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Governor Musgrove Announces Additional Funding For Mississippi's Bridges

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced today that additional funding to address the urgent needs for bridge repair in Mississippi is on the way. Musgrove said the Office of State Aid Road Construction and the Mississippi Department of Transportation will borrow \$25 million from the Mississippi Development Bank to provide a total of \$40 million in funding for bridge projects this year.

“Funding is tight and solutions call for creative and innovative thinking,” Musgrove said. “We are going to maximize the funding available to repair or rebuild our bridges. More importantly, we will work toward making sure we avoid another tragedy and another loss of life.”

Musgrove referenced the fatal collapse of a bridge in Wayne County in November as an example of why funding must be made available as quickly as possible.

“No one should feel a sense of trepidation or fear when they drive across a bridge in this state,” said Musgrove. “We want to restore a sense of confidence in Mississippi’s infrastructure, and in the hundreds of bridges found across the state.”

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