MPO, the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar (HPFL) MPO, and the Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) MPO. It includes four separate plans that are developed simultaneously for consistency. MULTIPLAN 2045 addresses our transportation needs over a 25-year horizon and is updated every five years. The public is encouraged to review MULTIPLAN 2045 and make official comments. All comments received during the comment period will be considered prior to plan adoption.

Each proposed plan is located at [www.mstransportationplan2045.com](http://www.mstransportationplan2045.com) and will be available there for official review and comment during the timeframes indicated below:

CMPDD draft plan: Sept. 19 - Nov. 2, 2020

Statewide, HPFL, and GRPC draft plans: Oct. 16 – Nov. 30

Additionally, MDOT is hosting three joint virtual public meetings that will provide the public with the opportunity to hear presentations and make live comments on the proposed MULTIPLAN 2045. Information on the virtual meetings follows:

### VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date/Time	Hosts	Proposed Plans Available for Review
Thursday, Oct. 22, 6pm	MDOT and Central Mississippi Planning and Development District	Statewide Long-Range Plan and the Jackson area Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Tuesday, Oct. 27 6pm	MDOT and Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO	Statewide Long-Range Plan and the HPFL Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Thursday, Oct. 29 6pm	MDOT and Gulf Regional Planning Commission	Statewide Long-Range Plan and the Gulf Coast Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Individuals who would like to participate in the virtual public meetings should visit [www.mstransportationplan2045.com](http://www.mstransportationplan2045.com) using a smart phone or computer for more information. After these meetings, recordings of the presentations will be available on the same website until the end of the 45-day comment periods listed above.

STATE RAIL PLAN UPDATE: MDOT is now updating its Mississippi State Rail Plan. At each of the MULTIPLAN virtual meetings listed above, state rail plan information will be presented, and MDOT representatives will be available to take comments. The proposed Rail Plan is expected to be available on [www.gomdot.com](http://www.gomdot.com) (MDOT's website) in late 2020.

Anyone who may require auxiliary aids or special accommodations to participate should advise MDOT at least 10 business days in advance by calling 601.359.7685 or emailing [planning@mdot.ms.gov](mailto:planning@mdot.ms.gov).

Visit [mstransportationplan2045.com](http://mstransportationplan2045.com) to learn more.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (HPFL-MPO) invites public review and comments on the HPFL Metropolitan Transportation Plan and MULTIPLAN 2045, the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Infrastructure Plan through the year 2045.

MULTIPLAN 2045 is a coordinated effort to develop MDOT's statewide long-range transportation plan and the plans for the HPFL-MPO and other MPOs in the state. All plans are developed simultaneously for consistency. MULTIPLAN 2045 addresses our transportation needs over a 25-year horizon and is updated every five years. The public is encouraged to review MULTIPLAN 2045 and make official comments. All comments received during the comment period will be considered prior to plan adoption.

The proposed plan is located at [www.mstransportationplan2045.com](http://www.mstransportationplan2045.com) as well as [www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo](http://www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo) and will be available there for official review and comment during from Oct. 16 – Nov. 30, 2020.

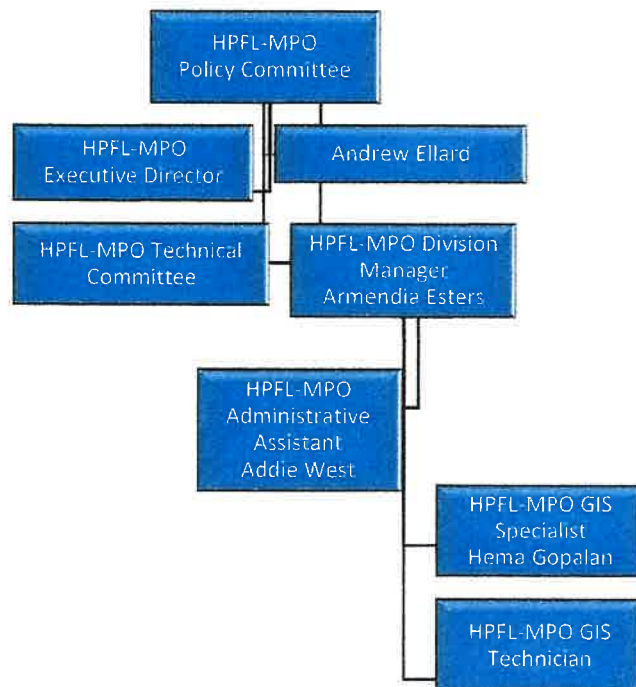
Additionally, HPFL-MPO is hosting a virtual public meeting on the matter at 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2020. This will include a recorded presentation from MDOT from earlier hearings as well as live interaction that will provide the public with the opportunity make comments on the proposed MULTIPLAN 2045.

Individuals who would like to participate in the virtual public meetings should contact the HPFL-MPO at 601.554.1008 by 1:00 p.m. on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Access to the hearing will be available by computer, smart phone, or land line telephone. Recordings of an October 27 presentations will also be available soon after October 27 at [www.mstransportationplan2045.com](http://www.mstransportationplan2045.com) until the end of the 45-day comment period.

Anyone who may require auxiliary aids or special accommodations to participate should advise the HPFL-MPO at least 10 business days in advance by calling 601.554.1008 or emailing [aesters@hattiesburgms.com](mailto:aesters@hattiesburgms.com).



Figure 1



As a small organization, the HPFL-MPO's effectiveness also depends on its ability to form collaborative partnerships with a variety of stakeholders, including community groups, health care professionals, school/college administrators, utility companies, the Chamber of Commerce, and economic development groups on programs, projects and initiatives.



## Financial Summary

The estimated funding available to the HPFL-MPO for 2021 and 2022, respectively, totals **\$1,739,388.25** in federal, state, and local funds. The Federal and Local funding will be available over the two year period. Please be aware that funding estimates are based upon prior years' authorizations; approvals are made contingent upon legislation for continued funding.

The Unified Planning Work Program currently addressed planning funds administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation under three programs.

- Federal Highway Administration Planning Funds (PL-Funds)
- Federal Transit Administration Flex Funding Program (5305 Funds)
- PL carryover funds have been reduced by paid invoices and pending invoices

The Mississippi Department of Transportation provides a share of the non-federal matched for the Flex Fund programs. The City of Hattiesburg provides local monies and in-kind services for PL-funds and transit funds.

Table of Revenue

ITEM	PL funds	5305 Funds	MDOT Match	Local Match	Total
<b>Carryover</b>	\$589,942.00	\$210,519.00	\$52,630.00	\$147,485.00	\$1,000,576.00
<b>FY 2021</b>	\$234,040.00	\$58,559.00	\$14,640.00	\$58,510.00	\$365,749.00
<b>FY 2022</b>	\$238,721.00	\$59,730.00	\$14,932.00	\$59,680.25	\$373,063.25
<b>Total</b>	\$1,062,703.00	\$328,808.00	\$82,202.00	\$265,675.25	\$1,739,388.25

Task	PL	5305	MDOT Match	Local Match	Total
<b>1</b>	\$340,515.00	\$235,439.00	\$58,859.75	\$85,128.25	\$719,942.00
<b>2</b>	\$173,780.00	\$68,369.00	\$17,092.25	\$43,445.00	\$302,686.25
<b>3</b>	\$157,853.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,463.25	\$197,316.25
<b>4</b>	\$27,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,893.75	\$34,468.75
<b>5</b>	\$362,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,745.00	\$453,725.00
<b>6</b>	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$0	\$31,250.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1,062,703.00	\$328,808.00	\$82,202.00	\$240,675.75	\$1,739,388.25



### FY 2021-2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM BUDGET

<b>Work Task</b>	<b>Program/System</b>	<b>PL-Funds</b>	<b>MDOT 5305 Flex Funds</b>	<b>MDOT Match</b>	<b>LOCAL / In-kind</b>
<b>Task 1.0</b>	<b>Administration/Management</b>	<b>\$340,515.00</b>	<b>\$235,439.00</b>	<b>\$58,859.75</b>	<b>\$85,128.25</b>
1.1	Program Administration	\$253,900	\$235,439	\$58,859.75	\$63,474.25
1.2	Committee Support	\$37,121	\$0	\$0	\$9,280
1.3	Staff Travel and Training	\$19,797	\$0	\$0	\$4,949
1.4	Interagency Coordination	\$12,374	\$0	\$0	\$3,094
1.5	Public Participation	\$17,323	\$0	\$0	\$4,331
<b>Task 2.0</b>	<b>Data Development</b>	<b>\$173,780.00</b>	<b>\$68,369.00</b>	<b>\$17,092.75</b>	<b>\$43,445.00</b>
2.1	Transportation Data Collection	\$101,780	\$43,369	\$10,842.25	\$25,445
2.2	Technical Assistance	\$52,000	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$13,000
2.3	Training	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
<b>Task 3.0</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>\$157,853.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$39,463.25</b>
3.1	Manage Program Documents	\$102,682	\$0	\$0	\$25,670.50
3.2	Coordination with Transit Service Providers	\$55,171	\$0	\$0	\$13,792.75
<b>Task 4.0</b>	<b>Metropolitan Transportation Plan</b>	<b>\$27,575.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,893.75</b>
4.1	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Management and Planning	\$27,575	\$0	\$0	\$6,893.75
<b>Task 5.0</b>	<b>Special Studies</b>	<b>\$362,980.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$90,745</b>
5.1	Major Corridor Studies	\$71,490	\$0	\$0	\$17,872.50
5.2	Drainage Study relative to potential future project	\$171,490	\$0	\$0	\$42,873
5.3	Pavement Management Planning	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
<b>Task 6.0</b>	<b>Public Transportation</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$6,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>
6.1	Regional Transit Planning Study	\$0	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$0

*\*FHWA AND FTA Planning funds are consolidated under the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG)*

### **1.5 Public Participation**

The HPFL-MPO will engage the public in accordance with the Public Participation Plan (3P) and will meet the requirements of U.S. Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by:

- Conducting appropriate public hearings, public meetings and community outreach activities;
- Maintaining a database of media contacts for dissemination of public participation materials and notices;
- Producing and distributing a quarterly newsletter;
- Extending HPFL-MPO's outreach using the HPFL-MPO website, surveys, electronic newsletters, visualization tools and appropriate innovative participation techniques;
- Complying with the FTA/MDOT directive to maintain a Limited English Proficiency Program (LEP), wherein information and documents will be made available to the public in other languages upon request, to facilitate participation in HPFL-MPO plans, programs and activities; and
- Attending and participating in local meetings addressing transportation issues or issues that impact transportation concerns.

### ***Previous Work***

- MPO Administration and Management
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Quarterly Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) meetings
- MPO self-certification review
- Maintain interagency agreements
- MPO Planning and Technical Support
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Professional Development for MPO Staff and MPO Members
- Functional Roadway Classifications
- Supervision of staff assigned to Transportation Planning and MPO tasks
- Participation and coordination of federal and state programs
- Memorandum of Understanding between HPFL-MPO and MDOT
- Invoice, Budget and Quarterly Reports
- Participate in federal and state meetings
- Annual Audit

TASK 1.0 - ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT					
Task	PL	5305	MDOT Match	Local Match	Total
1	\$340,515.00	\$235,439.00	\$58,859.75	\$85,128.25	\$719,942.00

**EXPECTED PRODUCTS**

- Financial Management Plan: Develop budget for operating expenses,
- Fiscal and managerial oversight of HCT Operating and Capital expenses
- Preparation of plans and studies needed to improve efficiency of HCT
- Transit System Performance Monitoring
- Service Expansion Planning
- Executing marketing activities: advertising, and public relations plan and strategy for communicating and promoting Hub City Transit.
- Passenger Waiting Facility Improvement Studies
- Identifying and prioritizing transportation projects for developing a multimodal transportation system.
- The assessment of recommendation for other types of services as warranted

**PREVIOUS WORK**

An application was submitted for the CARES Act grant (5307 funds) and was awarded for the Regional Transit Planning Study.

TASK 6.0 – PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION					
Task	PL	5305	MDOT Match	Local Match	Total
6	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$0	\$156,250.00*

\*This total includes \$125,000 of a FTA CARES grant to the City of Hattiesburg for transit related planning, which is otherwise not accounted for in the UPWP figures.



### Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tasks Schedule

<b>Month</b>						
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>1.0 Admin</b>	<b>2.0 Data</b>	<b>3.0 Planning</b>	<b>4.0 MTP</b>	<b>5.0 Special</b>	<b>6.0 Trans</b>
<b>FY 2021</b>						
<b>Sub Tasks</b>						
<b>Oct</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2 .3	
<b>Nov</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.1 .2 .3	
<b>Dec</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.1 .2 .3	.1
<b>Jan</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2	.1	.1 .2 .3	.1
<b>Feb</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2 .3	.1
<b>Mar</b>	.1 .3 .4	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>Apr</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>May</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>Jun</b>	.1 .4 .3	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>Jul</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>Aug</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2	.1
<b>Sep</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>FY 2022</b>						
<b>Sub Tasks</b>						
<b>Oct</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>Nov</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
<b>Dec</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	
<b>Jan</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	
<b>Feb</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2	
<b>Mar</b>	.1 .3 .4	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	
<b>Apr</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2			
<b>May</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2			
<b>Jun</b>	.1 .4 .3	.1 .2	.1 .2			
<b>Jul</b>	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2			
<b>Aug</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1		
<b>Sep</b>	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2			



### **UPWP Amendment Process**

After the adoption of the FY 2021/2022 UPWP, any major change in the document must go through an amendment process. Changes in the UPWP, such as tasks priorities, inclusions or exclusion of projects or availability of additional funds, will require an amendment, to the adopted FY 2021-2022 UPWP.

An amendment to the UPWP must be considered by the MPO's Technical Committee and approved and adopted by the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee.



ID	Hub City Transit	Total Project Cost	\$4,280,365.00
Project Name/Route	Bus Stop Improvements (BSI)		
Termini	N/A		
Project Length	Continuous		
Project Description	Hub City Transit plans 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. Such improvements may be funded with a combination of Section 5307, Section 5339, or other eligible funds.		

Fiscal Year	Fund Source	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total Funds
2021	5339/5307	\$2,442,691.00	\$0	\$937,674.00	\$3,380,365.00
2022	5339/5307	\$240,000.00	\$0	\$60,000.00	\$300,000.00
2023	5339/5307	\$240,000.00	\$0	\$60,000.00	\$300,000.00
2024	5339/5307	\$240,000.00	\$0	\$60,000.00	\$300,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,162,691.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,117,674.00</b>	<b>\$4,280,365.00</b>

Bus Stop Improvements			
AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	Phase of Work	Federal Funds
Hattiesburg	Hub City Transit -001 BSI	E/D/ROW/CONS	\$1,831,200.00
Hattiesburg	Hub City Transit -002 BSI	E/D/ROW/CONS	\$611,491.00

Action History	
\$1,831,200.00 Grant Awarded (5339 Funds)	8/11/2020
Modification: TIP Page Change to Grouping BSI Projects	10/8/2020



ID		Total Project Cost	\$14,000,000
Project Name/Route	Hall Ave West. Overpass		
Termini	W Pine to Bay St.		
Funding Source:	FY2020 BUILD Grant		
Project Length	1 Mile		
Project Description	Construction of an overpass over the Norfolk Southern rail line and improvements to Hall Ave. to include landscaped median, sidewalk on one side of the roadway and multiuse pathway on the other. The project will also include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hall and Bay Ave.		

Fiscal Year	Stage	Federal Share	Local Share			Total Funds
2021	Design	\$1,800,000	\$0			\$1,800,000
2022	Enviro /ROW	\$600,000	\$0			\$600,000
2022	Const	\$10,823,900	\$776,100			\$11,600,000
<b>Total</b>		\$13,223,900				<b>14,000,000</b>

### Action History/Comments

	Date:
	Date:

