



Proposed Long-Range Transportation Plans Available for Review and Comment



The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and three of the state’s Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) invite public review and comments on MULTIPLAN 2045 (Mississippi’s Unified Long-Range Transportation Infrastructure Plan for the year 2045).

MULTIPLAN 2045 is a coordinated effort to develop MDOT’s statewide long-range transportation plan and the plans for the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) MPO, the Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar (HPFL) MPO, and the Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) MPO. It includes four separate plans that are developed simultaneously for consistency. MULTIPLAN 2045 addresses our transportation needs over a 25-year horizon and is updated every five years. The public is encouraged to review MULTIPLAN 2045 and make official comments. All comments received during the comment period will be considered prior to plan adoption.

Each proposed plan is located at www.mstransportationplan2045.com and will be available there for official review and comment during the timeframes indicated below:

CMPDD draft plan: Sept. 19 - Nov. 2, 2020

Statewide, HPFL, and GRPC draft plans: Oct. 16 – Nov. 30

Additionally, MDOT is hosting three joint virtual public meetings that will provide the public with the opportunity to hear presentations and make live comments on the proposed MULTIPLAN 2045. Information on the virtual meetings follows:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date/Time	Host	Proposed Plans Available for Review
Thursday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.	MDOT and Central Mississippi Planning and Development District	Statewide Long-Range Plan and the Jackson area Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.	MDOT and Hattiesburg-Petal-Forrest-Lamar MPO	Statewide Long-Range Plan and the HPFL Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Thursday, Oct. 29, 6 p.m.	MDOT and Gulf Regional Planning Commission	Statewide Long-Range Plan and the Gulf Coast Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Individuals who would like to participate in the virtual public meetings should visit www.mstransportationplan2045.com using a smart phone or computer for more information. After these meetings, recordings of the presentations will be available on the same website until the end of the 45-day comment periods listed above.

STATE RAIL PLAN UPDATE: MDOT is now updating its Mississippi State Rail Plan. At each of the MULTIPLAN virtual meetings listed above, state rail plan information will be presented, and MDOT representatives will be available to take comments. The proposed Rail Plan is expected to be available on www.gomdot.com (MDOT’s website) in late 2020.

Anyone who may require auxiliary aids or special accommodations to participate should advise MDOT at least 10 business days in advance by calling 601.359.7685 or emailing planning@mdot.ms.gov.