



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

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING October 21, 2020

The Policy Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session on **October 21, 2020** at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Hattiesburg Intermodal Facility in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and via the HPFL-MPO Virtual Meeting Room.

Policy Committee Members Present-Virtual Attendance:

Warren Byrd, Supervisor	Lamar County (Voting)
Lamar Rutland, P.E.	City of Hattiesburg (Voting)
Shundreka Givan, Project Development Team Leader	FHWA (Non-voting)
Perry Brown, P.E.	MDOT (Voting)

Policy Committee Member Present-In Person Attendance:

Chris Bowen, Supervisor	Forrest County (Voting)
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MPO/HCT Staff

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg
Armendia Esters, MPO Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Stephanie Hall Campos, Public Engagement Coordinator	City of Hattiesburg (In-Person)

Visitors

Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County
David Seyfarth, P.E.	MDOT
Chuck Starita, P.E.	MDOT
Doug Wimberly, P.E.	Neel-Schaffer (In-Person)
Geoffrey Crosby, P.E.	Neel-Schaffer (In-Person)

Call to Order/Introductions:

Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Warren Byrd, Vice-Chairperson of HPFL-MPO. Voting Delegates were identified.

AGENDA SESSION:

There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Meeting Agenda of October 21, 2020. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to accept the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item IV, Review and Comment on the HPFL-MPO Policy meeting minutes for July 22, 2020. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to approve the minutes with requested corrections made. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item V, Review and Comment on the HPFL-MPO Policy Electronic Voting minutes for August 14, 2020. An electronic vote was held on the matter to approve the 2021-2022 UPWP and the 2021-2024 TIP of the HPFL-MPO. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item VI, The approval of the 2020-2021 HPFL-MPO Technical & Policy Committee Calendar. A motion was made by Chris Bowen to recommend the approval of the 2020-2021 HPFL-MPO Technical & Policy Committee Calendar. The motion was seconded by Perry Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item VII, 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 Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to acknowledge 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, 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 Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to acknowledge the setting 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, The acknowledgement of the approved FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to acknowledge the approved FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item X, The acknowledgement of the completion of the Pavement Management Plan. A motion was made by Chris Bowen and seconded by Perry Brown to acknowledge the completion of the Pavement Management Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item XI, Approve 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 to review the proposed changes. A motion was made by Chris Bowen to approve the UPWP 2021-2022 modifications. The motion was seconded by Perry Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

There came the matter of Item XII, Approve 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 Chris Bowen to approve the 2021-2024 TIP modifications. The motion was seconded by Perry Brown. 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 38th Avenue construction project.
- C. MPO Policy Committee Chairmanship Rotation for FY21
 - Mayor Toby Barker, City of Hattiesburg, is the new Chairman.
 - Supervisor Warren Byrd, Lamar County, is the new Vice-Chairman.
- 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. The next scheduled Policy Committee meeting is on January 27, 2021. There being no further business, a motion was made by Chris Bowen to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Perry Brown. The meeting was adjourned.



Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: 1/27/21

Attest:



Armendia Esters, Recording Secretary

Date: January 27, 2021



Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization
Hattiesburg Train Depot Community Room * 308 Newman Street * Hattiesburg,
Mississippi

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 21, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Policy Committee Chairperson
2. Introductions/Identification of voting members
3. Approve Agenda of the October 21, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting
Approve, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Meeting
Agenda of October 21, 2020
4. Approve Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Policy Committee Meeting
Minutes of July 22, 2020
5. Approve Minutes of the August 14, 2020 Policy Committee Electronic Vote
Adopt, Deny or Amend the HPFL-MPO Policy 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 (PPP).
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
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
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 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. LRTP-Anticipate Special Called virtual meeting for electronic vote to approve
 - D. Proxy form updates
15. Meeting Adjourned



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Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization**

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2020

The **POLICY** Committee of the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization met in session **JULY 22, 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.

Policy Committee Voting Members Attending:

Mayor Toby Barker	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
John Weeks, Engineer, Shows, Dearman & Waits	City of Petal	Voting
Chris Bowen, District 5 Supervisor	Forrest County	Voting
Michael Hershman, County Planner	Lamar County	Voting
Kelly Castleberry, P.E., District 6 Engineer	MDOT	Voting

Others Members:

Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO	City of Hattiesburg
Lamar Rutland, Director of Engineering	City of Hattiesburg
Ginger Lowrey, Planning Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Caroline Miles, Planning	City of Hattiesburg
Don Walker, Engineer, Walker & Associates	Lamar County
Lee Frederick, P.E., State LPA Engineer	MDOT
Perry Brown, P.E., Engineer	MDOT
Necole Baker, LPA Office Coordinator	MDOT
Shundreka R. Givan	FHWA
Callison Richardson	Area Development Partnership

MPO/HCT Staff

Calvin Russell, MPO Division Manager	City of Hattiesburg
Addie West, HPFL-MPO Administrative Assistant	City of Hattiesburg
Hema Gopalan, GIS Specialist	City of Hattiesburg

Visitors:

None.

Called to Order/Introductions:

The Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO **POLICY** Committee meeting was called to order by On Call to Order, Chairman Chris Bowen called the meeting to order following Andrew Ellard's identification of all attendees and voting members.

AGENDA SESSION:

There came the matter of Item III, Approval of the July 22, 2020, 2020 HPFL-MPO POLICY Committee Agenda. A motion was made by Mayor Toby Barker and seconded by Michael Hershman to Approve the Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

There came the matter of Item IV, Review of the April 15 and May 15, 2020 HPFL-MPO POLICY Committee Minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes and a suggestion was made by Chris Bowen to give a short description with the project number for future clarification. A motion was made by Mayor Toby Barker and seconded by John Weeks to Approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried.

There came the matter of Item V, Memorandum of Agreement-The Tri-Party Agreement with MDOT & City Of Hattiesburg

Discussion: Andrew Ellard reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement-The Tri-Party Agreement with MDOT and the City of Hattiesburg as the local transit provider, renewing the commitment of the HPFL-MPO to serve in its transportation planning capacity. Andrew Ellard explained to the committee that The Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Hub City Transit (HCT), a division of the City of Hattiesburg, as the designated transit provider for the Hattiesburg, Mississippi metropolitan planning area (MPA) shall undertake a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive performance-based multimodal transportation planning and programming process for the MPA in accordance with the state and regional goals for metropolitan planning. A motion was made by Mayor Toby Barker and seconded by Kelly Castleberry to Vote to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement-Tri-Party Agreement with MDOT and the City of Hattiesburg. motion passed unanimously with the Chair abstaining. The motion carried.

There came the matter of Item VI, Interstate Legislation

Andrew Ellard discussed need to make members aware of the I-14 legislation that would include a section of interstate passing through Mississippi through Meridian, south along I-59 to Laurel, westward through Brookhaven and Natchez, but would also include an Interstate quality spur south from Laurel through Hattiesburg and southward to the Port of Gulfport. MDOT and the Governor's Office have sent Letters of Support to the Legislation. The HPFL-MPO has also provided a letter of support.

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

Lamar Rutland-Hattiesburg:	38th Ave -Working on Construction & pouring concrete causing area to be congested
John Weeks-Petal:	Hardy Street -Working with MDOT on data about Roundabouts
	Section on HWY 42- Old Richton Road -Working on Right of Way (ROW) & Widening Road-Hope to obtain ROW by the end of the year
John Weeks-Forrest:	Construction on Country Club Pedestrian Access -Concrete poured Halfway to J.E. Turner Rd
	East Hardy Street Bridge replacement (EBRB) - ROW Acquisitions in the next couple of months

Don Walker-Lamar: **Old HWY 11-Widen-Right of Way** acquisitions largely complete working with all Utilities along the routes
Old HWY 24-Submit Plans to MDOT Round About Project
Oak Grove Rd /Weathersby Road Intersection-Roundabout Planning Stage acquiring new plans

Kelly Castleberry-MDOT: **I59/HWY 42-Petal-** Widen Road-Lane Drop-2 Lanes headed North-Out West have not be Identified-Working on Identifying Funds for Projects
PreliminaryLar Study HWY49/HWY 59-Redoing entire area-Will talk to all

Stakeholders

Andrew Ellard suggested that they involve Area Development & USM into the discussion

Chris Bowen asked about **I-59** between **Evelyn Gandy Pkwy** and **HWY 98** having a study done. Kelly Castleberry said they are Identifying Funds

Sullivan Kilrain Road-Plans for a Roundabout-Have Concepts & ROW

South **US 49**-Installing Retaining Walls from Camp Shelby to Carnes Road

Detour Roads South Bound five locations-Progressing on time

Black Creek Bridge South Bound Lane-Repaired-Recoated Steele that will last for a while-North Bound is in good condition

Action Requested: No voting action required.

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

Andrew Ellard reminded committee about Updates to the **Long Range Transportation Plan, 2021-2024 TIP** and the **2021-2022 UPWP**. There will be **Electronic Vote** for the 2021-2024 TIP and the 2021-2022 UPWP for Technical Committee and Policy Committee after the 45-day comment period.

There came the matter of Item IX, Adjournment.

The next scheduled **POLICY** Committee meeting is on **OCTOBER 21, 2020**. Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Toby Barker and seconded by Michael Hershman to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion carried. Chris Bowen adjourned the meeting.



Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: 10/21/2020

Attest:


Addie West, Recording Secretary

Date: 10/21/2020



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

**POLICY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 14, 2020**

TO: HPFL-MPO POLICY Committee Voting Members

The attached Memorandum serves as a reminder that at the last HPFL-MPO POLICY 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. We sent out the Electronic Vote from the Policy Committee Voting Members and received votes from, Hattiesburg, Petal, Forrest, Lamar & MDOT to Approve both UPWP & TIP.

Policy Committee Voting Members:

Mayor Toby Barker	City of Hattiesburg	Voting
Mayor Hal Marx	City of Petal	Voting
Chris Bowen, District 5 Supervisor	Forrest County	Voting
Warren Byrd, District 2 Supervisor	Lamar County	Voting
Kelly Castleberry, P.E., District 6 Engineer	MDOT	Voting


Andrew Ellard, Executive Director of HPFL-MPO

Date: 8/14/2020

Attest:

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 **2nd Wednesday** of each quarter, and HPFL-MPO **Policy Committee** meetings are scheduled for the **4th 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

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

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 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 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 (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.

Visit 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 as well as www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo and will be available there for official review and comment during from Oct. 16 – Nov. 30, 2020.

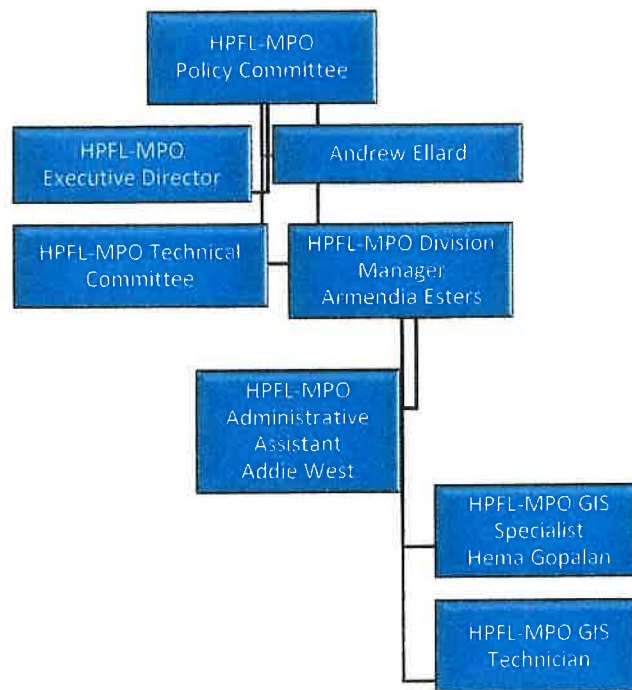
Additionally, HPFL-MPO is hosting a virtual public meeting on the matter at 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2020. This will include a recorded presentation from MDOT from earlier hearings as well as live interaction that will provide the public with the opportunity make comments on the proposed MULTIPLAN 2045.

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 9th. 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 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.



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
Carryover	\$589,942.00	\$210,519.00	\$52,630.00	\$147,485.00	\$1,000,576.00
FY 2021	\$234,040.00	\$58,559.00	\$14,640.00	\$58,510.00	\$365,749.00
FY 2022	\$238,721.00	\$59,730.00	\$14,932.00	\$59,680.25	\$373,063.25
Total	\$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
1	\$340,515.00	\$235,439.00	\$58,859.75	\$85,128.25	\$719,942.00
2	\$173,780.00	\$68,369.00	\$17,092.25	\$43,445.00	\$302,686.25
3	\$157,853.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,463.25	\$197,316.25
4	\$27,575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,893.75	\$34,468.75
5	\$362,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,745.00	\$453,725.00
6	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$0	\$31,250.00
Total	\$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

Work Task	Program/System	PL-Funds	MDOT 5305 Flex Funds	MDOT Match	LOCAL / In-kind
Task 1.0	Administration/Management	\$340,515.00	\$235,439.00	\$58,859.75	\$85,128.25
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
Task 2.0	Data Development	\$173,780.00	\$68,369.00	\$17,092.75	\$43,445.00
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
Task 3.0	Planning	\$157,853.00	\$0	\$0	\$39,463.25
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
Task 4.0	Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$27,575.00	\$0	\$0	\$6,893.75
4.1	Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Management and Planning	\$27,575	\$0	\$0	\$6,893.75
Task 5.0	Special Studies	\$362,980.00	\$0	\$0	\$90,745
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
Task 6.0	Public Transportation	\$0	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$0
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

Month						
Tasks	1.0 Admin	2.0 Data	3.0 Planning	4.0 MTP	5.0 Special	6.0 Trans
FY 2021						
Sub Tasks						
Oct	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2 .3	
Nov	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.1 .2 .3	
Dec	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.1 .2 .3	.1
Jan	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2	.1	.1 .2 .3	.1
Feb	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2 .3	.1
Mar	.1 .3 .4	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	.1
Apr	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
May	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
Jun	.1 .4 .3	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
Jul	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	.1
Aug	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2	.1
Sep	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
FY 2022						
Sub Tasks						
Oct	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
Nov	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	.1
Dec	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2		.2	
Jan	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	
Feb	.1 .4	.1 .2	.1 .2	.1	.2	
Mar	.1 .3 .4	.1 .2 .3	.1 .2		.2	
Apr	.1 .2 .3 .5	.1 .2	.1 .2			
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Sep	.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
TOTAL		\$3,162,691.00	\$0	\$1,117,674.00	\$4,280,365.00

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 Ave. and Bay St.		

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
Total		\$13,223,900				14,000,000

Action History/Comments	
	Date:
	Date:

