

Central Update

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CMPDD Unveils the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

CMPDD, which is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for coordinating a federally-mandated transportation planning process for the Jackson Metropolitan Area, has completed the update process to develop the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.



Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall.

The adopted 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was unveiled during a press conference held on December 15th at CMPDD's office. The press conference included remarks from Mike Monk, the CEO for CMPDD; Dick Hall, the Central District Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Transportation; and Knox Ross, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan serves as the long range plan for the metro Jackson area by identifying transportation needs for Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties. The Plan, which is updated every 5 years, identifies anticipated transportation needs in the metro-area over a 25-year period by considering:

- The current population and its projected growth;
- Where people are traveling to work and shop;
- Where future development is likely to occur creating traffic demand for residential, commercial or industrial developments;
- Where people travel to attend school; and
- What are the current conditions and capacity of the transportation system and how it will be impacted by the projected growth.

The 2040 Plan was approved by the MPO in November following an extensive public involvement campaign which included:

- A 45-day public comment period held September 28, 2015 through November 12, 2015;
- A series of public meetings held in the evening in each of the metro-area counties;
- Hinds County: October 20, 2015
- Madison County: October 21, 2015
- Rankin County: October 22, 2015
- A Transportation Stakeholders Committee meeting held November 10, 2015;
- A public hearing held before the Intermodal Technical Committee on November 12, 2015.

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CMPDD Receives National Awards

CMPDD received a 2015 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation for both the Simpson County Health Care Zone Master Plan and the Town of Pelahatchie – Multicraft International Expansion. NADO is a Washington, DC-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities. Award winners were showcased during NADO's 2015 Annual Training Conference, held October 24 - 27 in New Orleans.



NADO President Terry Bobrowski with CMPDD's Mitzi Stubbs

The Simpson County Economic Development District (EDD), with the support of the Cities of Magee and Mendenhall, and Simpson County, contracted with CMPDD for the

(see Awards on p.4)



Jackson MPO Chairman Knox Ross, Transportation Commissioner Dick Hall, and CMPDD CEO Mike Monk

The 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is multi-modal and examines potential highway improvements, condition and capacity of the transportation network, the safety and efficiency of the network, ways to improve accessibility and connectivity,

and how to improve transit services. The 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan addresses three target timeframes: Stage I 2016 through 2020 for the short range plan; Stage II 2021 through 2030 for the intermediate range plan; and Stage III 2031 through 2040 for the long-range goals. One of the significant outcomes of the 2040 Plan is the development of a phased improvement plan which is a fiscally constrained listing of transportation projects that collectively represent the best combination of transportation improvements within the constraints of the projected available funding to address identified deficiencies. Assuming future funding will be consistent with historical data, an average of \$77 million per year or \$2.25 billion over the next 25-years is



forecasted to be available in the metro-area. However, the 2040 Plan also identifies an additional \$1.4 billion in unfunded transportation improvements that are no less important or effective; they just cannot be accommodated for within the required financially constrained budget.

	Stage I 2016-2020	Stage II 2021-2030	Stage III 2031-2040	Totals
Estimated Fiscally-Constrained Project Costs	\$465,398,000	\$872,024,000	\$923,924,000	\$2,261,346,000
Estimated Available Funding	\$405,637,585	\$874,405,426	\$965,887,584	\$2,245,930,598
			Vision Needs	\$1,402,776,000
			Total Plan Needs	\$3,571,460,000

A complete copy of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the metro-area is located on CMPDD’s website (<http://www.cmpdd.org/long-range-transportation-plan-lrtp/>) and includes six (6) volumes:

Volume I: Metropolitan Planning Process

This volume provides an overview of the planning process used to develop the 2040 Plan, and explains how the public and other interested parties were involved in the planning process. In addition, this volume outlines the setting for the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

Volume II: Roadways and Bridges

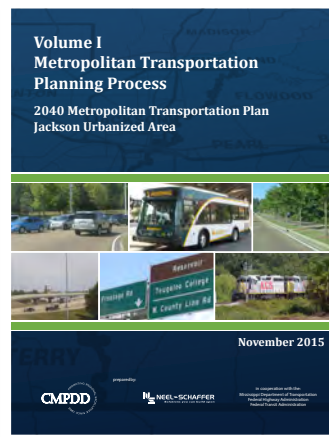
This volume addresses current and future roadway and bridge needs for the Jackson MPA by analyzing existing conditions; projecting future needs; forecasting future federal, state, and local funds anticipated to be available; prioritizing projects identified throughout the planning process; and presenting a fiscally-constrained list of projects from 2016 through 2040.

Volume III: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

This volume supports and recognizes the significance of a bicycle and pedestrian network that supports the needs of the urbanized area.

Volume IV: Congestion Management Process

This volume uses an analytical process to determine



which areas experience the greatest mobility and maneuverability issues associated with traffic congestions, and identifies a wide range of congestion reduction scenarios that can aid in improving free flow traffic conditions.

Volume V: Public Transit

This volume identifies existing and future demand for public transit services; evaluates current transit services provided within

the Jackson MPA, and identifies transit revenues to continue maintaining the current level of service.

Volume VI: Freight

This volume addresses current and future freight demand in the Jackson MPA, and analyzes information for the Jackson MPA contained in the State Freight Plan and national freight databases.

CMPDD Moves Toward Paperless Operation in 2016

In December 2015, the District took steps toward becoming a paperless operation by procuring a document management system (DMS) and an electronic signature application which will be implemented in the first quarter of 2016. The Efile Cabinet DMS system will allow for more robust document archiving and management than the typical Windows file explorer application. Some of the features include retention management and key word search across the DMS application for files that have been OCR processed by the DMS. A limited number of licenses have been purchased for the first year as a way of reducing costs and determining if the

DMS will be a system worth expanding in the coming years.

CudaSign is the electronic signature application adopted by the District and it is an extension of Barracuda Networks product suite. The District plans for internal forms that are typically printed and signed with ink to be converted into digital templates that are enabled for electronic signature thereby reducing paper waste and speeding up the entire process of getting documents signed and approved. When possible, the application will also be used to finalize and sign contracts with outside organizations that accept electronic signatures.

The goals behind these strategic pur-

chases were established by the District's Chief Executive Officer, Mike Monk. The key goals being to reduce waste, improve archiving, and increase efficiencies within the organization. Mr. Monk delegated the task of investigating and reviewing possible solutions to meeting these goals to the CMPDD Data User Group made up of District employees. After several meetings to discuss the needs of the organization, key members of the group began evaluating possible solutions which led to the selection of Efile Cabinet and CudaSign as the products to use. The potential of these products is exciting and implementation will begin in the first quarter of 2016.

Madison County WIN Job Center - Ten Years and Counting

Since its grand opening on Watford Parkway Drive in 2003, the Madison County WIN Job Center continues to be a valuable resource for Madison County and the greater Canton area.

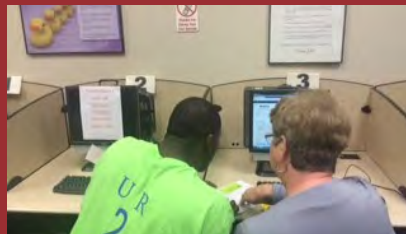
Currently, eleven partner agencies and tenants provide employment resources for job seekers and employers, computer training, social assistance programs, meeting and training facilities, education programs, and a

myriad of other services that lend to the enhancement of individuals and the community at large.

The Madison County WIN Job Center is managed by CMPDD, and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security serves as the One Stop Operator providing employment and training services for both employers and job seekers. Some of the many services available at the Center

include employee training, computer workshops, employment and education resources, job search assistance, employer services, youth development, onsite daycare, social services for seniors and persons with disabilities, and community outreach.

For more information about the Madison County WIN Job Center, contact Jessica Nichols at 601-859-7609.



City of Madison Completes CDBG Funded Projects

CMPDD assisted the City of Madison with the submission of CDBG applications to do comprehensive playground renovations to two city parks. These applications were awarded CDBG funds and the District provided administrative services for the grants. The City has now completed the projects by constructing an inclusive design playground at Liberty Village Park and completed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) playground improvements to Strawberry Patch Park. The inclusive design playground goes beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for play areas. ADA requires the removal of physical barriers to access in the play environments. While all the play areas in Madison's parks currently meet ADA requirements, the inclusive design goes beyond those guidelines, allowing social acces-

sibility and the opportunity for full participation by as many people as possible regardless of their age and ability level.

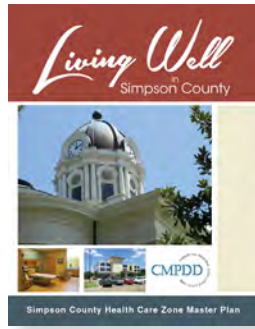
Overall, these playgrounds have infinite play opportunities for any child regardless of their medical diagnosis. Children are able to find a structure within the play area that is designed to support their physical, sensory, and cognitive needs while it provides them with a world of fun to acquire new skills. It also provides them with a great space to work on their socialization and self-esteem skills as they walk, run, roll, slide, climb, and spin together without the stigma of being in an area designed simply for those with physical challenges or disabilities. The City celebrated the opening of both new playgrounds in July, 2015.

Awards

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Master Plan. The intent of this Master Plan is to provide the Simpson County EDD and the local governments with a uniform plan for the growth, through retention and recruitment, of the health care industry in Simpson County. This Plan is vitally important because there are two qualified Health Care Zones in the County, each located in a separate city. These Zones must work together rather than in competition. The Simpson County EDD recognized a Health Care Zone Master Plan as a two-pronged tool. First, it is used as an economic development tool to be used by the EDD in marketing Simpson County to health care related businesses. It identifies target businesses, potential economic impacts, market analysis, and workforce demographics. The second part is a growth management tool for the local governments. It identifies physical locations for target and supporting businesses and Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance amendments that makes location within the Zones easier for health care related businesses.

Mayor Knox Ross, Jr, Town of Pelahatchie, MS, requested assistance from CMPDD to work with the Town and Multicraft International's CEO, to review options to expand their building space to facilitate the addition of a new product line. Multicraft International is a successful, existing business in the Pelahatchie Industrial Park and was selected as the manufacturer of a new product line but they did not have the space in their current building. There was one last available building in the Pelahatchie Industrial Park that recently became vacant and it was the perfect fit for the expansion of Multicraft International, but Federal grants funds were needed to renovate the building to accommodate their needs. A \$1,000,000 grant was awarded through the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Economic Development funds to complete the necessary parking lot and building improvements, the Town of Pelahatchie provided \$634,160 in CAP loan funds for the purchase of the building and Multicraft International invested \$375,000 and agreed to hire 50 new full-time employees.



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Mississippi is First to Submit Comprehensive Workforce Plan

On November 2, 2015 Mississippi became the first state in the nation to submit a comprehensive and unified workforce development plan to the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education. Developed under the newly enacted Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the plan combines and coordinates the workforce efforts of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Mississippi Community College Board, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the Mississippi Department of Human Services along with the four local workforce development areas in the state. CMPDD serves as the grant recipient and administrative entity for Southcentral Mississippi Works, one of the local workforce areas, and the District also participated in the development of the new state plan.

CMPDD's Chief Executive Officer Mike Monk serves on the State Workforce Development Board that provided the leadership for the development of the state plan. Governor Phil Bryant challenged all workforce and education stakeholders to develop an effective and efficient state workforce development system designed to meet the demands of current and future job seekers and Mississippi's business community.

The focus of workforce development planning now turns to the four local workforce areas. Each area is required to develop a regional plan that implements the state vision but considers the unique needs of the labor force and economies in each area. CMPDD, with assistance from the Local Workforce Development Board and elected officials, will begin a series of discussions with partner agencies, local businesses, and economic development officials to reach a common understanding of the economic growth needs within the 17 counties that make up Southcentral Mississippi Works.

Local plans are due to the state by the end of May, 2016 with implementation scheduled for July 1, 2016.

Board of Directors Meeting

At their December meeting, CMPDD's Board of Directors was pleased to have as their special guest and speaker, Mr. Glenn McCullough, Executive Director of the Mississippi

Development Authority. Mr. McCullough provided an interesting, informative, and entertaining overview of Mississippi's economic development efforts.





2016 Annual MAPDD Conference

May 3-6, 2016

Beau Rivage Resort & Convention Center
Biloxi, Mississippi

The Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts is currently preparing for the 2016 Conference. In addition to a variety of interesting guest speakers, there will be over thirty sessions addressing issues of interest to county supervisors, municipal officials, economic developers, PDD staff, and others interested in the development of our state. The conference will also offer social workers the opportunity to earn continuing education hours.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

GENERAL SESSION TOPICS:

- Grants 101
- Access to Business Capital
- State and Federal Grant Funding
- Planning a Successful Business
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Information
- Loan Portfolio Management
- GIS Mapping
- Accounting and Auditing Issues

CONTINUING EDUCATION SESSIONS:

- Estate Recovery
- Fall Prevention Devices
- Medicaid Waiver Fact and Fallacies
- Nutrition in Senior Centers
- Financial and Healthcare Decisions
- Medication Management
- Past, Present and Future of Aging Networks
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren



Accommodations

Conference participants will stay at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi. To make reservations, call the Beau Rivage at 1-888-567-6667. Be sure to mention that you are with the Mississippi Planning and Development Districts Conference to receive the special group rate of \$144 per night. This rate is guaranteed until April 8, 2016 and requires a first night deposit.

Beau Rivage Resort Group Code: *The Planning and Development Districts*
Group Rate: \$144/night (includes Resort Fee)

875 Beach Boulevard • Biloxi, MS

Registration Form

*2016 Annual MAPDD Conference
May 3-6, 2016*

Name _____
(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.) Last Name First Name MI

Badge Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Street or P.O. Box Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Please check appropriate fee option(s):

Registration (Before 4/15/16)	\$275 _____
Late Registration (After 4/15/16)	\$325 _____
Spouse Registration*	\$100 _____

*Registered Spouse's Name _____

Continuing Education Credits will be offered to Social Workers.

Please check box to sign up for CE hours.

MML will offer Certified Municipal Official Credits.

Please check box if you plan to participate.

The MAPDD/Valley Golf Tournament, held on May 3, 2016, is a special event offered to all conference registrants compliments of Valley Services.

You must register before April 15, 2016.

Please check the box to sign up.

Golf Tournament (Average Score) _____

The B.Y.O. Brush Studio will be offering painting parties for conference participants on May 3, 2016, compliments of Venture Technologies.

No artistic ability or experience required! All you need is an open mind. The Brush Studio will walk you through the steps to creating your very own masterpiece.

Please check the box for the time you wish to participate.

11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m

*To register, fax this completed Registration Form to MAPDD at 601-981-1515
or mail it to MAPDD, P.O. Box 4935, Jackson, MS, 39296.*

*Full Conference Registration Fee includes registration and
admission to all Conference Activities.*

Planning Updates

City of Magee

The District has begun developing an update of the City of Magee's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The plan update will include revisions to all four elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance will also incorporate recommendations found in the Living Well in Simpson County Health Care Zone Master Plan.



An important part of the planning process is to solicit citizen input. The District has developed a short online survey and is asking citizens of Magee to participate. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mageems>.

City of Yazoo City

The District completed a proposed Sign Ordinance for the City of Yazoo City. At their January meeting, the Yazoo City Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing on the proposed Sign Ordinance and recommended approval.

The proposed ordinance is an update of one originally adopted in 1985. The proposed ordinance is a stand-alone ordinance that regulates the number, size, and location of signs in the City. The Sign Ordinance will now be forwarded to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for final approval and adoption.

In addition the City has contracted with the District to update its website and this update is expected to be finalized in January, 2016.

Rankin County

The District has begun developing an update of the Rankin County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Plan update will include revisions to all four elements including the Goals and Objectives, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, and Public Facilities Plan. The new Comprehensive Plan will be integrated into an online interactive system that is linked to the web-based GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping application and viewer that are also being developed by the District. With this internet based GIS viewing tool, users are able to pick and choose which background map and data layer(s) they wish view from a menu of available information. This new service will allow accessibility to numerous informational data layers including aerial imagery, topography, existing land use, the land use plan, the transportation plan, recreational features/facilities, demographic data, flood zones, and zoning. Recommendations and elements found in the Comprehensive Plan will be incorporated into Rankin County's Zoning Ordinance which was first developed in 2004.

An important part of the planning process is to solicit citizen input. The District has developed a short online survey and is asking citizens of Rankin County to participate. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rankinco> or by visiting the Rankin County website www.rankincounty.org.

CAP Loan Approved

The Mississippi Development Authority has approved a CAP loan application that CMPDD prepared on behalf of the City of Brandon in the amount of \$250,091 to purchase two new fire trucks. Additionally, the City will provide \$515,229 to be used towards the purchase of the new trucks.

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, please contact Mitzi Stubbs at 601-981-1511.

District Offers Classes on “A Matter of Balance” Program

As concerns regarding the safety and well-being of the older adult population increase, the need for training and specialized programs to address these issues are also on the rise. In an effort to address these needs, a “Fear of Falling; A Matter of Balance Program” was developed at Boston University in 1995, and was later recognized in 2006 by the American Society on Aging for their Innovation and Quality in Healthcare and Aging award. Subsequently, “A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model” was later developed by a grant from the Administration on Aging. A training class for coaches of “A Matter of Balance” was conducted at CMPDD’s main office on December 17-18, 2015

by Master Trainers Chrissy Wilburn, Licensed Social Worker and Thania Averett, Senior Services Supervisor from Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District. Aging program employees from CMPDD and staff from surrounding Planning and Development Districts participated in the training.

The coursework is specifically designed to teach practical strategies to manage the risks of falling in the home. During this two (2) day intensive training, staff were trained to assist older adults with recognizing and managing fall risks in the home, and setting goals for increasing activity while teaching proper exercise techniques to increase strength, flexibility, and balance. Upon

completion of the training, employees became Certified Coaches and are able to conduct classes once a week for eight (8) weeks to participants at local senior centers or other interested organizations. During the eight (8) week session, individuals learn to view falls as controllable; set goals for increasing activity; make changes to reduce fall risks at home; and learn exercises to increase strength and balance. These classes are open to any person concerned about falls, anyone who has fallen in the past, and anyone who has restricted activities due to fall concerns. For more information or to schedule a training class, please contact CMPDD at 601-981-1516.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Update

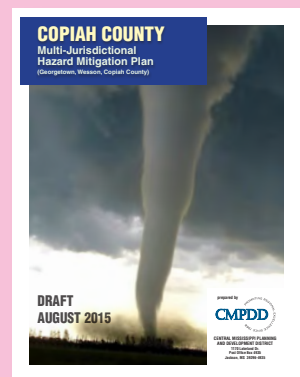
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines mitigation as “*the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Mitigation is taking action now – before the next disaster – to reduce human and financial consequences later (analyzing risk, reducing risk, insuring against risk).*”

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 and 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. Over the next year, CMPDD will be working with several local jurisdictions to update their existing Hazard Mitigation Plans before they expire including: Brandon, Clinton, Florence, Flora, Georgetown, Jackson, Pelahatchie, Ridgeland, Satartia, Vicksburg, Wesson, Yazoo City, and Copiah, Madison, Rankin and Yazoo Counties.

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 MS Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and FEMA. Furthermore, plans are required to be reviewed and updated every five years to account for any changes that might have occurred that could increase or decrease a communities risk to a particular hazard.

In November, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Copiah County, Georgetown, and Wesson was approved by MEMA and FEMA, and the plan will be considered by each jurisdiction for adoption in the coming weeks. In addition, CMPDD submitted a plan for the City of Brandon to MEMA and FEMA for their review and approval. For more information concerning the mitigation planning process underway or to find out how you can be involved in the process, contact Lesley Callender at 601-981-1511 or visit the District’s mitigation website page <http://www.cmpdd.org/mitigation-planning/>.



Statewide Census Training Conducted at CMPDD

In October 2015, staff from all ten Planning and Development Districts participated in a Census Training workshop held at CMPDD and hosted by the State Data Center and the Mississippi

Association of Planning and Development Districts. Staff from the State Data Center and the US Census Bureau presented information on methods to compare American Community Survey,

sources of economic and health related data, how to present census data, and how to create custom geographies on the Census website to gather data.

CMDC BULLETIN

Ms. Wanda Cowart, President of the Central Mississippi Development Company, Inc. (CMDC), announced the approval of one (1) new loan, which is for a new Mexican restaurant. The loan is for \$857,600 of a \$2,150,000 project under the United States Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program, and will partially finance the renovation of a building for the restaurant in Gulfport, Mississippi. This business will create approximately twenty (20) 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 that saves them 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 businesses that have fixed rate, low interest loans through the U. S. Small Business Administration's 504 Loan Program.

Ms. Cowart announced that the current interest rates on

business loans from the CMDC remain very low. The interest rates are as follow:

<u>TERM (YEARS)</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
10 (November 2015)	4.18%
20 (December 2015)	4.90%

CMDC also serves as the Loan Review Board for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District's (CMPDD's) managed the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program (MBELP). The interest rate on loans made to minority business owners through this program is 2.75% to 3.00% per annum (Federal Reserve Discount Rate increased by 25 basis points) for a term up to 15 years depending on the use of the loan proceeds. The proceeds of these loans can be used purchase a building, equipment, inventory, and provide needed working capital.

CMDC specializes in structuring loans for minority owned businesses (MBE/WBE) and other small businesses. Bankers, commercial loan officers, real estate developers, contractors, and others interested in locking up extremely low fixed interest rates on business loans are encouraged to call Larry Anderson or Dwayne Perkins at 601-981-1625.

DRA SEDAP 2015 Funded Applications

In central Mississippi, the Delta Regional Authority's (DRA) States Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) is only open to public and non-profit entities in the DRA-designated counties, which are all seven of the counties represented by CMPDD. In 2015, approximately \$1,383,363 was made available in the State of Mississippi from DRA through SEDAP.

Listed below are the applications that received 2015 funding:

<u>Community/Organization Name</u>	<u>DRA Funds</u>	<u>Matching Funds</u>
Hinds Community College	\$200,000	\$1,759,471
UMMC (Soul City)	315,080	-0-

DRA is a federal-state partnership created by Congress, which serves a 240 county/parish area in an eight-state region. In Mississippi, 45 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 stimulating economic development partnerships that will have a positive impact on the region's economy. 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. For additional information, please contact Mitzi Stubbs at 601-981-1511.

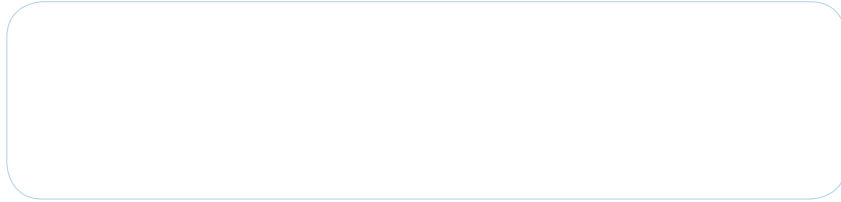
Utility Construction Underway For Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital

Construction of water and sewer infrastructure to support the new location of Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital in Hazlehurst is underway. The Copiah Water Association, utilizing \$399,405 of Economic Development Administration funding, will provide water infrastructure to the site. The Copiah Water Association is providing

matching funds of at least \$266,270 to complete the project.

The City of Hazlehurst is constructing a new sewer main to serve the site as well. The City was awarded \$570,000 in CDBG funding from the Mississippi Development Authority and \$204,000 from the Delta Regional Authority to complete the project.

The Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital, whose current building must be replaced to continue its vital operations, has committed to a \$16 million investment while creating 29 new jobs. CMPDD serves as the administrator of all of these grants and looks forward to the new hospital becoming a reality.



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

Twenty-Fifth Year of "Santa for Seniors"

Three organizations assisted Central Mississippi Planning & Development District with the twenty-fifth (25th) year of the "Santa for Seniors" Project. The Jackson Chapter of the National Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), the Jackson Association of Health Underwriters (JAHU), and Home In-stead Senior Care provided Christmas gifts to over 600 needy seniors in the District's seven county area. Robes, blankets, gowns, jogging suits, and toiletries are just some of the items purchased for seniors who are homebound or residents of local nursing homes or personal care homes. Seniors were asked for their wish lists and the sponsors supplied the items. The seniors were very appreciative of the gifts and were encouraged and uplifted by the generosity extended to them.

Because of the continued participation of sponsors with this project, the District has been able to provide many needy seniors with Christmas cheer and joy during the holiday season for the past twenty-five years. We are grateful for the interest and generous support of our sponsors and look forward to working with them in the future.



District CEO Interviewed by TBN

The Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), Channel 34 in Jackson, recently asked the District's Chief Executive Officer Mike Monk to be taped for a community service broadcast discussing the various responsibilities and capabilities of CMPDD. According to Linda Berry, Public Affairs Director for TBN, the interview will not air until early spring and will run several times over the course of two years. The District was very pleased to have the opportunity to publicize its efforts in

serving the needs of local governments and clients in central Mississippi.



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