

# Natural Gas

**G**as service is provided by Mississippi Valley Gas Company and the City of Olive Branch, which cover approximately three-fourths of the study area. Atmos Energy provides gas services in Southaven. Two major gas transmission lines traverse the western portion of study area, located parallel to the western most interchange of I-69 (at MS 713) and parallel to and west of U.S. 61. In the central portion of the study area a gas transmission line runs parallel to U.S. 51. Two lines bisect the eastern portion of the study area on the east side of Red Banks Road, running diagonal from east to west.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

*Encourage coordination with natural gas utility providers and plan for future needs of facilities in conjunction with emerging development designs.* The DeSoto County Planning Commission should provide the natural gas utility providers with timely notice of all annexation, industrial, commercial and subdivision development applications.

*Promote the joint planning and coordination of public and private natural gas utility activities.* The county should provide the natural gas utility providers with timely notice of all major utility projects, including the maintenance and repair of existing roads, street widening projects, construction improvements in order to enable timely relocation and/or upgrades to the facilities.

In addition, the county should coordinate with private utilities during installation to minimize public costs to maintain curbs, gutters, streets, and sidewalks.

*Coordinate with natural gas utility providers to identify major development sites and to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to provide gas service to support development.* DeSoto County should coordinate closely with natural gas utility providers to help identify major development sites that will attract new business to the county. This will ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place to support major development as it occurs and will serve to foster economic development. Emphasis should be placed on leveraging private investment to the greatest extent possible so that public investment provides the best possible economic return to the county.

