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Mr. Rudy M. Warnock, Jr.
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Re: MDOT Safety Circuit Rider Program

Dear Mr. Warnock, Jr.,:

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), in cooperation with the Office of State Aid Road Construction (OSARC), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Mississippi Local Technical Assistance Program (MS LTAP), formally announce the availability of a *Safety Circuit Rider Program* to provide free direct assistance to local agencies in identifying and implementing highway safety improvements. Both MDOT and OSARC have a vested interest in providing training and assistance to help meet challenging transportation needs at the local level.

The goal of the *Safety Circuit Rider Program* is to provide technical assistance and training to advance the vision of zero traffic-related deaths on Mississippi roadways. MDOT has three *Circuit Riders*, as depicted on the attachment, who are ready to provide highway safety related technical assistance and training to your staff that can be tailored to your specific needs. The *Circuit Rider* is available to visit with you and evaluate specific road locations that you feel have safety concerns. During these visits, the *Circuit Rider* will assist you in analyzing the safety concerns, formulating potential safety improvements and offering advice in regards to potential project development and funding.

In addition to this individualized assistance, a training course has also been developed to aide in identifying potential safety improvements on your roadways, including the use of available crash data. This is a half-day course in which your *Circuit Rider* will come out to your county and provide free training. If you are interested in hosting this free training session or participating in one, please contact Shirley Johnson with the Mississippi LTAP at 601-359-7698 or via e-mail at ltap@mdot.ms.gov.

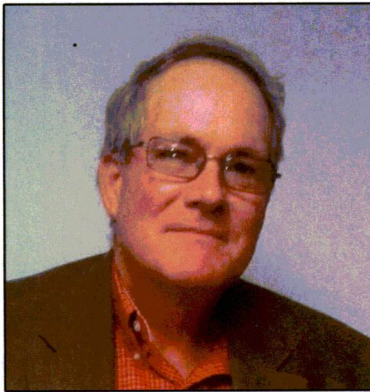
We encourage you to contact your assigned *Circuit Rider* at the number or email listed on the attachment to learn more about the opportunities for highway safety related assistance and to begin utilizing this valuable asset.

Sincerely,

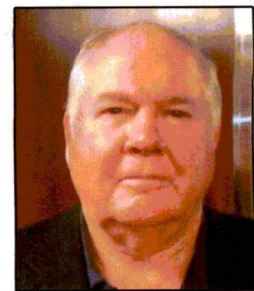
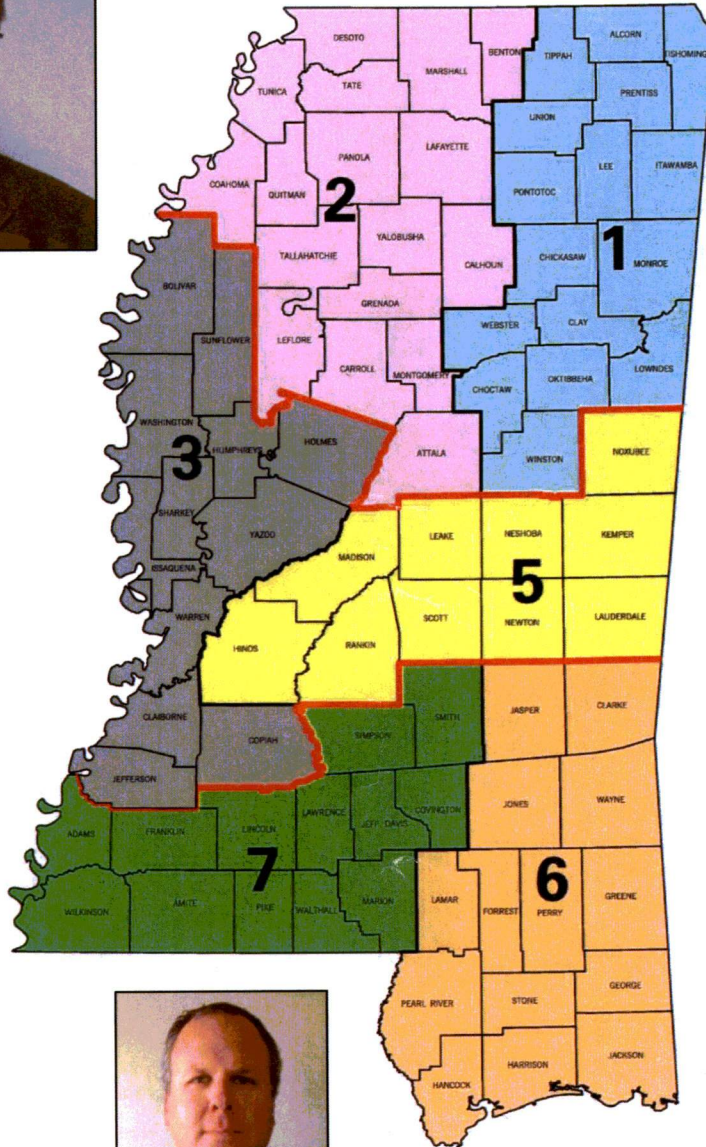
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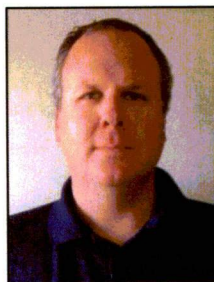
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