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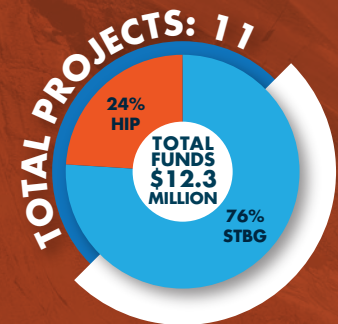
FY 2021 Obligated Projects Report Released

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson region, CMPDD is required by federal regulations to prepare and publish an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects. The Report details federal funds that have been obligated in the preceding year as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information. The Jackson MPO Fiscal Year 2021 Obligated Projects Report lists all transportation projects in the Jackson MPO Planning Area that were obligated between October 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021.

What is project obligation? Federal guidance defines obligation as the federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse an entity for the Federal share of a project's eligible costs. In order to begin work on any phase of a transportation project that includes federal funding, the federal funds must be obligated. This means money is set aside for that particular project (deposited in the "checking account" for the project), which can then be used to reimburse the eligible project costs.

During FY 2021, eleven projects awarded federal grant funds by the Jackson MPO were obligated and authorized to proceed to construction. This included a total of \$12.3 million in federal grant funds awarded by the MPO being obligated. MPO sponsored projects obligated in FY 2021 included:

- Midway Road Bridge Replacement
- Terry Road Bridge Replacement
- Mill Street Bridge Replacement
- Kearney Park Road overlay from SE Clark to the city limits of Flora
- Multiple traffic signal upgrades in the City of Ridgeland
- New traffic signal installation at Highway 22 and King Ranch Road
- Meadowbrook Road overlay from I-55 to West/Northbrook Drive
- Traffic signal upgrades at Highway 80 and Eastgate Drive
- Traffic signal upgrades at Highway 80 and Municipal Drive
- New traffic signal installation at Highway 18 and Louis Wilson Drive
- Congestion Improvements along South Pearson from Richland Creek to Highway 468



CMMA College Scholarship

CMMA awards senior high school students or undergraduates in college to help cover tuition, books, or fees. Applications are open until February 28, 2022. Students who are in the Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo county areas are eligible to apply. For more information visit www.cmpdd.org/cmmla/.





Hazard Mitigation Planning Continues

CMPDD has a long history of assisting member governments, universities, and the MEMA District 5 Region with Hazard Mitigation planning, and is currently assisting numerous governments with updates to their Hazard Mitigation Plans. 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 community's 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.

The following jurisdictions have received final approval from MEMA and FEMA on their 2021-2026 Hazard Mitigation Plans:

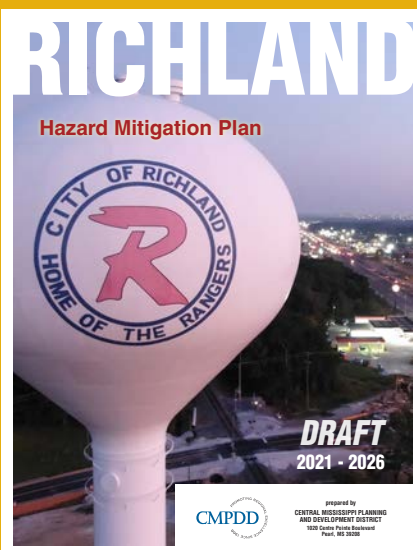
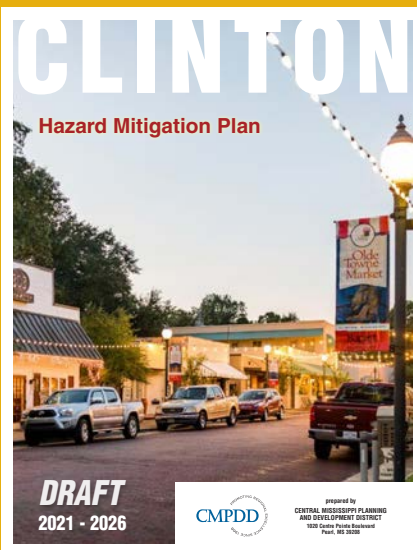
- City of Brandon
- City of Clinton
- Town of Flora
- City of Florence
- City of Richland
- City of Ridgeland
- City of Vicksburg
- Rankin County
- MEMA District 5 Region including Claiborne County and Port Gibson; Hinds County, Bolton, Edwards, Raymond, and Utica; Issaquena County and Mayersville; Sharkey County, Anguilla, Cary, and Rolling Fork; Simpson County, Braxton, D'Lo, Magee, and Mendenhall; and the Cities of Canton, Crystal Springs, Madison, and Puckett.
- Copiah County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan including Copiah County, Towns of Georgetown, and Wesson.

The following jurisdictions have submitted their 2021-2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan for FEMA for approval:

- City of Hazlehurst
- Yazoo County Multi-Jurisdiction Plan

The following jurisdiction are currently working with CMPDD to complete updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plans:

- Town of Pelahatchie
- City of Jackson
- City of Flowood
- Warren County
- Madison County



Jackson MPO FY 21 Public Outreach Review

In December, CMPDD published the Jackson MPO’s Annual Public Outreach Summary. The Annual Outreach Report provides an overview of the participation activities the MPO implemented over the past Fiscal Year (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021). Fiscal Year 2021 forced MPO staff to reevaluate how it can connect with the Jackson MPO community while abiding social distancing requirements and gaining meaningful participation in the development and maintenance of the MPO’s plans and programs. Instead of the MPO’s traditional in-person strategy for presenting proposed projects, the MPO shifted its focus to virtual meetings, social media platforms, and interactive story maps. As a result, in many cases the MPO’s new strategy resulted in more meaningful feedback.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES



5 Newspaper Ads



15 CMPDD Facebook Posts



13 Committee Meetings
296 in Attendance



4 Central Update Newsletters
1,063 Subscribers



6 Community Speaking Events



1 YouTube Video Published



6 Stakeholder Review Opportunities
120 Stakeholder Review Days



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90,052 Page Views
22,342 Visitors

CMPDD Received MDA Approval for 2021 CDBG Public Facilities Applications

The CDBG Public Facility Program provides grant funds to local units of government for a variety of public improvement projects (e.g., water or sewer facilities, storm drainage, public buildings, 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) approved two (2) CDBG Public Facilities projects in the CMPDD area. Listed below are the projects that were awarded funding.

<u>Community Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>CDBG Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
City of Magee	Wastewater Improvements	\$510,263	\$300,000
Town of Utica	Sewer System Improvements	\$356,329	N/A



Board Meeting

The CMPDD Board of Directors met Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the District’s main office. Items on the agenda included a review of the 2020-2021 Annual Report and consideration of additional appointments to the Aging Advisory Committee.

Demographic Profiles

The District has updated our county demographic profiles with the 2020 Census data. The county profiles can be found on the CMPDD website at <http://cmpdd.org/demographic-data-2/>. The city demographic profiles within our district are also being updated to reflect the 2020 census results and should be completed in the first quarter of 2022. These profiles provide an excellent overview of population, race, household income, and age for counties and cities in our district.



The Planning Corner Update

CMPDD planners are actively working with the following jurisdictions on updates to their comprehensive plans: City of Jackson, City of Brandon, and Rankin County. District planners are also working on an updated master plan for the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District (PRVWSD). The PRVWSD covers portions of five (5) counties. Recently, Simpson County contracted with CMPDD to develop a new comprehensive plan for the County. Work on this effort will begin in the Fall 2022.

The planners are also working with Rankin County on comprehensive amendments to their Zoning Ordinance and continue to work with the City of Richland and Clinton on minor revisions to their Zoning Ordinance.

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Southcentral MS Works Workforce Development Area coordination with Accelerate MS

In accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the State of Mississippi is divided into local workforce development areas for the purpose of carrying out the programs funded under the Act. The Act promotes local planning and service delivery as the best mechanism for identifying and meeting workforce skill gaps and needs. There are four (4) workforce areas in the state, each of which is

overseen and administered by a fiscal agent. Four (4) of the state's ten (10) Planning and Development Districts serve as fiscal agents to the four (4) workforce areas. CMPDD is the fiscal agent for the Southcentral MS Works (SMW) Workforce Development Area and is responsible for the planning of the workforce programs offered throughout the area and the fiscal integrity of the WIOA funds. Although the CMPDD provides many other services to the seven (7) counties in its District, its fiscal agent responsibilities for the SMW workforce area include seventeen counties in the southwestern quarter of the state.

The Mississippi legislature enacted Senate Bill 2564 during its 2020 session, which established the Office of Workforce Development. That office has branded the state's workforce efforts as "Accelerate MS". The main responsibility of Accelerate MS is to foster collaboration across public organizations and state entities that provide workforce training and employment opportunities to individuals and to direct spending control over specific funding sources used for workforce development. Specifically, these funding sources are the Workforce Enhancement Training (WET) funds, previously



administered by the MS Community College Board and the MS Works funds, and are administered by the MS Development Authority for the purpose of providing On-the-Job Training to employers.

Accelerate MS has identified eight (8) "ecosystems" within the state to address local level needs within the four (4) workforce development areas. Each ecosystem will convene stakeholders to share best practices, voice concerns, provide feedback, and participate in the development of workforce strategies appropriately focused upon the needs of that particular ecosystem. Regular review of labor market data, supply chain needs, available educational resources, and regional/community assets will result in the ability to more accurately meet the needs in real time.

Mississippi has great potential and thousands of good job opportunities. Partners, working together, can help realize this potential, identify high-paying in-demand career paths, and align resources throughout the state. The Southcentral MS Works Workforce Development Area will play a large role in working within the ecosystems to move Mississippi forward and "accelerate" growth.



DRA Technical Assistance

In December of 2021, the District completed the 2022 Update of the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Allocation Funding Model. The DRA is made up of 252 counties and parishes in eight (8) different states. Since 2004, the District has served the DRA with technical assistance to update the allocation model with the most recent available

data. The allocation model includes a measure of poverty and unemployment compared to the national rate and factors in poverty rate per capita income for DRA counties in each state. The updated funding model will be used to aid in decision making related to allocation of certain funding to states with distressed counties.

CMPDD's Medicaid Waiver Program Update

The Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Waiver (E&D Waiver) is a statewide program designed to provide in-home assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries. Beneficiaries must be 21 years of age or older. They must qualify by either SSI Medicaid or 300% of SSI Medicaid. They must require assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, eating, ambulation and/or transferring; or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) such as laundry, light housekeeping, errands, and/or assistance on community outings. Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Social Workers (LSW) work together as a team to case manage Medicaid eligible beneficiaries.

- In response to the fluctuating Covid-19 pandemic cases, the Division of Medicaid extended telephonic CM flexibilities until January 31, 2022. Utilizing all Covid-19 safety precautions, face to face home visits are done for clients could not be successfully completed by phone. Face to face visits must be done if the Waiver recipient has no working telephone; is unable to communicate by telephone; in cases of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation; or have ongoing issues that are best resolved during or as a result of the home visit.
- The Division of Medicaid has allowed the continuance of some other Covid-19 flexibilities. Those flexibilities include: Continue to allow the increase from five (5), to ten (10) home delivered meals per week for beneficiaries who demonstrate the need for the additional meals; continue to allow 90 days per fiscal year of Institutional Respite services for those who demonstrates the need for the increase from 60 days to 90 days; continue to allow live-in family members to be the paid provider if there are no other available providers.

Waiver Case Managers participated in the annual Santa for Seniors Christmas gift delivery hosted by Home Instead Senior Services. Christmas gifts were delivered to 322 dependent and isolated Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Waiver clients living at home.

For more information on Elderly & Disabled Waiver services, please contact CMPDD's Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center at 1-844-822-4622. Or contact Teresa Burrell-Shoto, RN, Case Management Director at 601-855-5914 or tburrell@cmpdd.org.



*Individuals who own an agency and are seeking to become a Medicaid Waiver service provider should contact the Division of Medicaid Long-Term Care Bureau at 601-359-6141.

Traffic Count Data Collection Complete for 2021

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.

The District follows an annual schedule for collecting traffic count data in each of the three (3) counties that comprise the MPO Planning area, which include portions of Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. Each year District staff collects traffic count data in one

of the counties and repeats the process annually on a three-year cyclical basis until the data collection process has been completed for each county. 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 the other counties. Based on the rotating annual schedule, traffic count data was collected in 2021 for Rankin County and will be collected for Madison County in 2022. In addition to the regularly scheduled traffic count data that was collected, District staff received multiple special request counts throughout the year from local jurisdictions in the MPO Planning area.

At the end of each calendar year, all traffic count data collected by the District is forwarded to MDOT for analysis. MDOT reviews the submitted data to determine if there are any

irregularities or "bad data" that was collected. Following the review, the data is processed and traffic adjustment factors are applied to the raw data to develop Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) counts. The traffic adjustment factors used 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 each roadway segment. Once the data is processed, MDOT sends the updated AADT data to the MPO and the information is made publicly available through the MPO's traffic count viewer on the District's website. 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) 321-2150 or by email at sburge@cmpdd.org.

CMDC BULLETIN

Representative De’Keither Stamps, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced that no new loans were approved during the quarter.

The Murky Properties, LLC (Bay St. Louis, MS) and Remix MMA, LLC (D’Iberville, MS) loans funded in November and December of 2021 respectively. The loans totaled \$618,848 of \$1,547,120 in total project costs under the United States Small Business Administration’s 504 Loan Program. The loans will create seven (7) new jobs in the private sector.

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 2021)	3.10%
20 (December 2021)	2.88%
25 (December 2021)	3.02%

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 2.25% 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.).

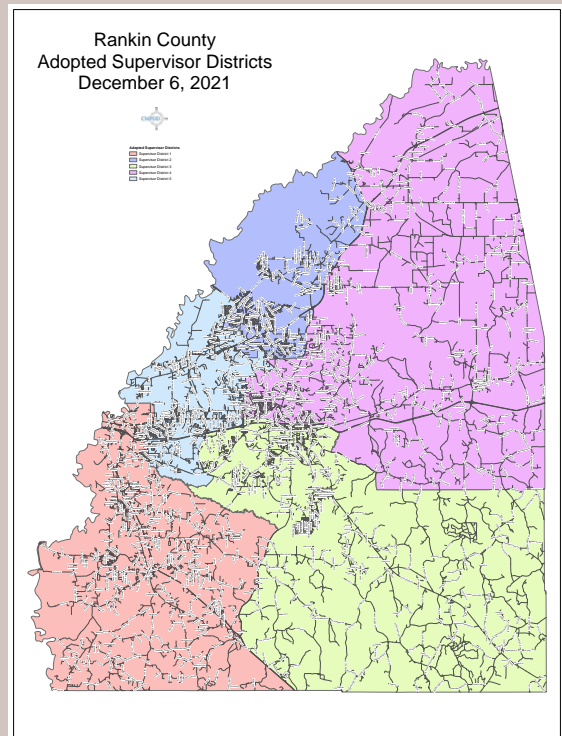
Representative De’Keither Stamps invites bankers, commercial loan officers, business owners, real estate developers, and general contractors, to contact Dwayne Perkins at 981-1625, or visit our website at cmpdd.org. See the tab labeled “Small Business Loans”.

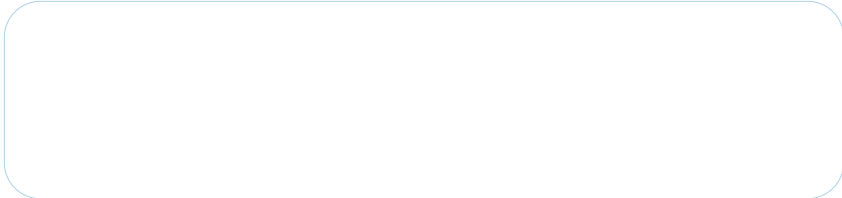
County and Municipal Redistricting: Rankin County Adopts New Districts

CMPDD has contracted with 19 member governments to develop redistricting plans. The District received the 2020 Census population data in September and began an analysis to determine which jurisdictions are in need of redistricting. The process involves utilizing the District’s GIS system to overlay current municipal ward lines and county supervisor and justice court districts over the new 2020 Census population data to determine where changes are required.

During this quarter, District planners began the next phase of this project, which involves meeting with elected officials to develop redistricting plans for consideration and adoption, for the following member governments: Madison, Rankin, Simpson, and Warren Counties and Cities of Clinton and Brandon. District planners will begin working with each contracted member government throughout the upcoming quarter and year.

The Rankin County Board of Supervisors adopted new supervisor and justice court districts at their December board meeting and have moved to the final phase of the redistricting process. Following adoption of each redistricting plan, District planners will work with election officials to redraw voting precincts based on the changes to election districts.





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

Although the pandemic impacted the way we normally celebrate the holiday season, CMPDD/Area Agency, Jackson Association of Health Underwriters (JAHU), and Home Instead Senior Care provided Christmas gifts to over 225 needy seniors in our seven (7) county area. While navigating through these unprecedented times, the Home Instead Senior Care and Amazon collaboration ensured the annual project would take place. CMPDD staff participated in the annual gift-wrapping party held at Home Instead’s main office and the community was able to make purchases online to ship items safely to the District’s Lakeland Drive office.

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 in long term care facilities. Case Managers presented gifts to the seniors who were uplifted and expressed appreciation by the generosity extended to them.

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 thirty-one years. We are grateful for the interest and generous support of our sponsors and look forward to working with them in the future.



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