

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-42, Executive Order 2020-48, and the Open Meetings Act, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom 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), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region), Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission), Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission), Maria Sandow (Larkin Township), Katie Beck (MDOT – SUTA), Anita Boughner (MDOT–Statewide Planning), Thoralf Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS). All Members participated via Zoom link or phone.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of May 27, 2020, Minutes

Russ Inman noted a correction to the minutes of May 27, 2020. The minutes were corrected. Motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jay Reithel to approve the corrected minutes of the May 27, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Josh Fredrickson noted that the City of Midland had many local projects this season, and that the Saginaw Road project was still scheduled for 2021. In addition, the current Eastman Road project was progressing well, with the City and MDOT working very cooperatively.

Russ Inman reported that the Road Commission's Eastman Road project was also moving along, with only southbound traffic being detoured at this time. Also, all RTF projects for this year are complete. For this year, 13 projects relating to the 2017 flood are currently ongoing, while 2020 flood projects are presently in the review stage.

Kim Hill gave the briefing from MDOT, updating the committee on several projects. The US-10 BR (Eastman Road) project at Wackerly is currently soliciting for consultants, and the M-20 project west of Currie Parkway will be soliciting for consultants beginning in September.

Gary Rogers from County Connection reiterated that rides are down significantly and therefore layoffs are continuing. This may change, however, with the beginning of the school year.

Dan Armentrout reported that the Freeland Road roundabout project is going well, with the bypass lanes complete and temporary signals being placed.

Thor Brecht noted that all remaining TIP projects have now submitted Complete Streets forms, and he has recommended approval and passed the information to MATS.

Maja quickly noted that all listed local road projects for this year have been obligated, and although our allocation for the year was roughly \$56,000 higher than programmed, this happened too late to act on. Therefore that funding will be added to our already substantial carryover balance. In addition, both HSIP and HRRR projects are expected to be obligated soon, and transit projects are typically obligated towards the end of the fiscal year. Finally, based on conversations between MDOT and the Midland County Road Commission, it was decided that the funds initially earmarked for a Midland County project should stay with that project until a better opportunity and timeframe for their repurposing is available.

Finally, Jim Lillo reported that the Garfield Road project is currently slated for an August 30 completion, and that the Salzburg Road project is open to traffic now. Also, there were 11 projects constructed this year, and 2 bridges remain under construction at this time.

5. Agency Reports

Maja gave a brief report of the work efforts MATS is currently undertaking. Long Range plan modeling work being conducted by MDOT is being reviewed and coordinated, TIP changes are being prepared and are on today's agenda, the Title VI Plan has had its first update since 2015, both local and federal aid PASER ratings have been cancelled this year due to the pandemic but the deadline for funding usage has been extended until next June, the update process for the Non-motorized Transportation plan has begun, and a new Performance Measures Dashboard has been created and posted to the website. Lastly, due to the wildly varying schedules and terms of office for the various MATS officers, efforts are being made to synchronize and streamline the process. This will be presented to the MATS Policy Committee in September.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2020-2023)

Maja explained the proposed changes for the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP, consisting of two transit projects for County Connection of Midland with Section 5310 funding, several bridge CPM projects at various locations, and a change to the US-10BR at Wackerly project.

The table below shows the four projects with proposed changes.

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the TIP changes and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

Maja also explained the need for the GPA threshold changes, related to the two added transit projects in the TIP. In addition, a GPA change was needed related to the addition of unused FY 2017 funding being repurposed for FY 2020. This triggered a need to change the 2017 GPA threshold. A motion was made by Russ and seconded by Jan to approve the GPA changes and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. MATS Long Range Plan

Maja a number of issues related to the MATS Long Range Plan, mostly dealing with ensuring continued progress by MDOT on the Great Lakes Bay Regional travel model. This plan is required to be updated by MATS by March 2022. For progress to continue, various things need to be reviewed that will require input by the local agencies. First, Exhibit 31 from the current Long Range Plan will be sent in an email for review. This is a list of capacity projects to be modelled, which will need to be updated prior to being sent back to SUTA for inclusion in the model.

In addition, any substantial developments that have occurred since 2018, either residential or commercial, need to be added. This will also require local unit review and assistance.

Lastly, any network changes made or planned to be made in the time period from 2018 to 2045 will need to be included in the model as well.

C. Election of Technical Committee Chair for remainder of term

Due to current Technical Committee chair Josh Fredrickson taking another position, the remainder of the current term will need to be filled by another. The length of the current term is presently until March 2021, however that may be shortened due to the previously mentioned synchronization efforts, and could end as soon as January 2021.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Dan Armentrout to elect Jan Yuergens to the position of Chair for the remainder of this term. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were received via the Facebook Live video and comment feed.

MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for September 2020

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amendment # (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
2022	210348	2		CON	Midland	MDOT	US-10BR	US-10BR at Wackerly Road	0.09	Traffic Safety	Construction of a new thru/right turn lane and modernize signal	\$729,369	NH	\$143,540		\$18,195	\$891,104	ESTLCLBGT, ESTSTBGT, ESTFEDBGT	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	\$1,345,104	Trunkline
2021	210901	0		NI	Midland	Midland County Board of Commissioners	Transit Capital	areawide	0	6410-5310 Projects	FY21 Section 5310 program - mobility management (expansion)	\$28,800	5310	\$7,200		\$0	\$36,000	PHASADDGPA	Transit Capital	\$36,000	Multi-Modal
2021	210917	0		NI	Midland	Midland County Board of Commissioners	Transit Operating	areawide	0	6470-New Freedom Projects	FY21 Section 5310 Operating Assistance/New Freedom program	\$90,000	5310	\$0		\$90,000	\$180,000	PHASADDGPA	Transit Operating	\$180,000	Multi-Modal
2021	203157	14	FHWA	CON	Gratiot, Midland, Isabella	MDOT	US-127	B05-3 & 4 of 56044 (US-10 EB/WB over Sturgeon Creek), B05-3 & 4 of 56044 (US-10 EB/WB over Sturgeon Creek)	0	Bridge CPM	Scour Protection	\$237,577	NH	\$52,682		\$0	\$719,642	PHASADD	N/A	\$288,000	Trunkline

GPA List												Reset	Adjust Threshold	
FY	GPA	MPO	Status	Job Type	Threshold			Programmed Proposed	Manual Adjustment	Programmed Usage	Remaining	Approval D		
					Federal Approved	Local Approved	Current/To-Be							
+	2017	5339		Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Multi-Modal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,213.00	\$72,213.00	\$0.00	\$72,213.00	\$0.00	
+	2021	Transit Capital		Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Multi-Modal	\$851,446.00	\$0.00	\$887,446.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$887,446.00	\$0.00	
+	2021	Transit Operating		Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Multi-Modal	\$4,987,221.00	\$6,288.00	\$5,119,396.00	\$125,889.00	\$0.00	\$5,102,319.00	\$17,079.00	

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the August 19, 2020 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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