

Wicker, Hyde-Smith, Palazzo and Guest announce \$16.02 million for Mississippi road improvements

Hattiesburg, Barnett Reservoir Projects receive major boost from U.S. Department of Transportation BUILD Grants

Press Release
 U.S. Senators Roger Wicker, R-Miss., and Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-Miss., and Representatives Steven Palazzo, R-Miss., and Michael Guest, R-Miss., announced Thursday, September 10, the award of \$16.02 million in federal grant funding for road improvements in Hattiesburg and the Jackson metro area.
 The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is awarding a \$13.22 million Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to complete a new railway overpass in downtown Hattiesburg and another \$2.80 million to support the planning phase for relocating the Bob Anthony Parkway that carries traffic from Madison and Rankin counties across the Barnett Reservoir spillway.
 "These BUILD grant awards are fantastic news for the residents of Hattiesburg and the Jackson metro area," Wicker said. "With this round of funding, Hattiesburg residents will soon see the completion of a faster, safer downtown route along Hall Avenue, and residents in central Mississippi can look forward to a new and improved route along the Barnett Reservoir. I expect the completed projects will have a tremendous impact on our state."
 "These BUILD grants are both aimed at ensuring public safety and improving transportation routes that will enhance overall quality of life in Hattiesburg and the capital region. These projects will also serve to benefit our state's economy," said Hyde-Smith, a member of

the Senate Appropriations Committee. "I will continue to work with our delegation and local leaders to support similar applications for these highly competitive infrastructure grants."
 "Investing in America's infrastructure is critical to the success of our nation, which is why one of my top priorities as a member of the House Appropriations Committee is funding for BUILD grants. This is the second year in a row that South Mississippi has received the highly competitive BUILD grant, and I know it will be a game-changer for residents and commuters in downtown Hattiesburg. I hope to see this funding pattern continue for our area, and

wish to thank the President and Secretary Chao for their commitment to Mississippi," said Palazzo.

"I'm proud to work with our delegation and USDOT to revitalize our aging infrastructure in Mississippi. This project would provide much-needed relief for the Ross Barnett Reservoir dam structure while maintaining the critical traffic corridor between Madison and Rankin Counties, which provides an easily accessible route connecting residential and business hubs in the Jackson Metro area," Guest said.

The \$13.22 million grant to the city of Hattiesburg will support the construction of an overpass on the western portion of Hall Avenue, including improvements to the roadway and a roundabout at the intersection with James Street and Bay Street. The project, which is expected to cost a total of \$26.62 million, is the second phase of the city's plan to construct a new downtown route along Hall Avenue that would re-

lieve road congestion and traffic delays because of frequent rail traffic. In February, Hattiesburg also won a \$5.39 million DOT grant through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program for work associated with this project.

The \$2.8 million grant to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District will support the initial planning for a project to replace the Bob Anthony Parkway, also known as Spillway Road, which carries more than 30,000 cars daily across the Barnett Reservoir dam through Rankin, Madison, and Hinds Counties. The proposed new roadway would relieve pressure on the dam and facilitate freight movement throughout the region.

The BUILD grant program is highly competitive, with hundreds of applications from across the country. Projects for BUILD are evaluated based on merit criteria that include safety, economic competitiveness, quality of

Lexington resident graduates from Colgate University

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 Shamarcus Doty, of Lexington, MS (39095), is a graduate of Colgate University in the Class of 2020.

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Doty received a Bachelor of Arts degree Cum Laude at Colgate's 199th Commencement, which was held virtually on May 17 this year.

life, environmental sustainability, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership. The delegation members supported BUILD applications submitted by Mississippi communities for grant funding.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1) Invitation letters
- 5) Projecting window type
- 10) Computer key (Abbr.)
- 14) Dell competitor
- 15) Word with "terra-"
- 16) Seaman's greeting
- 17) Simple water vessel
- 19) Take money for
- 20) Unlikely to fall over
- 21) Easily read
- 23) Sinus cavities
- 26) Nursemaid in Newcastle
- 27) Clear plastic sheets
- 30) Lessen one's exposure?
- 33) Plushness
- 34) Some college tests
- 36) LeBron James, twice, for short
- 37) Dungeons & Dragons beasts
- 38) Bard's early night
- 39) Poet Teasdale
- 40) Eggs, in biology
- 41) Begin operating, datewise
- 44) Pizzeria need
- 45) They're dangerous when they're high
- 47) Like many tires
- 49) Nanjing nursemaid
- 50) A star stands for it on the flag
- 51) A language of Spain
- 54) French battleground of 1944
- 58) Inter ___ (among others)
- 59) No place for a draft dodger?
- 62) Sheared stuff
- 63) "Uncle Vanya" role
- 64) Children's author ___ Blyton
- 65) D.C. has 100
- 66) Exclude from practice
- 67) Diana of The Supremes

DOWN

- 1) X-ray dose units
- 2) Hare's tail
- 3) 1970s Chevy subcompact
- 4) Will proceedings
- 5) Eight people considered as a unit
- 6) Laura's hubby on "The Dick van Dyke Show"
- 7) "Who am ___ argue?"
- 8) Latin list shortener
- 9) Dormant state
- 10) Gambler's milieu
- 11) Where Bruce Wayne would rush to
- 12) What to do with the punches
- 13) Grammy winner Lovett
- 18) Longest arm bone
- 22) Square dancers in skirts
- 24) View again
- 25) Thumbs-ups
- 27) Socially distant
- 28) Reason for slowing down
- 29) The act of digging
- 31) Lagomorphs
- 32) Linda or Dale
- 35) Provide ___ (allow to escape)
- 39) More somber
- 41) Expressed by word of mouth
- 42) Interjected disapprovingly
- 43) Tim Duncan, for one
- 46) Paperless messages
- 48) "___, Brute?"
- 51) Calls in a cornfield
- 52) Sunblock emollient
- 53) Aswan High Dam's river
- 55) ___ Domini
- 56) Fragrant neckwear
- 57) Bygone GM brand
- 60) Bird's honker
- 61) Modern-day court evidence

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