

Mississippi Department of Transportation

Improvements to I-55 Environmental Assessment Hinds County, MS

Open Forum Public Hearing

Thursday, September 13, 2012 • 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Lee Elementary School
330 Judy Street, Jackson, MS 39212



Welcome

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) welcome you to this public hearing. We are here to provide an opportunity for the public to view aerial photography as well as conceptual renderings and to voice opinions and/or concerns on the Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the proposed improvements to I-55 from the Copiah County Line south of Terry, MS to McDowell Road in Jackson, MS.

Public hearings benefit citizens as well as MDOT. They allow for an exchange of opinions, ideas, information and suggestions before a final plan is made for highway design and construction. The meetings also give MDOT and FHWA personnel the opportunity to share information about the project and to hear citizens' comments, which are often helpful in determining the project's final design.

Your Comments are Important

All who attend this meeting are encouraged to voice their opinions by visiting the table marked "Comments" and completing a Comment Sheet. Your comments can be mailed to MDOT Environmental Division, P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, Mississippi 39215, or sent by email to environmentalcomments@mdot.state.ms.us.

Project Description and Need

Interstate 55 (I-55) is the main north-south cor-

ridor for the State of Mississippi. The 17.1-mile stretch of I-55 between the Copiah County Line northward to McDowell Road in Hinds County, Mississippi is deteriorating and in need of repair. Within this stretch, a 12.9-mile section of the interstate between Green Gable Road in Terry, MS and McDowell Road in Jackson, MS will be widened with an additional lane in each direction to provide extra capacity. The proposed pavement replacement and capacity increase is to be accomplished within the existing rights-of-way.

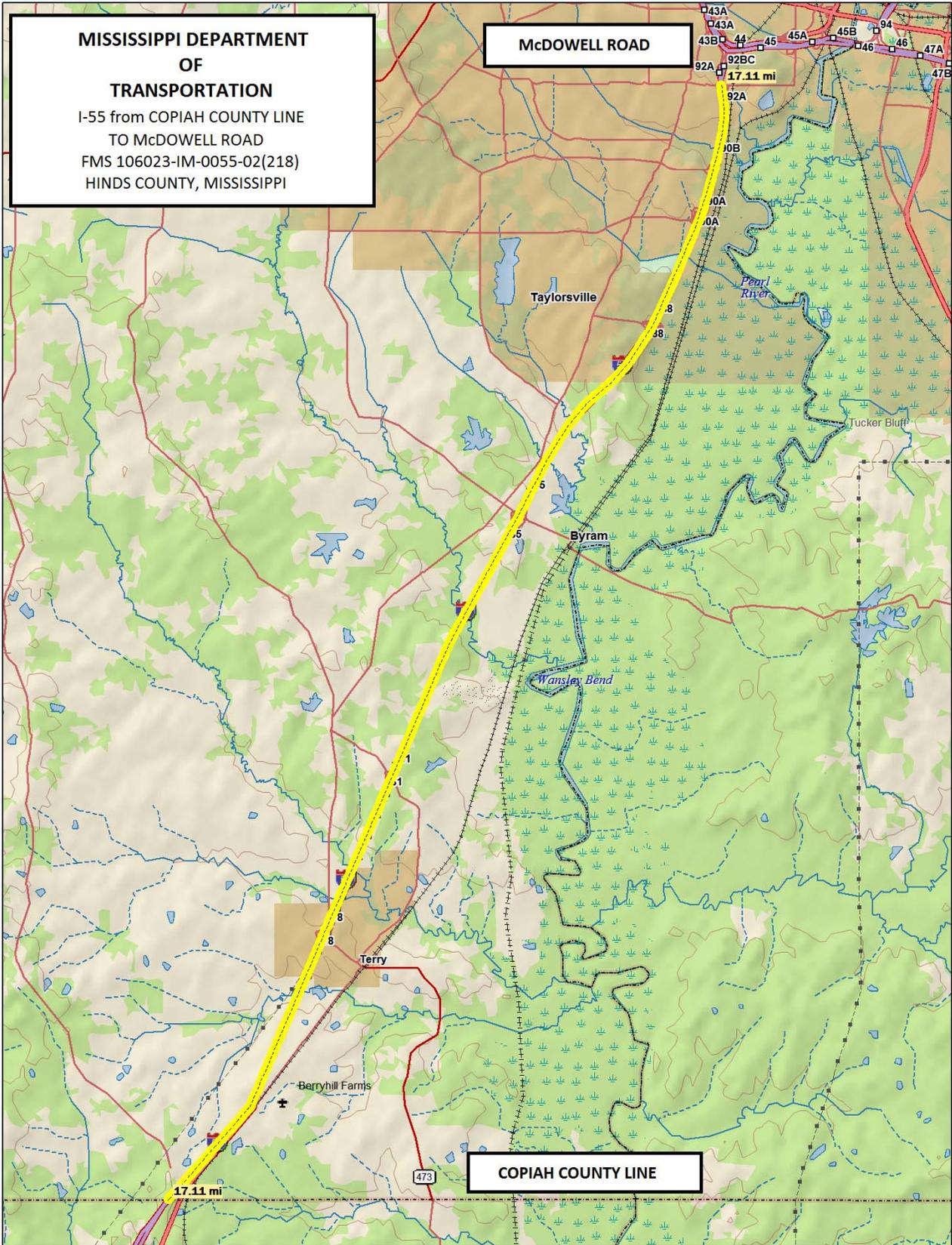
An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508); the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR 771); and the FHWA Technical Advisory (T.6640.8a), Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents. The EA documents the review of impacts to the social, ecological, and cultural environments by the proposed project. A project corridor map is attached.



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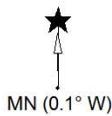
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