2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

The Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 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) on April 2, 2015, at CMPDD’s office. The purpose of the “come and go” meeting was to gather valuable input from those in the metro area on how they think the transportation infrastructure in the metro-area should look in the next 25-years. Comments provided during the April 2nd meeting will be considered and incorporated into the development of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), as appropriate, as the district moves forward with the planning process to develop the LRTP.

In addition, over the last few months District staff have completed developing 2040 forecasted growth for the metro area. To develop the 2040 forecast, CMPDD used the same methodology that was used to develop previous plans, which involved modifying the Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) structure; gathering base year population, employment and school enrollment data; and gathering land use patterns. Once all of the base data had been gathered, CMPDD planners were able to use the land use plans developed for each municipality and county to convert land use acreage into 2040 forecasts of population, housing, and employment based upon anticipated build out estimates for each TAZ using identified multipliers for each land use category. Based upon build out estimates it is anticipated that the population in the metro area will increase 23%, which adds an additional 106,718 residents to the metro area by 2040. To stay involved in the development of the 2040 LRTP for the Jackson Metropolitan area be sure to following the planning process on MindMixer, http://mississippitransportationplan.mindmixer.com/.

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Sources: 2010 Population U.S. Census; 2013 Employment Info USA (School Enrollment includes all public and private grade schools, colleges and universities)
There is still time to register for the 2015 MADD Conference April 21-24, 2015, in Biloxi at the Beau Rivage. For more information, visit www.mspdds.com or call 601-981-1511.

Conference Topics include:
- The Importance of the Health Care Industry in MS Communities
- Developing Community Master Plans
- Structuring Successful Grant Applications for Community Development
- The latest Legislative Updates from the State Capitol as well as Washington DC
- The latest in Digital Mapping Tools across the State
- Workforce Development in Action across the State
- Ways to Utilize Small and Minority Business Loans
- Effective Techniques for Managing Senior Care
- Continuing Education Classes for Social Workers
- And much more

To register, fax this completed Registration Form to MAPDD at 601-981-1515 or complete online form at www.mspdds.com/Registration.html and email to lcallender@cmpdd.org
CDBG Projects Nearing Completion

The Town of D’Lo recently completed sewer line repairs funded by a 2013 CDBG Public Facilities grant in the amount of $450,000. The project also provided sewer lines to 5 homes that were previously unserved. Prior to the completion of this project, the Town’s sewer lines were extremely deteriorated and allowed significant infiltration which caused manholes to overflow and sewage to back up in homes.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center received $10,000,000 in Katrina Supplemental CDBG Economic Development funds to complete site and utility work for the new School of Medicine building. The utilities package is nearing completion and the construction of the School of Medicine building has begun. The classes will begin in July 2017 in the new building. As a result of this new building and resulting expanded capacity, UMMC will hire an additional 200 employees and will be positioned to increase its class size.

CMPDD assisted the Town of D’Lo and UMMC with the submission of their CDBG applications and provided administrative services to both. For additional information on the CDBG program, please contact Mitzi Stubbs or Gray Oufts, 601-981-1511.

Mississippi Access To Care (MAC) Center

Since the District opened the Mississippi Access to Care Center in October 2014, the MAC Center Resource Specialists have taken over 740 telephone calls from consumers and their families, contacted 570 representatives from Community Resources, attended 43 events, and updated 4,685 community resources within the Mississippi Access to Care database system. In addition to responding to telephone inquiries, the Canton MAC Center staff has successfully presented and distributed information to the following organizations and at the following events:


The Canton Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center assists older people and people with disabilities – along with their families and representatives – find long-term care services and support to keep them living well and independently. Moreover, the MAC Center staff provide a central source of reliable and objective information about a broad range of programs and services. Also, as a part of a larger “No Wrong Door” network in the State of Mississippi, the MAC Center has received statewide media advertisement through funds provided by the Division of Medicaid and Mississippi Department of Human Services. Funds were used for: radio advertisements; printing and distribution of brochures; mail wraps; display signs; and billboards.

Canton MAC Center Resource Specialists are trained to provide assistance at the local center, over the telephone, within a person’s home, or in another convenient location. All assistance is free and confidential. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the MAC Center through the website www.cmpdd.org or by calling 1-844-822-4622.

District 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan

In January, the District completed work on developing the Draft District 5 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and submitted the plan to the MS Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. Both agencies will review the plan to ensure the draft document meets all of the required federal elements. Since submitting the plan for review, District 5 has made the plan available to the public for review and comments by holding a public review period March 9th through March 26th. During the public review opportunity, copies of the draft document were available at each of the following locations:

- CMPDD, 1170 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS
- Simpson County Board of Supervisors, 111 West Pine Avenue, Mendenhall, MS
- Magee City Hall, 123 Main Avenue, Magee, MS
- Crystal Springs City Hall, 210 East Railroad Avenue, Crystal Springs, MS
- Canton City Hall (Planning Department), 226 E. Peace Street, Canton, MS
- Madison Public Services Complex, 123 Hwy 51, Madison, MS
- Claiborne County Emergency Management, 2033 Hwy 18, Port Gibson, MS
- Hinds County Emergency Management, 300 N State Street, Jackson, MS
- Issaquena County Board of Supervisors, 129 Court Street, Mayersville, MS
- Sharkey County Board of Supervisors, 400 Locust Street, Rolling Fork, MS

Once approved by MEMA and FEMA the plan will be made available to the public for final review prior to formal adoption of the plan by each participating community. For more information regarding the District 5 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan contact the District at 601-981-1511 or visit the District’s mitigation website page http://www.cmpdd.org/mitigation-planning/

Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Waiver Program

CMPDD’s Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Medicaid Waiver Program provides Case Management and Home Delivered Meal services to elderly and/or disabled recipients who want to remain in their home rather than be placed in a nursing facility. A team of a Registered Nurse and a Licensed Social Worker assess the needs of recipients, and coordinates and case manage services. The District currently employs 21 teams serving 2,324 clients.

Then E&D Waiver is collaborating with the Division

(see Medicaid Waiver on p.4)
CMPDD prepared, submitted, and have received approval of a CAP loan application in the amount of $4,000,000 for Copiah County to purchase an existing building located in Copiah County Industrial Park, add an access road and make necessary improvements to the building to support the location and expansion of a business to the Copiah County Industrial Park.

The Local Government CAP was enacted by the State Legislature and is designed for making loans to counties or municipalities to finance capital improvements in Mississippi. Counties and municipalities are encouraged to use these loans in connection with state and federal programs, and the funds for loans are derived from the issuance of state bonds. Eligible projects include the following:

- Construction or repair of water and sewer facilities
- Construction or repair of drainage systems for industrial development
- Improvements in fire protection
- Construction of new buildings for economic development
- Renovation or repair of existing buildings for economic development purposes
- Purchase of buildings for economic development purposes
- Construction of any county or municipally-owned health care facilities, excluding any county health departments
- Construction, purchase, renovation or repair of any building to be utilized as an auditorium or convention center
- Construction of multipurpose facilities for tourism development
- Construction or repair of access roads for industrial development
- Construction or repair of railroad spurs for industrial development
- Construction, repair and renovation of parks, swimming pools and recreational and athletic facilities
- Remediation of brownfield agreement sites in accordance with Sections 49-35-1 through 47-35-25.

The cumulative maximum loan amount for any eligible local unit of government during a calendar year is $1,000,000 for tax-exempt and taxable loans. The minimum loan amount allowed per project is $30,000. The maximum CAP loan indebtedness allowed per applicant is $2,500,000 outstanding principal balance. For more information or to apply for a CAP loan you may contact Mitzi Stubbs at 601-981-1511.

Older adults are a vital part of our society. Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. The theme of this year’s celebration is “Get into the Act,” to focus on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

The theme also reflects on the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Older Americans Act into law in July 1965. Since that time, the Act has provided a nationwide aging services network and funding that helps older adults live with dignity in the communities of their choice for as long as possible. These services include home-delivered and congregate meals, caregiver support, community-based assistance, preventive health services, elder abuse prevention, and much more.

By promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and inclusivity, more Americans than ever before can “Get into the Act.” While the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District/Area Agency on Aging provides home and community based services to older adults year-round, Older Americans Month offers an opportunity to emphasize how older adults can access the services they need to live in their communities independently. It is also an occasion to highlight how older adults are engaging with and making a difference in those communities. Throughout the month, local service providers in central Mississippi will be conducting activities and providing tips on how to access programs, resources, and opportunities designed to maximize the independence of older adults in our community. To learn more about upcoming events and opportunities to celebrate and support older Americans, please contact Brenda Knott or Chelsea Crittle at 601-981-1516.
The Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC) is a U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) approved Certified Development Company (CDC). It works with local banks and other financial institutions in providing business loans to small businesses. These loans allow a small business to finance land, building, and equipment with a low down payment and long term financing at competitive interest rates. Fixed rate low interest financing for small businesses saves thousands of dollars in debt service on fixed assets. Also, this type of financing provides an alternative to variable rate financing on long term assets. Many economic forecasters are certain that interest rates will rise. These predictable interest rate increases will not have a negative impact on the cash flow of those businesses that have fixed rate low interest loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 504 Loan Program. The maximum loan amount is 40% of the total project cost up to a maximum loan amount of $5,000,000 depending on the type of project. The maximum amount for eligible manufacturing projects is $5,500,000.

The current interest rates on business loans under the U.S. Small Business Administration’s CMDC remain very low. Therefore, now is a good time to lock-up low fixed interest rate commercial financing for fixed assets (land, building, and equipment) with a useful life of 10 years or longer. The terms and interest rates for SBA 504 Loans for March 2015 were as follows:

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The fixed interest rate on loans made under the Mississippi Minority Business Loan Program is 2.75% per annum. The maximum term is 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds.

The fixed interest rate on loans made under the Mississippi Small Business Assistance Loan Program is 4.75% per annum. The maximum term is 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds.

Small business owners, bankers, commercial loan officers, real estate developers, contractors, and others interested in locking up extremely low fixed interest rates on business loans should call Larry Anderson or Dwayne Perkins at 601-981-1625.

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Planning Update

**City of Canton**

The City of Canton asked CMPDD to develop a master plan for Saab Park, one of the City’s oldest parks. The City wants to upgrade the park with a number of improvements. Among the proposed improvements are: a pavilion, walking trails with lighting and benches, playground equipment, waterpark features, basketball courts, volleyball court, community garden, renovated concession stand, volleyball court, landscaping, and signage. In addition, two drainage ditches traverse the park, separating different areas of the park. The District will propose ways to cross these ditches and provide better access for all patrons of the park. Finally, the Master Plan will include cost estimates and funding sources for the proposed improvements.

**City of Florence**

CMPDD has completed an update of the City of Florence Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, which replaces one that was developed by CMPDD in 2003. Since that time the City has experienced a tremendous amount of growth and development, with population growing by 21% from 2000 to 2010. The new Zoning Ordinance replaces an existing ordinance that was originally adopted in the 1970’s and amended numerous times since. The new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance were developed to help the City address the many changes in development patterns that have taken place, as well as address anticipated land use and transportation needs.

**City of Vicksburg**

The City of Vicksburg requested CMPDD to perform a needs assessment for the City’s Fire Department to determine if the current locations of their fire stations meet the City’s needs based upon Mississippi Rating Bureau criteria. The assessment will determine any unnecessary levels of redundancy, as well as any underserved areas of the City. The results may involve closing one or more fire stations and moving/building one or more stations to provide optimum fire protection for the City.
Congratulations to Magee’s Zip Burger

Magee’s very own Zip Burger from Zip’s Cafe has been named the best hamburger in the State of Mississippi by the Mississippi Beef Council and the Mississippi Cattleman’s Association. The Council and the Association sponsored a contest to find the best hamburger in Mississippi. They used social media to receive nominations when word got out that the Zip burger had been nominated, it received over 3,000 likes in one 24 hour period. The list was narrowed to the top ten and a panel of anonymous judges tried hamburgers at all 10 locations from Olive Branch to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Zip Burger was the winner and was named as the best burger in Mississippi. In addition to being named the best burger, Zip’s Cafe also received a $1,000 advertising package. Zip’s Cafe is owned by the Windham family and is now operated by the late Don Windham’s daughter, Donna Windham Dunn.

So if you find yourself in Magee – do yourself a favor and treat yourself to Mississippi’s best burger – the Zip Burger. Zip’s Cafe is located directly off Highway 49 at 401 Pinola Drive SE.

The District wants to applaud all statewide achievements in its area, so if your community has been recognized please contact Sandra Knight at 601-981-1511 or sknight@cmpdd.org with the good news.

CEDS Surveys

The District will has mailed its annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) survey to community leaders. We ask that if you receive a survey that you take time to complete and return it, as the responses will be compiled and used for the 2016 update of the 2013 – 2018 CEDS that was adopted in September 2012. Moreover, the responses will help guide CMPDD in the development of its 2016 Work Program. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Survey is also available for download and completion on the District’s website at www.cmpdd.org/planning/.

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