



# Central Update

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## Transportation Planning Public Participation

Public participating is an integral part of the transportation planning process. The Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO's) Public Participation Plan outlines the methods used by CMPDD to provide a proactive public involvement process. In December, CMPDD published a summary of the MPO's participation activities for Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2019) on CMPDD's website <http://www.cmpdd.org/public-participation-plan/>. An overview of 2019 activities included:

- 17 Committee Meetings with 323 in Attendance
- 20 Public Speaking Events
- 3 Public Meetings
- 40+ Citizens Attending the Long-Range Plan Kick Off Meeting
- 136 Online Surveys Completed
- 4 Newspaper/TV Interviews
- 30+ Newspaper Mentions
- 1 Community Fair Event
- 3 Public Review and Comment Opportunities

The MPO's Public Participation Plan is a living document that is continuously reviewed for revisions to improve the participation process. Effective transportation planning must include the participation of those whose everyday lives are affected by how they are able to get to work, home, school, stores, and other services. 2020 will offer citizens several opportunities to be engaged in the regional transportation process. All public opportunities for citizen involvement are posted on CMPDD website, <http://www.cmpdd.org/public-notice/>. We look forward to hearing from you in 2020 as you help the Jackson MPO shape the regional transportation system.

**Jackson MPO**  
Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization

Reporting: October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2019

### Annual Outreach Report

Public Participation is an integral part of the transportation planning process. The Jackson MPO's public outreach policies are laid out in the MPO's Public Participation Plan. This Annual Outreach Report provides an overview of the participation activities the MPO implemented over the past year. This report covers the 2019 Federal Fiscal Year (FY) of October 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2019.

<p><b>MOST VISITED PAGE on the MPO Website</b></p> <p>Transit</p> <p>425 page views</p> <p><a href="http://www.cmpdd.org/transit/">http://www.cmpdd.org/transit/</a></p> <p>www.cmpdd.org 75,113 page views 22,400 visitors</p>	<p><b>Facebook</b></p> <p>200+ Likes 200+ Followers</p>	<p><b>2019</b></p> <p>17 Committee Meetings</p> <p>323 in Attendance</p> <p>20 Public Speaking Events</p> <p>Public Meetings 3 Interviews 4 Newspaper Mentions 30+ Community Fair Events 1 TIP Amendment Review Opportunities 2</p>
<p><b>MPO Grant Awards</b></p> <p>February Announced STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) Awards <b>\$32.7 million 31 Projects</b></p> <p>May Announced TA (Transportation Alternatives) Grant Awards <b>\$1.9 million 5 Projects</b></p>	<p>Central Mississippi Planning and Development District Published by Don Smith on March 25</p> <p>JACKSON, MS - The Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) announced the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved \$32.7 million in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for metro area transportation projects aimed at reducing congestion and improving the safety and efficiency of the regional transportation system. The STBG program is a federal aid transportation program that provides funding through...</p>	



Central Mississippi Planning and Development District  
Published by Don Smith on March 25

If you were not able to join us for our public meeting to help prioritize and set goals for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, we still want to gather your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the brief survey below. The survey will be open thru March 30th.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/multipianCMPDD>

**SURVEY**



## CMPDD Receives National Awards

The CMPDD received a 2019 Impact Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation for the Tougaloo College Master Plan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to develop a viable long term plan for the properties owned by Tougaloo College which are adjacent to the campus. Tougaloo College owns approximately 375 acres that is located in both Hinds and Madison County as well as the Cities of Jackson and Ridgeland. District planners worked with planners from each jurisdiction to create opportunities for quality development that will complement the campus as well as the surrounding area. The plan includes reserving land for campus expansion as well as a site specific land use plan for various types of development along with recommended zoning designations. The District utilized its drone capabilities as well as 3-D modeling to develop a conceptual layout of the proposed developments.

The District also received an Impact Award for the City of Vicksburg’s Mississippi Center for Innovation and Tech Transfer.

The City of Vicksburg is repairing and expanding an old deteriorating parking lot and converting it into a formal parking area on city-owned property. This parking lot supports the development of a new and unique Mississippi Center for Innovation and Tech Transfer and provides additional parking for the City of Vicksburg’s Convention Center, located directly across the street from the project site. Both sites support workforce development, business entrepreneurship, higher education, state technology transfer, and tourism for new job creation.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promote programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The association’s Impact Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and their partners for improving the economic and community



competitiveness of our nation’s regions and local communities.

Award-winning projects were honored during NADO’s 2019 Annual Training Conference, held October 19-22 in Reno, NV. The 2019 class of award recipients consists of 100 projects from 66 organizations spanning 24 states. These projects are presented in an interactive “Story Map” developed by NADO and CivicLens that includes project summaries and partners. The Story Map is available online at: <https://www.nado.org/impactawards/>.

“The Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Awards program is an opportunity each year for NADO to publicly recognize the important services that regional development organizations deliver to their local communities,” said 2018-2019 NADO President Scott Koons, executive director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, located in Gainesville. “The projects awarded have made significant impacts on their regions and demonstrate the diversity of programs and resources provided by regional development organizations across the country.”

The NADO Impact Awards are presented in honor of the late Aliceann Wohlbruck who was NADO’s first executive director and served 24 years as an untiring champion for regional approaches to economic development in rural communities.

For more information about this award-winning project, contact Mitzi Stubbs at 601.981.1511.

The projects will be recognized at a special reception during NADO’s 2020 Annual Training Conference, scheduled for October 19-22, in Reno, Nevada and will be featured in an interactive online Story Map released in October.

## City Clerks Meeting

CMPDD hosted a luncheon/meeting for the City Clerks in the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District. The Clerks shared their best practices with each other and discussed issues that directly affect their jobs. After business was conducted, the City Clerks celebrated the Christmas season and exchanged gifts using the Dirty Santa game. We are very happy to facilitate meetings as such because increased efficiency greatly benefits our participating governments and those they represent.



# Aging Advisory Committee

During the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) Board of Directors September 11, 2019 meeting, 21 individuals were appointed to serve for two (2) years on the Aging Advisory Committee. They were nominated by local, city, and county officials to represent their respective counties. One of the main responsibilities of this committee will be to work with District's Area Agency on Aging staff in developing home and community based services for older adults in central Mississippi.



Members of the committee are listed below by county/area:

**Copiah County**

Daisy E. Price  
Daphine Foster

**Hinds County**

Annie G. Edwards  
Shirley Graham

**Madison County**

D.I. Smith  
Jesse Garrison

**Rankin County**

Ruth Gullette  
Dave Bledsoe

**Simpson County**

Donna Benson Craft  
Georgia Smith

**Warren County**

Kay King  
Marian Banks

**Yazoo County**

Lula Starling  
Joe Smith

**City of Jackson**

Frank Figgers  
Cynthia Dorsey Smith  
Charlotte Reeves  
Juanita Blackmon  
Dr. Ivory Phillips  
Corrine Fox  
Denise Drake

For more information on the Aging Advisory Committee, please contact Chelsea Crittle, PhD at 601.981.1516.

# Madison County Adopts Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance

The Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2019 Madison County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance in November 2019, which was developed by CMPDD Planners. The County's Comprehensive Plan is available online in Story Map form through the Department of Planning and Zoning's webpage



or at <https://www.madison-co.com/madison-county-comprehensive-plan>. The updated Plan has been released in Story Map, which is a web-based format that appears as a website with interactive graphics and maps. Web-based plans provide greater access to the document for current and prospective property owners and investors. The Plan update includes revisions to all four elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Community Facilities Plan. The Comprehensive Plan update sets the foundation and vision for updates to the County's Zoning Ordinance and Map. The Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted in 2012 and amended in 2017 and 2018, has been streamlined and simplified allowing it to become more user-friendly. The Zoning Map updates reflects development in the central area of the County with a comprehensive rezoning of properties that were previously designed agriculture but development as residential subdivisions.



## JSU Transportation Panel

In October, CMPDD Planners David Wade and Lesley Callender participated in Jackson State University's Annual Department of Urban & Regional Planning Brown Bag Panel Discussion. This year's panel discussion focused on "Planning for Infrastructure that Benefit All". The annual event is held by JSU to promote National Community Planning Month.



## PLANNING UPDATES

CMPDD Planners are currently working with the Town of Puckett and the Cities of Pearl and Yazoo City on updates to their Comprehensive Plans. Each of these Plans will be produced in an online Story Map format and include an interactive map viewer. Planners anticipate adoption of each plan in early 2020.

### CMPDD to Update District 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan

CMPDD was awarded a contract from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan for MEMA's District 5, which expires in 2020. Local governments included in this plan are Claiborne County and Port Gibson; Hinds County, Bolton, Edwards, Raymond, and Utica; Issaquena County and Mayersville; Sharkey County, Anguilla, Cary, and Rolling Fork; Simpson County, Braxton, D'Lo, Magee, and Mendenhall; and the Cities of Canton, Crystal Springs, Madison and Puckett. The 2020 – 2025 update will include recent disaster and/or hazard events, critical facilities, and mitigation actions.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local jurisdictions to maintain an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to maintain grant eligibility for certain pre- and post-disaster grant programs available through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, Plans are required to be reviewed and updated every five (5) years

to account for any changes that might have occurred that could increase or decrease a communities risk to a particular hazard. Predicting where the next disaster will occur and how severe its impact will be on a community is difficult. Given the right conditions natural disasters, such as tornadoes and flash floods, can occur at anytime and anyplace. Their human and financial consequences can be significant. Mitigation planning is intended to assist communities in determining their risks to natural disasters and developing an action plan to address the known risks by lessening the impact of natural disasters when they do take place.

CMPDD anticipates working with our local governments to update their individual Hazard Mitigation Plans prior to their expiration in the coming months as well.

### District's AICP Planners Attend Training

In October, CMPDD's planners attended the Mississippi and Alabama Chapters of American Planning Association's Joint Annual Planning Conference in Hunstville, Alabama. Planners attended sessions related to alternative transportation methods, conducting inventories of sidewalk infrastructure, and planning for and with technology. These sessions provided new approaches and best practices for the applicable subject matter, which can be implemented in our member governments' plans and ordinances.

## Community Development Block Grant Update

The Town of Puckett was awarded a 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and received \$418,000 in CDBG funds to convert the old Town Hall building into a Senior Citizen Center. The building was updated and renovated to be handicapped accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Prior to the senior center, the senior citizens in the town did not have a meeting place available where they could gather and have activities such as

Meals on Wheels, exercise classes, etc. Now that construction is complete, the citizens in the community have access to the new senior center to meet and hold various activities.

CMPDD has also provided CDBG administration services to the Towns of Bentonia, Edwards, Utica, and Wesson. Administrative services include professional services procurement, environmental clearance, compliance

with all HUD and MDA regulations, and financial management and oversight (including submission of requests for cash, reporting compliance, and closeout assistance). Although the construction phase has not yet begun, we will continue to provide administration services in order to move forward with each project.

For additional information on the CDBG program, please contact Mitzi Stubbs or Jason Larry, 601.981.1511.

# District Completes Update of Pavement Management System

The Pavement Management System is an inventory of the functionally classified, non-state maintained, principal arterial, minor arterial, and collector roadways in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). Each year, on a three (3) year cyclical basis, District staff completes a reassessment of the pavement conditions for Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties by completing roadway condition surveys for each roadway in each of the respective counties. For 2019, the District completed the reassessment for Madison County.

Data is collected for the Pavement Management System by inventorying the roadways through the use of windshield surveys. Windshield surveys are conducted by driving the entire length of the roadway and determining the level of degradation that has occurred. When collecting the survey data, the types of cracking are identified, such as longitudinal/transverse line, alligator or edge cracking. Other surface impediments that may be present are patching, rutting, potholes, heaves and/or swells and poor storm water drainage issues, just to name a few.

Once the data collection process is complete the information is analyzed using the District's Deighton Total Infrastructure Management System (dTIMS) software program. Based on



the input data dTIMS assigns a numeric value, or Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating, to each road segment which indicates from highest to lowest which roadway segments in the JUA are in the poorest condition.

With the data collection process completed in Madison County in 2019, a pavement condition reassessment will be conducted in 2020 for the functionally classified roadways in Hinds County. If you have questions concerning the Pavement Management System please contact Scott Burge at 601.981.1511 or by email at [sburge@cmpdd.org](mailto:sburge@cmpdd.org).

## CMPDD's Medicaid Waiver Program Update

CMPDD's Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver program provides Case Management (CM) and Home Delivered Meal (HDM) services to Medicaid eligible elderly and/or disabled recipients who desire to remain in their home setting. The Registered Nurse and Licensed Social Worker work together as a team to coordinate all approved Waiver services and conduct monthly home visits to assure the approved services are meeting the clients' needs.

The Mississippi Board of Nursing has enacted continuing education (CE) requirements for all nurses in Mississippi for the December 2020 license renewal cycle. Registered Nurses must complete a minimum of 20 contact hours of approved continuing education per renewal period. CMPDD RN's will complete 20 hours of CE prior to December 31, 2020. Thereafter, they will complete 20 hours of CE over a two (2) year

period prior to licensure expiration on December 31 of even-numbered years.

In November 2019, the Division of Medicaid included a system update to LTSS (Long-Term Services & Support) that added the Community Support Program (CSP). The program is now listed on the Informed Choice form and is presented as an option to nursing facility placement, along with all other home and community-based (HCBS) programs. Clients choose one (1) option for the HCBS program that best meet their needs, and signs the Informed Choice form. CMPDD Case Managers arrange and coordinate services for only the E & D Waiver program. Requests for any other HCBS programs are referred to the appropriate operating agency.

The Community Support Program (CSP) provides State Plan services to individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities. Services available are Adult Day Services, Supported Employment, and

## CMPDD MEDICAID waiver

Supported Living & Prevocational Services. CSP is operated by the Department of Mental Health.

Medicaid Waiver Case Managers participated in CMPDD's annual Santa-For-Seniors project. Case Managers delivered over 600 Christmas gifts to some of their most needy and/or isolated elderly and disabled clients.

For more information on Elderly & Disabled Waiver services, please contact Teresa Burrell-Shoto, RN, Case Management Director, at 601.855.5914 or [tburrell@cmpdd.org](mailto:tburrell@cmpdd.org). Contact the Division of Medicaid for information on how to become a Waiver provider.

# Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) Announces 2020 Scholarship Application Due Date

CMMA awards two (2) \$1000 scholarships each year. These scholarships are available to individuals entering any Mississippi university, college, or community college in any year (freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior) as an undergraduate student. Students may utilize scholarship funds to cover tuition, books, or fees only.

Applications can be found online at: <http://www.cmpdd.org/images/cmma-scholarship-guide-and-application-1.pdf> or by contacting Mitzi Stubbs at [mstubbs@cmpdd.org](mailto:mstubbs@cmpdd.org).

Applications must be received in the Central Mississippi Planning Development District (CMPDD) office or postmarked no later than Friday, January 31, 2020.



Scan for application



## Traffic Count Data Collected in Madison County

The Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) works cooperatively with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) to collect traffic count data for all state and non-state maintained roadways that are part of the functional class system in the Jackson Urbanized Area (JUA). The collected traffic count data is used by the MPO in the development of a number of transportation planning activities including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Congestion Management Process (CMP), and Pavement Management System.

Traffic count data collected by District staff for the JUA is collected on a three (3) year cyclical basis in Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. Every third year the data collection process occurs in one of the aforementioned counties. Due to each county being counted every third year, estimates are developed for the interim years in which traffic count data is not collected for a particular traffic segment in the corresponding county. The MPO collected traffic count data for Madison County in 2019 and will collect data for Hinds County in 2020.

At the end of each year all traffic count data collected in the MPO planning area is submitted to the MDOT for analysis. This analysis includes reviewing the submitted data to ensure there are no irregularities or “bad data” and then applying traffic adjustment factors to the raw data to develop Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) counts. The traffic adjustment factors used by the MDOT to develop AADT counts takes into consideration high and low seasonal and daily traffic patterns to arrive at a more representative “annual” traffic count for the selected roadway segment. Once the MDOT has completed its analysis and provided the updated AADT data to the MPO, the information is made publicly available through the MPO’s traffic count viewer. Currently, the most up to date traffic count data available is through the year 2018 and can be found on the District’s traffic count viewer at <https://cmpdd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTools/index.html?appid=94febc4b6a994eb6ae2d1a24614cec82>. For additional information concerning traffic count data or to make a request for a traffic count study to be conducted please contact Scott Burge at 601.981.1511 or by email at [sburge@cmpdd.org](mailto:sburge@cmpdd.org).



# CMPDD Received MDA Approval for 2019 CDBG Public Facilities Applications

The CDBG Public Facility Program provides grant funds to local entities of government for a variety of public improvement projects (e.g., water or sewer facilities, storm drainage, public buildings, street reconstruction, etc.) that benefit low and moderate income families and areas. Special priority is given to water and sanitary sewer projects that eliminate existing health and safety hazards.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) recently announced approval of two (2) CDBG Public Facilities projects in the CMPDD area (listed below).

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
Town of D’Lo	Sewer System Improvements	\$449,233.60	N/A
City of Pearl	Unserved Sewer Extensions	\$439,100.00	\$687,900.00

**2020 ANNUAL MAPDD CONFERENCE**  
 April 28 – May 1, 2020  
 Beau Rivage Resort • Biloxi, MS

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- Municipal and County Officials
- Community, Economic & Workforce Development Specialists
- County Administrators
- Planning & Zoning Administrators
- City Clerks
- Others interested in the growth of MS communities

**WHY ATTEND?**

- Learn how the release of 2020 Census data will impact redistricting requirements
- Expand your knowledge of grant opportunities
- Improve your understanding of PDD services
- Learn how to protect vital data from Cyber Hackers
- See how your community can become Work Ready for economic development opportunities

Visit [www.mspdds.org](http://www.mspdds.org) to REGISTER NOW and learn more about the agenda and hotel accommodations.

Registration	\$325
Guest Fee	\$100

## Central Mississippi Mayors Association Meeting

The Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) recently had its annual Christmas Party during their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The CMMA is made up of 34 cities, towns, and villages in the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) and the quarterly meetings are held at the CMPDD office. The purpose of these CMMA quarterly meetings is to discuss current issues facing the municipalities and exchange ideas of improving each individual area.



# Workforce, Workforce, Workforce...

We've all lost count of the number of times we've heard the word "Workforce" over the past months as it has become the paramount focus of Mississippi's newly elected state officials and scores of others. The number one concern is this...how does the state improve its workforce, ensure that citizens have the opportunity to acquire needed skills, connect individuals with meaningful work that affords a quality level of life, and improve the overall economic standing of our citizens and the state?

Perhaps you've heard that saying "If the horse is dead...dismount!" In other words, as the economy, the working population, and employers' needs change, the way in which we approach "workforce" must also adapt. Research shows that the millennial generation has become the largest generation in the U.S. labor force. Though still sizeable, the Baby Boom generation's impact on the workforce is declining as more Boomers retire every year.

This shift in generational workers brings changes and diversity in the way people perceive work and the workplace and in their expectations of work. These changes, along with advances in technology, machine learning, augmented reality and artificial intelligence, demand significant revisions to our perspectives and our definition of "workforce."

A recent survey of almost 10,000 workers across the U.S. showed that 83% of workers do not believe they need to be in an office to be productive; 43% believe they would be more productive working from home; 70% of those surveyed who are ages 16 – 44 want to be more mobile at work; 88% use smartphones for work daily; and 49% use a tablet a minimum of 3 times per week. In contrast, the survey of business owners/partners and senior management indicates that 85% of them want to work from the company office. And so the shift begins.

CMPDD has been and will continue to play a major role in helping to improve Mississippi's workforce. As the administrative entity to the Southcentral MS Works



Workforce Development Area, CMPDD's Workforce Division continually strives to implement programs and activities utilizing federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to ensure that our citizens have the opportunity to acquire needed skills, and connect with meaningful work that allows them, at a minimum, a mid-level quality of life. WIOA funds and programs provide a wide variety of services and training opportunities that serve to improve our workforce and prepare them for the jobs of the future.



*On Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Mary Powers, CMPDD Workforce Director, and Robin Parker, Hinds Community College, made a presentation to the National Association of State Directors of Adult Education on the partnership between WIOA workforce efforts and career tech education in our workforce area. This conference was held in Seattle, Washington.*

## CMPDD applies for a Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant

Central Mississippi Planning & Development District (CMPDD), is dedicated to transforming Brownfields to Healthfields to advance state-wide healthcare initiatives. CMPDD applied for a Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment (CWA) grant in the amount of \$300,000 for two target areas (TAs) in its footprint: the Jackson Medical Mall District (JMMD) & the Caldwell Drive Corridor in Hazlehurst. Included in the JMMD are potential projects

including the former Hood Furniture Company/Mississippi Products, Inc. facility, the former Firestone facility, the former Pepsi Bottling Company, and the Can Man site. The Caldwell Drive Corridor includes the former Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital and the former theater located at the corner of Caldwell Drive and Gallatin Street, both located in Hazlehurst.

Throughout CMPDD are hundreds of brownfield sites which continue to have

a negative impact on redevelopment efforts and the environment. The six priority sites (listed above) were chosen based on plausibility of redevelopment and developer interest. If the application is approved, CMPDD proposes to perform two (2) additional Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs). Additional sites will be chosen by the Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC).



# CMDC BULLETIN

CMDC is a commercial lender certified by the U. S. Small Business Administration and works with local banks and other financial institutions in providing debt capital for small businesses. CMDC provides fixed rate low interest long term financing for small businesses and saves thousands of dollars in debt service on fixed assets. This type financing removes the problem of variable rate financing on long term assets. Many economic forecasters are certain that interest rates will rise. These predictable interest rate increases will not negatively impact the cash flow of those small businesses that have fixed rate low interest loans through the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) 504 Loan Program. The most recent fixed interest rates under this loan program were:

**SBA 504 Loan Program Interest Rates**

<u>TERM (YEARS)</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
10 (December 2019)	3.85%
20 (December 2019)	3.58%
25 (December 2019)	3.64%

Also, CMDC serves as the Loan Review Board for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District’s (CMPDD’s) Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP). The MBELP receives its funding from the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). The interest rate on loans made through this program to a minority owned business is currently 4.75% per annum. The term of a loan can be up to 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds (commercial buildings, equipment, inventory, working capital, etc.).

Mr. De’Keither Stamps, CMDC President, invites bankers, commercial loan officers, business owners, real estate developers, and general contractors, to contact Dwayne Perkins at 981-1625, or visit our website at [cmpdd.org](http://cmpdd.org). See the tab labeled “Small Business Assistance.”

## Census Training

In November, District staff participated in a Census Training workshop held at the University of Mississippi. The workshop was hosted by the Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts (MAPDD) and the State Data Center of Mississippi in Oxford. Staff from the State Data Center and the U.S. Census Bureau presented information on the latest Mississippi population projections, the upcoming 2020 Census, and the phasing out of American FactFinder and phasing in of the new 2020 Census data platform.

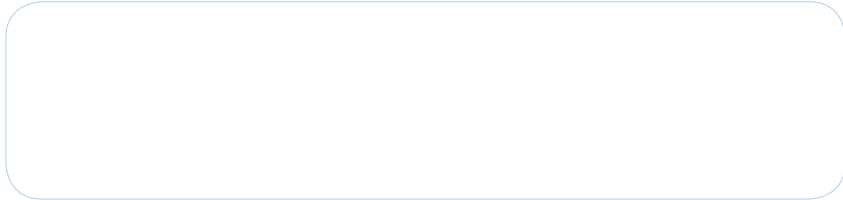


## CMPDD Data Analyst Addresses Raymond Chamber of Commerce



CMPDD’s Regional Data Analyst, Jay Wadsworth, was invited to speak at the Raymond, MS Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 19, 2019, to share general information about the 2020 census. Approximately 40 business leaders and community members were in attendance. Jay presented and discussed recent developments and details regarding the upcoming census count which will take place on April 1, 2020.





*If the name and address of the recipient needs to be updated, please contact our office at 601-981-1511.*



## District Sponsors Successful “Santa for Seniors” Holiday Project

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District/Area Agency on Aging held the 2019 Annual “Santa for Seniors Project” with the assistance of two other organizations. The Jackson Association of Health Underwriters (JAHU) and Home Instead Senior Care helped provide Christmas gifts to over 600 needy seniors in our seven-county area. Seniors were asked for their wish lists and the sponsors supplied the items. Robes, blankets, towels, electric heaters, shower chairs, and toiletries are just some of the items purchased for seniors who are homebound and/or in long term care facilities. Because of the sponsors’ continued participation with this project, the District has been able to provide many needy seniors with Christmas cheer and joy during the holiday season for over twenty-nine years. We are grateful for the interest and generous support of our sponsors and look forward to working with them in the future. The seniors were very appreciative of the gifts and were encouraged and uplifted by the generosity extended to them.

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