

## **Lott: \$1 Million Slated for Access Road to Pearl's Bass Pro Shop/Braves Stadium Site**

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Federal funding totaling \$1 million is approved for use by the City of Pearl, Mississippi to help construct a new access road serving development along Interstate 20 which includes the new Bass Pro Shops and Trustmark Park, home of the new Mississippi Braves baseball team.

"This is some of the most exciting development going on in the Jackson Metro Area, drawing thousands of people from throughout our state and our nation," Senator Lott said. "Bass Pro Shops alone is expected to create 300 new jobs and invest \$39 million in its new facility during its first three years in Pearl."

At the request of Senator Lott, Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez will administer the funds through the Department's, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

"The new baseball team and stadium, along with the new outdoor store and surrounding developments, have quickly developed into a popular destination for many Mississippians," Senator Lott continued. "I am pleased Secretary Gutierrez has acted to support job creation in Mississippi, providing these funds to sustain our growth and make these attractions more accessible to the public."

In a meeting with Pearl Mayor Jimmy Foster today in Senator Lott's Washington, D.C. office, Senator Lott told the mayor of this approval and congratulated him for the city's successful pursuit of this dynamic commercial development and today's federal commitment.

"I know that the people of Pearl and all of Rankin County are especially proud of the progress taking place at this site," Senator Lott continued. "They worked very hard to secure these projects and the many good jobs which are coming as a result."