



Central Update

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The Jackson MPO Announces Funding for 31 Metro-Area Transportation Projects

In February, 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 the MPO to local municipalities and counties for transportation improvements in the urbanized area. Funding for these projects is available through the MPO as part of the 2015 transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

This year, the MPO focused on providing funding to projects that can be completed in a relatively short timeframe, and that address safety, pavement condition, and congestion concerns. In total, the CMPDD received 51 applications requesting more than \$67 million in funding. However, the MPO only has enough funds available to fund the top 31 rated projects. Combined, cities and counties receiving the \$32.7 million in transportation funding have committed to provide over \$11.2 million in local matching funds.

Projects selected for funding such as resurfacing Terry Road and installing upgraded traffic signals along Highway 80 should be completed in a relatively short timeframe (1 to 2

years) while other projects such as constructing Gunter Road Extension and replacing the Mill Street Bridge will take a lengthier timeframe to complete.

Local jurisdictions submitted applications to CMPDD back in October 2018. The applications were then graded and evaluated based on the proposed project type (bridge repair, safety, congestion mitigation, pavement management, or small municipality). The scoring criteria for each project type varies slightly, but in general projects were rated based on:

- Whether or not the project provided more than the minimum required local matching funds.
- What percentage of the total funds available did the project request? Projects requesting the least amount of federal funding received priority.
- Whether or not the project is ready to go to construction. Projects ready to proceed to construction were given priority over projects that may still have design work and/or utility and right-of-way factors to address.
- In addition, projects were evaluated on elements specific to each project category such as pavement condition, daily traffic volume, bridge ratings, or travel time delays.

Projects rating the highest in each category were selected

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by the MPO Policy Committee to receive Federal STBG grant funding by the Jackson MPO. For more information regarding the MPO transportation planning process or for a map highlighting the projects selected for funding visit the MPO website at www.cmpdd.org.

Projects selected for STBG funding by the MPO include:

Entity	Project	Federal STBG Funding
Brandon	Traffic signal upgrades Hwy 80 at Eastgate Drive and Municipal Drive	\$500,000
Brandon	New traffic signal Hwy 18 at Louis Wilson Drive with intersection improvements	\$600,000
Brandon	Burnham Road mill and overlay city limits to Old Brandon Road	\$250,000
Brandon	Shiloh Road mill and overlay Louis Wilson Drive to Shiloh Parkway	\$125,000
Clinton	Midway Road Bridge Replacement	\$387,717
Clinton	Kickapoo Road Bridge Replacement	\$336,422
Flora	Kearney Park Road mill and overlay SE Clark Street to town limits	\$498,634
Florence	New traffic signal Hwy 49 at Crosspark Drive	\$487,550
Jackson	Mill Street Town Creek Bridge Replacement	\$1,125,000
Jackson	Terry Road Cany Creek Bridge Replacement	\$2,025,000
Jackson	Traffic signal upgrades Woodrow Wilson & Medgar Evers Blvd. 5 points	\$354,198
Jackson	Traffic signal upgrades State Street at Pearl, Amite, Mississippi, and High Streets	\$503,082
Jackson	Traffic signal upgrades State Street at Rankin, South, Court, Tombigbee, and Pascagoula Streets	\$658,968
Jackson	Traffic signal upgrades Woodrow Wilson Ave. at Bailey Ave. and Bailey Ext.	\$517,872
Jackson	Terry Road mill and overlay I-20 to McDowell Road	\$1,836,857
Jackson	Woodrow Wilson Ave. mill and overlay Mill Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive	\$3,674,734
Jackson	Meadowbrook Road mill and overlay I-55 to West/Northbrook Drive	\$2,669,746
Jackson	State Street mill and overlay Sheppard to Briarwood Drive	\$1,583,723
Madison County	Catlett Road widening, realignment, and intersection improvements Red Fox Road to Stribling Road Ext.	\$2,591,971
Madison County	New traffic signal Hwy 22 at King Ranch Road with intersection improvements	\$362,953
Pearl	Traffic signal upgrades Hwy 80 at Belvedere Drive and Cross Park Drive	\$320,000
Pearl	Old Whitfield Road mill and overlay Hwy 468 to Hwy 475	\$1,000,000
Pearl	Pearl Richland Intermodal Connector Phase 1 widening South Pearson Road from Richland Creek to Hwy 468	\$2,000,000
Pearl River Valley	Lower Spillway Road mill and overlay Breakers Lane to old Rapids entrance	\$1,480,000
Rankin County	Spillway Road mill and overlay Grants Ferry Road to Hwy 471	\$389,375
Rankin County	Gunter Road Extension new two-lane roadway to extend Gunter Road from Hwy 49 to Florence-Byram Road	\$3,001,500
Ridgeland	New traffic signal Highland Colony Parkway at Renaissance Driveway #3	\$466,000
Ridgeland	New traffic signal Highland Colony Parkway at Renaissance Driveway #4	\$460,000
Ridgeland	New traffic signal Highland Colony Parkway at Lake Harbour Drive	\$425,000
Ridgeland	Traffic signal upgrades Hwy 51 at Lake Harbour Drive with intersection improvements	\$1,070,500
Ridgeland	Traffic signal equipment improvements multiple locations citywide	\$954,000

GIS Presentation to Board of Directors

On March 13th the Geographic Information System's (GIS) Division staff gave a presentation to the CMPDD Board of Directors regarding recent developments in the field of GIS technology.

Following an introduction and background by Chuck Carr, Director of Planning and Management; Johnathan Simon, GIS & IT Manager; and Tyler Scott, GIS Analyst, provided the Board with a presentation about how CMPDD uses GIS technology to provide numerous data and information management tools aimed at assisting our member governments in decision making processes.

CMPDD has for many years provided printed maps for member governments of the seven counties in the CMPDD region including maps for land use planning, transportation planning, redistricting, and site selection. CMPDD has provided online Map Viewers and Applications since 2010. Currently, CMPDD hosts over 70 online map services which are not only used in Map Viewers, but also in Story Maps, which were introduced in 2014. ESRI Story



Maps are an online information tool used to show numerous types of media from pictures, videos, and text in one seamless interface. This technology is now used extensively in the Comprehensive Plan updates that CMPDD provides to clients.

In addition to the Online Map Viewers, in 2016 CMPDD started to provide mobile cellular applications for Android and iOS. The three main apps that CMPDD provides are the 311 app, which allows citizens to report incidents; the ArcGIS Collector app, which can be used to map assets such as street signs, fire hydrants, and utilities; and the Commerce app,

which allows communities a means by which to promote the businesses and facilities in their community.

In addition, GIS staff presented the Operations Dash Board, which is an electronic way to show and summarize data that has been gathered using the mobile applications.

Finally, GIS staff demonstrated how CMPDD is using drone imagery and 3D modeling to enhance current planning projects.

For more information on GIS, please contact Johnathan Simon at 601-981-1511 or visit the GIS Data Portal on the District's Website at <http://www.cmpdd.org/data-center-2/>

DRA Announces 2019 Application Cycle

Delta Regional Authority (DRA) has announced the 2019 round of State's Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) investments. SEDAP investments may be used to fund projects for basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development (with focus on entrepreneurship), and workforce development. In Central Mississippi, the SEDAP program is only open to public and non-profit entities in the DRA-designated counties. To find out if your project is located within the DRA designated area or for more information about DRA, please visit their website www.dra.gov. This year approximately \$1,930,011 will be available for the State of Mississippi.

Project applications may be completed online at www.funding.dra.gov and submitted to CMPDD beginning March 4th through May 31st. Local governments, public bodies, and non-profit entities in the District that are interested in participating in the 2019 DRA Federal Grant Program should contact Mitzi Stubbs at 601-981-1511 to begin the application process.

DRA is a federal-state partnership created by Congress, which serves a 252 county/parish area in an eight-state region. In Mississippi, 47 counties (including all 7 CMPDD counties) are eligible for funding under DRA. The purpose of DRA is to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by

City Clerks Meeting

CMPDD recently hosted a luncheon/meeting for the City Clerks in the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District. The Clerks shared best practices with each other and discussed issues that directly affect their jobs. We are very happy to facilitate meetings such as this because increased efficiency greatly benefits our participating governments and those they represent.

stimulating economic development partnerships that will have a positive impact on the region's economy.

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Kick-Off

CMPDD, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is responsible for developing a comprehensive long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan that identifies the needs of the transportation system in the metro-area (Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties) for the next 25-years. CMPDD is in the beginning stages of updating the long-range transportation plan for the metro-area, and on March 19, 2019, CMPDD hosted a joint kick-off meeting with the general public and the four (4) Jackson MPO Committees (Stakeholders, Bike and Pedestrian, Intermodal Technical, and Metropolitan Planning Policy). During the “come and go” style meeting CMPDD staff members were able to collect valuable information from local residents and officials on how they think the transportation infrastructure in the metro-area should evolve over the next 25 years. Comments provided during the March 19th meeting will help prioritize and set goals for the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which is scheduled to be completed by November 2020, will direct how future federal transportation funds are



allocated to local projects in the metro-area.

The long-range transportation plan is updated every five-years to account for changes in employment, school enrollment, commuter patterns, and land use development patterns. As one of the elements used to determine future travel demand, population, and employment forecasts out to the horizon years of 2025, 2035, and 2045 have been developed. Forecasts show an increase of over 114,000 residents and over 81,000 additional jobs in the metro-area by 2045.

County	Baseline	Population Forecasts			Change, 2013 to 2045	
	2013	2025	2035	2045	Number	Percentage
Hinds	246,127	247,978	250,258	252,571	6,444	2.6%
Madison	99,417	119,911	136,540	153,848	54,431	54.8%
Rankin	147,291	168,682	184,608	200,535	53,244	36.1%
TOTALS	492,835	536,571	571,406	606,954	114,119	23.2%

County	Baseline	Employment Forecasts			Change, 2013 to 2045	
	2013	2025	2035	2045	Number	Percentage
Hinds	165,748	173,544	179,265	186,263	20,515	12.4%
Madison	65,802	78,641	84,931	97,099	31,297	47.6%
Rankin	74,615	87,461	93,856	103,912	29,297	39.3%
TOTALS	306,165	339,646	358,052	387,274	81,109	26.5%

CDBG Administration

CMPDD has continued to provide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administration services to the Towns of Utica, Puckett, and Edwards.

The Town of Utica began construction in December 2018 to repair one of two water wells that have been offline due to electrical issues. Once the repairs to the well have been completed, the Town will have both water wells working properly.

The Town of Puckett is using CDBG funds to convert the old Town Hall into a Senior Citizen Center by renovating the building and making it handicap-accessible in accordance with the

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The senior citizens in the Town currently do not have a meeting place available. This center will accommodate Meals on Wheels, exercise classes, games, dances, movies, educational programs, etc. Construction for this project began in December 2018 and should be complete by August 2019.

CDBG funds are being used by the Town of Edwards to make improvements to their sewer system. The Town has several unserved (sewer) homes that have old, failing septic tanks with raw sewage in the area. This is a

serious health risk to the residents. This project has recently gone out for bids and construction will follow.

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

Jackson MPO Approves Project Submittal Guidelines for Transportation Alternatives Funds and Issues Call for Projects

On February 13, 2019, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee approved Project Submittal Guidelines for Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds. TA funding is specifically set aside to assist local governments with bike and pedestrian projects. The adopted Project Submittal Guidelines outline the process for applying for TA funding made available through the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Project Submittal Guidelines include project evaluation criteria used to rank project applications, guidelines for eligibility, and general requirements for all proposed project applications.

Following approval of the TA Project Submittal Guidelines, the Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee issued a

Call for Projects for \$2 million in TA program funds. The Call for Projects details how to access the evaluation criteria and application for TA funds, the project submission instructions, and the deadline of March 29, 2019, to submit project applications. MPO staff will rate each application submitted following the adopted evaluation criteria, and present the scored project applications to the Intermodal Technical and Metropolitan Planning Policy Committees at their regularly scheduled meetings in May 2019 for review and approval. The Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee is comprised of both elected and appointed officials from the three-county urbanized area. Eligible applicants for TA funding through

the MPO include: Bolton, Brandon, Byram, Canton, Clinton, Florence, Flora, Flowood, Jackson, Madison, Pearl, Pelahatchie, Raymond, Richland, Ridgeland, and Terry, as well as Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties.

Local jurisdictions with applications selected for funding can receive up to 80% in federal TA funding for construction costs of a project and are required to provide at a minimum 20% in local matching funds. The MPO's last call for TA applications took place in 2017 and resulted in seven (7) projects in the metro area receiving \$1.7 million in TA funding.

For more information about the Jackson MPO, please visit www.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 team coordinates all approved Waiver services and conducts monthly home visits to assure the services are meeting the clients' needs. Other services available are Personal Care Attendant, In-Home Respite, Adult Day Care, and Institutional Respite.

- In 1984, a joint resolution of Congress was passed and proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan. This resolution named the month of March as National Professional Social Work Month. This was done in efforts to encourage and build public support for the profession.
- CMPDD is proud to employ twenty-four (24) Licensed Social Workers. They provide ongoing service, assistance, and advocacy to elderly and/or disabled participants and their families and caregivers. We recognize and thank them for their dedication and service!

One component of the E&D Waiver is to assess and admit clients who reside in a nursing facility, and desire to return to live in the community in a private residence. They may require nursing facility level of care, but they choose to live at home and receive waiver services and assistance. These applicants are known as Transition to Community Referrals (TCR), or Community Transition Services (CTS) referrals.

After being screened for appropriate home and community-

based services, these applicants are referred to a waiver program, including the E&D Waiver, which best meets their need for services.

TCR and CTS applicants are given priority to enroll in the E&D Waiver, and therefore, are not placed on the waiting list. Certain qualifications must be met in order for a resident to be a TCR or CTS participant:

- They must have been a resident of the facility for more than 90 days;
- At least one of those days must have been paid by Medicaid;
- Their nursing facility stay cannot have been temporary, or only for rehabilitation purposes;
- They must also meet Medicaid income requirements for community living;
- And they must meet all requirements of the InterRAI assessment done by the waiver Case Management team.
- CTS applicants are assigned a Community Navigator (CN) who assists with locating housing and obtaining basic household items. The CN and the waiver team work together to ensure a timely transition, and to make sure the clients receive services as soon as possible after discharge from the facility.

In addition to applicants assessed from waiting lists, CMPDD received and assessed eight (8) TCR or CTS referrals during the months of January, February, and March 2019.

For more information on Elderly & Disabled Waiver CM services, please contact Teresa Shoto, RN, Case Management Director, at 601-855-5914 or tburrell@cmpdd.org.

Jackson MPO Adopts Updated Safety Targets

Federal legislation requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) to implement a performance-based transportation planning and programming approach. Performance-based planning allows MPOs and State DOTs to examine data, past and present, and evaluate the performance of their transportation investments against a number of federally required measures in order to track progress toward the achievement of national goals.

Working collectively, MPOs and State DOTs are required to establish performance targets for each applicable measure established by federal legislation. A measure is a statement of what is being assessed, and a target is a quantifiable level of performance or what you hope to achieve within an identified time period. The Jackson MPO is required to set

performance targets for multiple performance areas such as safety, pavement conditions, bridge conditions, travel time reliability, freight reliability, and transit assets.

State DOTs and MPOs are required to establish and reassess safety targets annually. Safety targets are established for five safety performance measures based on a 5-year rolling average of analyzed data. An MPO has the option to set its own safety targets or support targets set by its respective state DOT. On February 13th, 2019, the MPO approved safety performance targets by continuing to support safety targets set by the State.

For more information about safety targets or the implementation of performance measures visit the MPO's website, cmpdd.org/transportation/performance-management/

2015-2019 MISSISSIPPI SAFETY TARGETS	
Measure	Target
Number of Fatalities	697.0
Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT	1.706
Number of Serious Injuries	556.0
Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT	1.356
Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries	131.4

FATALITIES						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5-year Avg.
Mississippi	613	607	677	687	690	654.8
Jackson MPO	49	55	71	76	72	64.6

FATALITY RATE PER 100 MILLION VMT						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5-year Avg.
Mississippi	1.580	1.540	1.700	1.700	1.687	1.641
Jackson MPO	0.895	0.994	1.188	1.278	1.339	1.139

SERIOUS INJURIES						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5-year Avg.
Mississippi	568	506	506	627	540	549.4
Jackson MPO	51	41	46	47	39	44.8

SERIOUS INJURY RATE PER 100 MILLION VMT						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5-year Avg.
Mississippi	1.465	1.281	1.269	1.543	1.321	1.376
Jackson MPO	0.932	0.741	0.770	0.790	0.725	0.792

NON-MOTORIZED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	5-year Avg.
Mississippi	106	107	110	124	138	117.0
Jackson MPO	21	19	20	18	14	18.4

South MS Works Helps to Fund Training for Apprentices

Recently, the federal government has placed much emphasis recently on the promotion of apprenticeships in this country. Many employers, especially in a non-union state like Mississippi, view apprenticeships as related to union activity; however, that is not necessarily the case.

Apprenticeship is a career pathway that includes a paid-work component and an educational or instructional component, where an individual can obtain workplace-relevant knowledge and skills, while also working on the job. Apprenticeship training is distinguished from other types of workplace training by several factors: (1) Apprentices earn wages from their employers during training; (2) Programs provide on-the-job learning and job-related technical instruction; (3) On-the-job learning is conducted in the work setting under the direction of one or more of the employer's personnel; and (4) Training results in an industry-recognized credential for the worker/trainee. The length of an apprenticeship program can vary depending on the employer, complexity of the occupation, industry, and the type of program.

Apprentices are hired by employers and earn a wage working on-the-job and receiving direct hands-on training, while the classroom instruction may be provided by apprenticeship training centers, technical schools, community colleges, and four-year colleges and universities, sometimes through distance learning. Where community colleges provide the classroom instruction portion, trainees earn college credit for the apprenticeship

experience.

Apprenticeships offer multiple opportunities for individuals to achieve skill gains and recognized post-secondary credentials. Employers may elect to register their apprenticeship program with the U.S. Department of Labor or they may elect to establish a non-registered apprenticeship program.

What is the benefit of an apprenticeship program to the employer? Employers have an opportunity to work directly with the training institution providing the classroom instruction to their apprentices while they simultaneously work with the apprentice in a hands-on environment. The combination of the two produces a worker that is completely trained and skilled according to the employer's exact specifications. This structure of "work-based learning" has a number of benefits, but the most valuable is that apprenticeship programs typically have a high retention rate. Employee turnover is an issue that many employers face on a daily basis, and data shows that apprenticeships help reduce turnover.

The Southcentral MS Works Workforce Development Area's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds can be used to offset some of the cost of training apprentices. WIOA is available to pay the cost of the classroom training for eligible individuals and is also available to assist the employer with On-the-Job Training (OJT) reimbursement of a portion of the apprentice's wages during the training period.

Central Mississippi Mayors Association

The Central Mississippi Mayors Association (CMMA) received five (5) applications for the two (2) \$1,000 scholarships that CMMA awards annually. The five (5) applications were rated and the top three (3) were asked to interview with the CMMA rating and interview team.

The two (2) winners were invited to attend the next scheduled CMMA meeting where they addressed the CMMA members by telling about themselves, where they will attend school, and what their goals are in school.

They will have their pictures made with the CMMA members and press releases will be prepared and sent to local papers.

The CMMA is made up of 34 cities, towns, and villages in the Central



Nicole Jones was presented with a \$1000 scholarship presentation check. Harrison Hays also received a \$1000 scholarship but was not able to attend the meeting due to school commitment conflicts.

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.

Planning Updates

Town of Edwards

District
Planners have prepared the Town's Comprehensive Plan update and Land Use Plan Map, which was released for public review in March. The

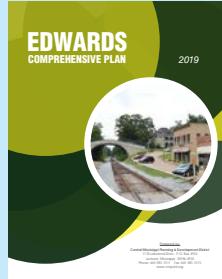
updated Comprehensive Plan considers a larger study area than previous Plans and addresses the potential for growth as a result of Continental Tire in western Hinds County. The Comprehensive Plan was also released in an interactive online format, which includes an online mapping tool designed to allow greater public access to the Town's maps. These products have been released on the Town's website.

CMPDD also provided recommended amendments for the Town's Zoning Ordinance and official Zoning Map. This comprehensive rezoning effort sought to reduce the number of nonconforming properties, allowed for greater architectural controls within the Town, and provides greater housing options for existing residents. Finally, the sign regulations contained within the Zoning Ordinance were amended to be compliant with the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court Ruling regarding sign regulations. The amendments were also released to the public in March.

The Town will consider adoption of both documents in early April.

Madison County

CMPDD recently completed draft of the update to the Madison County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and have provided Community Development officials with copies for their review. The Plan's community facilities section examined libraries, County-owned administration and court buildings, and fire protection. The District provided



goals and objectives for the County's facilities, including action items to address deficiencies identified in the analysis. The Plan's land use plan section examined the existing land uses and development trends based on building permit data. During the Land Use Survey, data was collected on rural residential properties, which primarily consists of rural lands with residences on lots of various sizes and not in subdivisions. This data has been used to assist planners update County's Zoning Map to reflect this development and ensure the County's prime farmlands remain protected from a drastic increase in suburban growth.

The transportation plan element of the Comprehensive Plan has been updated to reflect recent traffic counts, which help identify potential roadway capacity and congestion issues. Furthermore, the transportation plan has been updated to reflect the proposed improvements and realignments including in the 2040 Jackson Urbanized Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan as approved by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is housed at CMPDD. By inter-linking these documents, Madison County is preparing for development potential along new or expanded roadways and stating further support for the identified projects.

The Zoning Ordinance updates seek to modernize and streamline the existing Ordinance and address current development and use trends in the region. The Zoning Map, which is still being developed, will be revised to ensure prime farmlands are protected from over-development and rural residential developments are encouraged in areas where existing development is occurring. Furthermore, the Map will reflect necessary changes related to rapid commercial and residential development occurring just beyond the municipal boundaries within the County. The proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map will be



completed in early April for staff review before presentation to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission.

City of Pearl

The District has begun an update of the City of Pearl's Comprehensive Plan. The City's current plan was adopted in 2009. Since that time, the City has experienced tremendous development and growth. Pearl is currently the largest city in Rankin County.

The new Comprehensive Plan will evaluate changes in land use patterns as well as projected needs in transportation and other infrastructure. The new Comprehensive Plan will be published both in printed form as well as an online Story Map format, which will be available to the public through the City's website.

Town of Puckett

The District has begun an update of the Town of Puckett's Comprehensive Plan. The Town's current plan was adopted in 2006. The updated Plan will include not only all elements and tasks as required by state code, but also a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as infrastructure, the Land Use Plan, and zoning. The new Comprehensive Plan will be published both in printed form as well as an online Story Map format, which will be available to the public through the Town's website.

CMDC BULLETIN

Ms. Wanda Cowart, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced the approval of one (1) new loan.

The approval was for Twin Hills Equipment, LLC for \$292,000 of a \$732,000 project under the United States Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program. The proceeds of this loan will finance the purchase of the existing location of Twin Hills Equipment in Byhalia, Mississippi. This business will create one (1) new job 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 of 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 (March 2019)	4.62%
20 (March 2019)	4.58%
25 (March 2019)	4.74%



The SBA 504 loan program was used to assist in financing the Barnett's Body Shop project in Gluckstadt, MS. It was used to construct and equip the new facility, and will create 25 new jobs.

Also, CMDC serves as the Loan Review Board for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District'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 5.00% 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.)

Ms. Cowart invites bankers, commercial loan officers, business owners, real estate developers, and general contractors, to contact Dwayne Perkins at 601-981-1625, or visit our website at cmpdd.org. See the tab labeled "Small Business Assistance."

Planning Updates (continued)



City of Richland

The District has completed an update of the City of Richland Comprehensive Plan. District Planners presented the new Plan to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen during a special meeting in February. The Plan is currently under review and a public hearing will be

held prior to adoption. The updated Plan includes not only all elements and tasks as required by state code, but also a web-based GIS map viewer with the capability of viewing various data layers such as infrastructure, the Land Use Plan, and zoning. The new Comprehensive Plan is published both in printed form as well as an online Story Map format, which will be available to the public through the City's website.

Town of Terry

CMPDD has provided the Town of Terry with a proposed Zoning Ordinance, which would replace the Town's existing Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance includes basic residential, commercial, and industrial

zoning districts as well as a district to protect the agricultural areas of the Town and the historic core of Town. Additionally, the Ordinance has been modernized to address the current issues and building trends within the Town and the Central Mississippi region. The Town's sign regulations have also been revised to reflect the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding sign ordinances. The proposed Ordinance has been streamlined to assist the Town's small staff in the proper enforcement of the Ordinance. Once the Board has completed their review the proposed Ordinance, the document will be released to the public for review and comment before the Board adoption.

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