

## MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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August 21, 2017

H. Carey Webb, P. E. State Aid Engineer Office of State Aid Road Construction P. O. Box 1850 Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1850

RE:

Forfeiture of LSBP Funds

Dear Mr. Webb:

Thank you so much for your notice of forfeiture provided pursuant to Section 65-37-7 (3) of the Mississippi Code of 1972. We understand that Madison County has \$586,007.94 in LSBP funds that are eligible for forfeiture by November 10, 2017. You can be assured that Madison County has many LSBP needs and fully intends to utilize the LSBP funds to address the deficient local bridges in Madison County.

However, you are aware of the extenuating legal circumstances created by our former LSBP Engineer, Rudy Warnock, P. E., since his termination by this board on January 4, 2016. Because of his federal lawsuit, Madison County was unable to arrange an orderly transition agreement between Warnock and our current State Aid and LSBP Engineer. Thus, we were delayed for approximately 12 months in addressing the three (3) LSBP projects that were programmed by the previous Board of Supervisors including:

LSBP 45(16) – Dinkins Street - \$267,700 LSBP 45(17) – Ben Luckett Road - \$411,375 LSBP 45(18) – Way Road - \$519,007

Since resolution of this matter, we have evaluated these three projects and cancelled the program for LSBP-45(18). LSBP-45(16) is now under construction, and LSBP-45(17) is in the

preliminary design phase. Additionally, Madison County has programmed in April, 2017:

LSBP-45(19) – Purvis Road - \$490,300 LSBP-45(20) – Oaks Road - \$589,600

Preliminary hydrology and hydraulics were submitted to your office for LSBP-45(19) on June 8, 2017. We understand that this project has been delayed because of regulatory floodway matters pending resolution with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and the National Flood Insurance Program. We have already developed preliminary plans for this project and are prepared to proceed with implementation as soon as the regulatory floodway matters are resolved.

The preliminary hydrology and hydraulics were submitted and approved by your office for LSBP-45(19). The project is moving forward with the development of Field Review Plans.

We are making progress on all active LSBP projects now and expect to have more LSBP projects ready for implementation in the near future. For these reasons, we respectfully request an additional twelve (12) months to expend the LSBP funds subject to forfeiture. If you should have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Madison County Board of Supervisors

Trey Baxter, President

Cc: Jim Hust, P. E., Madison County State Aid Engineer Dan Gaillet, P. E., Madison County Engineer Jerry Gilliland, P. E., District Engineer