



## CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Gerald Steen, President  
Madison County Board of Supervisors  
Post Office Box 608  
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Steen:

As you are aware, the Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has committed \$4,400,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds towards the completion of the Bozeman Road widening project. Based upon the MPO's project management guidelines, which outline deadlines to complete each phase of a project, the deadline to advance the Bozeman Road widening project to construction is quickly approaching.

The guidelines state that, once a project receives Authority to Advertise, the responsible jurisdiction has one year from that date to award a construction contract. Failing to award a contract within one year shall result in the MPO's commitment of federal funds being withdrawn. Madison County received Authority to Advertise for this project on July 27, 2023.

During the development of this project, Madison County, in accordance with project management guidelines, has already exhausted all extension options provided by the guidelines and no additional extension options are currently available. **Therefore, please be aware this project has a construction contract award deadline of July 27, 2024.**

It is the goal of the Jackson MPO to see all projects obligated in a timely manner and to have no funds withdrawn from a project. However, with no extension options available, failure to award a construction contract by the deadline will result in the commitment of Federal grant funds being automatically withdrawn.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Lesley Callender  
Senior Transportation Planner

cc: Tim Bryan

