

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATs)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

This meeting was held at the Midland County Services Building 4th floor Conference Room.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Russ Inman.

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Amy Bidwell (DART), Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission), Steve Van Toll (Williams Charter Township), Dave Haag (City of Auburn), Mike Wood (Jerome Township), James Canders (MBS International Airport), Thoralf Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Matt Lemon (City of Midland) – via phone, Cody Bodrie (EMCOG) – via phone, John Kelley (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Lindsey Dowsell (MDOT Statewide Planning), Bryan Gillett (MATs).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of March 16, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Dave Haag to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Amy Bidwell reported: DART has completed its copier purchase project. DART is expecting news by June 15 regarding the grant application to fund the coordination/collaboration study with County Connection of Midland, and is also conducting electric vehicle research.

Dan Armentrout reported: The Freeland Road project is currently scheduled for a June letting.

Russ Inman reported: Right of way issues regarding the Monroe/Waldo roundabout are persisting, and some 2020 flood projects are still to be completed, due to cost issues.

John Kelly reported: Funds for the US-10BR project have been internally approved for FY 2025, and entered into JobNet. Work on the US-10BR Eastman Avenue at Wackerly intersection has now been pushed back to FY 2023 while right of way and other issues are finalized, with discussions regarding the old hotel property being unfruitful. A May 18th, 2022 public information meeting has been set with location to be decided. Plan review for the M-20 project has revealed the need for additional right of way, and the M-30 bridge over US-10 will include width for the planned NMT trail in the MATs NMT Plan, to be discussed this coming Monday April 25th.

Matt Lemon reported: All major construction projects are ready to go, including the closure of Jefferson from Sugnet to Wheeler for reconstruction.

5. Agency Reports

Bryan reported on the status of various MATS work tasks:

Staff has been monitoring JobNet for TIP amendments, resulting in the agenda item for today. In addition, staff has been working on completing the list of TIP projects for the FY 2023-2026 TIP report, also on the agenda for today. Further, the associated Complete Streets spreadsheet is up for approval today. Lastly, staff has been working to complete the FY 2023 Unified Work Program due for submission soon. Bryan also reported on a number of new items and alerts regarding funding opportunities and various legislative updates.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment

Bryan explained the proposed changes to the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP.

FY 2022 Project change: JN 204408: ROW Phase – M-20 from M-30 to east of Currie Parkway, phase cost increase.

FY 2022 Project Change: JN 205858: CON Phase –Regionwide pavement marking and retroreflectivity readings for trunklines, phase cost increase.

The attached table shows a summary of the proposed amendments.

A motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Matt Lemon to approve the proposed changes to the MATS TIP and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP development

Bryan elaborated on the efforts by MATS staff to develop the new FY 2023-2026 TIP report. There are many elements that go into the report, however the first is programming the projects selected, matching with the projected available funding. It had been previously mentioned that a new Carbon Reduction program has been introduced in the IJJA/BIL. MATS funding allocations and the general rules pertaining to the CR program were distributed to the Committee previously, and therefore after a call for projects was issued a meeting of the project selection committee was held. Those selections, as shown in the meeting handout, are now also included in the final TIP project listing.

Bryan distributed the final project list slated for inclusion in the TIP report, similar to the draft list handed out at the previous meeting. Subsequently, a motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Russ Inman to approve the final project list for the FY 2023-2026 MATS TIP Report and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C. MATS Complete Street Program

Bryan briefly recapped the new Complete Streets process for MATS, and reviewed the FY 2023-2026 Complete Streets program of projects. He explained that, with certain exceptions (such as transit projects), all projects slated to be included in the FY 2023-2026 TIP have been reviewed by the NMT Representative and subsequently discussed in the Complete Streets Zoom meeting on April 6th. From now on Complete Streets meeting will be routinely scheduled for two weeks prior to the relevant Technical Committee meeting. Thoralf Brecht then added additional context for the project listing, and commented on the success of the process. Russ Inman also noted the smoothness of the process and the meeting call itself. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Mike Wood and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the Complete Streets NMT capabilities for certain upcoming projects and recommendations for exemptions from NMT capabilities for other upcoming projects, as shown on the spreadsheet and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were received and no members of the public were present.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the April 20, 2022 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for May 2022

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amendment # (CR #)	Phase	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	GPA	Comments	Total Job Cost	Job Type
2022	204408	10	ROW	Midland	MDOT	M-20	M-30 to east of Currie Parkway	5.674	Road Rehabilitation	Milling and two course HMA overlay	\$163,700	NH	\$32,216	\$4,084	\$200,000	N/A	PHASBDGT	\$20,724,757.00	Trunkline
2022	205858	4	CON	Saginaw, Lapeer, Midland, Bay, Genesee, St. Clair	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes of MATS MPO	2.634	Traffic Safety	Pavement marking retroreflectivity readings on trunklines in Bay Region	\$1,919	HSIP	\$213	\$0	\$34,943	N/A	PHASBDGT	\$34,943.00	Trunkline