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To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1754

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
3 TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
7 to the credit of the 2022 Capacity Project Fund not otherwise
8 appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for
9 the purposes provided in the MDOT Three-Year Plan, for the fiscal
10 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
11\$ 294,000,000.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
13 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury
14 to the credit of the Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund not
15 otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of
16 Transportation for the purposes described in Senate Bill No. 2559,
17 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
18 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 10,000,000.00



19 **SECTION 3.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
20 Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds
21 appropriated in this act as necessary to conduct project planning.
22 Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering,
23 right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the
24 department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the
25 oversight and management of project cost which:

26 (a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each
27 project. For purposes of this provision, projects include
28 preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and
29 construction;

30 (b) Capture and retain the initial project cost
31 estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

32 (c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a
33 project will be reviewed and approved by district or central
34 office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing
35 any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons
36 for approving a revision;

37 (d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers,
38 attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and
39 professional contractors used in preliminary engineering,
40 right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

41 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
42 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to
43 the credit of the proper funds as set forth in this act not



44 otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal
45 Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her
46 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
47 officers, in the manner provided by law.

48 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
49 and after July 1, 2024.

