

**Tom King**  
**Commissioner of Transportation**  
**Mississippi Transportation Commission**

Tom King is the Southern District Transportation Commissioner on the Mississippi Transportation Commission. He previously served as a state lawmaker in both the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate. During his 19 years in the legislature his leadership brokered many bills designed to better the lives of Mississippians.

As Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, King authored resolutions that honored the achievements of persons throughout his district and the state. Most notably, King authored Senate Bill 3181, the \$300 million bond bill for highways and bridges, and Senate Bill 3014, known as the John Paul Frerer Bicycle Act, which promotes safety for cyclists on roadways. King also authored Senate Bill 2514 that created the Mississippi Wireless Communications Commission, which ensures that the state's emergency responders and law enforcement have the means to communicate regardless of any disaster that may occur.

King is a Veteran of the Vietnam War, having served his country in the Air Force as an Air Policeman. He is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, American Legion and VFW. He has received many professional awards and honors including 2011 Mississippi Municipal League Legislator of the Year, 2010 Hattiesburg's Veteran of the Year, American Legion Meritorious Service Award in 2007 and Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Legislator of the Year in 2002.

In his position as Transportation Commissioner, King represents approximately one million citizens in the southern 27 counties of Mississippi. He is the first Republican to hold the post of Transportation Commissioner in the Southern District. King's work as Transportation Commissioner has focused on maintaining Mississippi's transportation infrastructure, job creation and economic development in south Mississippi.

King is no stranger to south Mississippi as he was born in Hattiesburg. He attended Petal High School and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's degree. He currently lives in Hattiesburg with his wife, the former Susan Lynn Patterson, and has two children and two grandchildren. King and his wife are members of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon.

