

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-42, Executive Order 2020-48, and the Open Meetings Act, this meeting was held virtually via conference call and, for the purposes of public involvement, Facebook Live video feed.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Josh Fredrickson.

Those who participated were: Josh Fredrickson (City of Midland), Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Jan Yeurgens (City of Midland), Lane Masoud (MDOT – OPT), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region), Kevin Wray (Lincoln Township), Aaron Dawson (FHWA), Kim Hill (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Dave Englehardt (EMCOG), Jon Roberts (MDOT – SUTA), Mitch Huber (MDOT – Statewide Planning), Anita Boughner (MDOT – Statewide Planning), Thor Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS). All Members participated via phone.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Maja Bolanowska requested postponement of item 6A, Socio-Economic Data for GLBR Travel Demand Model, to May 20th (next meeting), agreed by consensus.

3. Approval of March 18, 2020, Minutes

Motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jan Yeurgens to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Project Updates

Kim Hill indicated that there was no MDOT report this month, but also that the US-10 BR project would be starting next week.

Russ Inman reported that the Coleman Road Bridge over the Chippewa River would be let soon, as will the Eastman Road fixed price-variable scope project. The roundabout project will be delayed.

Gary Rogers reported that County Connection ride requests are down 75% from last year, with further declines predicted. This is due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, there is a fare freeze until May 9th, 2020.

Jan Yeurgens also announced significant rider decreases, as well as a fare freeze for the foreseeable future. In addition, both Gary and Jan reported that their drivers are protected by newly installed plastic shields.

Josh Fredrickson reported that the Eastman Road project would commence later this summer, and that the Poseyville Road/Bridge project was let last week. This project was moved quickly due to recently discovered damage to the concrete on the underside of the bridge.

5. Agency Reports

MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported on some of the work efforts being undertaken by MATS over the past month. Staff has submitted a reviewed socio-economic dataset to MDOT SUTA which will be integrated and parsed by SUTA staff for presentation and approval next month.

In addition, staff has been processing information required for the TIP Amendment on the agenda today, and has also been finalizing the draft FY 2021 Unified Work Program, also on the agenda today.

Lastly, a good amount of work has gone into developing and reviewing contingencies for the 2020 MTPA Conference. Due to the freeze at MDOT on conferences and travel, the conference will certainly need to be postponed to 2021 now. MATS staff will be working with the MTPA Education Subcommittee, as well as venues and vendors to assess and finalize arrangements for the rescheduled conference.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. Socio-Economic Data for GLBR Travel Demand Model

Removed from the agenda, delayed until next month.

B. FY 2020-2023 May TIP Amendment/GPA Thresholds

Maja explained the four proposed changes for the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP, consisting of both PE and CON phase for the N. Waldo Road at Monroe Road Roundabout; as well as two M-20 projects, bridge replacement of M-20 over Prairie Creek and road rehabilitation of M-20 from M-30 to east of Currie Parkway. The second M-20 projects is significant, at over \$18 million dollars for Construction Phase. Maja asked Kim Hill, of the Mt. Pleasant TSC, specifically about this cost level, and it was clarified that this project involves a milling and two-course HMA overlay over a 5-lane cross section, with additional work required throughout its 5.56 mile length, resulting in substantial cost per mile.

Furthermore, due to several administrative modifications requested by DART regarding its Transit Operating and Transit Capital funds, 2 transit GPAs require approval of new thresholds. Addition of the small HSIP-funded project resulted in a creation of a new GPA, and a need for approval of a third GPA threshold. The tables below show the proposed four TIP amendments and the three proposed GPA thresholds.

MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for May 2020

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amend # (CR #)	Administration Type	Phase	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	State Budget	State Fund Source	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	AmendType	General Program Account	Total Project Cost	Job Type
2020	210252	0	FHWA	PE	Midland	Midland County	N Waldo Road	N Waldo Road at Monroe Road, Midland County	1.116	Traffic Safety	Construct roundabout	\$37,501	HRRR	0		\$37,501	\$75,002	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$825,019	Local
2023	208883	2	FHWA	CON	Midland	MDOT	M-20	over Prairie Creek	0	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement	\$1,674,063	ST	371219		\$0	\$2,045,282	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$2,329,843	Trunkline
2021	210252	0	FHWA	CON	Midland	Midland County	N Waldo Road	N Waldo Road at Monroe Road, Midland County	1.116	Traffic Safety	Construct roundabout	\$600,000	HRRR	0		\$150,017	\$750,017	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$825,019	Local
2023	204408	3	FHWA	CON	Midland	MDOT	M-20	M-30 to east of Currie Parkway	5.562	Road Rehabilitation	Milling and two course HMA overlay	\$15,253,117	NH	3207299		\$175,035	\$18,635,451	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$20,290,757	Trunkline



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Fiscal Year	MPO	Job Type	GPA	Status	Threshold Amount	Usage Amount	Proposed Amount	Change Amount	Remaining Amount	MPO Approval Date	Fed Approval Date
2021	MATS	Local	Local Bridge	Federal Approved	\$1,746,000	\$1,746,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/21/2019	10/01/2019
2021	MATS	Local	Local Road	Federal Approved	\$2,783,000	\$2,783,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	03/16/2020	03/19/2020
2021	MATS	Local	Local Traffic Operations And Safety	Proposed	\$0	\$57,712	\$57,712	\$0	\$0		
2021	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	Proposed	\$424,202	\$851,446	\$427,244	\$0	\$0		
2021	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Operating	Local Approved	\$4,993,509	\$4,922,319	\$0	\$0	\$71,190	04/02/2020	
2021	MATS	Trunkline	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	Federal Approved	\$234,192	\$234,192	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/21/2019	10/01/2019
2022	MATS	Local	Local Bridge	Federal Approved	\$1,505,000	\$1,505,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	03/16/2020	03/19/2020
2022	MATS	Local	Local Road	Federal Approved	\$2,728,600	\$889,800	\$0	\$0	\$1,839,000	08/21/2019	10/01/2019
2022	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	Federal Approved	\$822,802	\$401,446	\$0	\$0	\$421,156	08/21/2019	09/27/2019
2022	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Operating	Proposed	\$4,349,781	\$5,472,137	\$1,139,435	\$0	\$17,079		
Grand Total:					\$19,586,886	\$18,862,852	\$1,624,391	\$0.00	\$2,348,425		

Number of Records: 10

Preferences:

Years : 2021, 2022

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A motion was made by Russ Inman, and seconded by Mitch Huber to approve the proposed changes to the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Josh Fredrickson to approve the proposed GPA threshold changes and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried, subsequent to brief discussion regarding the need for GPAs.

C. FY 2021 Unified Work Program – Draft Report

Maja introduced the draft version of the FY 2021 Unified Work Program, which contains projections and breakdown regarding the next year's federal and state allocations, budget, indirect cost rate and local match requirements, in addition to time and cost projections for individual work tasks. She explained that by and large it was very similar to previous years, with the exception of changes to both the Long and Short Range Planning work items. This will need to accommodate some work hours being devoted to the Long Range Plan update, as well as the rescheduled MTPA conference.

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the draft FY 2021 Unified Work Program, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment recorded via the Facebook Live comment stream.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the April 22, 2020 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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