

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 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 10:00 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), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Terrance Hall (Edenville Township), James Canders (MBS International Airport), Thoralf Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Matt Lemon (City of Midland), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG) – via phone, John Kelley (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Jason Perez (MDOT-OPT), Lindsey Dowswell (MDOT Statewide Planning), Maja Bolanowska (MATS), Bryan Gillett (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of April 20, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Gary Rogers and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

John Kelly reported: Nothing new to report, still dealing with various right of way issues, including the US-10BR/Wackerly project.

Russ Inman reported: Good progress on all planned projects for this season, right of way is again a problem for certain projects, including the Waldo/Monroe roundabout.

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

Dan Armentrout reported: The Freeland Road project is currently scheduled for a June letting. Additionally, Tittabawassee Township is planning to complete its bike/pedestrian path along Freeland Road as part of the bridge rehabilitation project over the Tittabawassee River. This will result in the bridge being closed for approximately 5 weeks, with the Tittabawassee Road bridge serving as the detour.

Amy Bidwell reported: The City of Midland has approved DART to apply for funding under the No or Low Emissions Vehicle program, to purchase two electric transit vans and two

electric charging stations. Letters of support have been requested from various agencies. In addition, the FTA triennial review has been completed, with no findings.

Gary Rogers reported: Ridership is still down compared to pre-pandemic levels.

Lindsey Dowswell reported on the Safe Streets and Roads for all grant program, as well as the progress of guidelines for the newly authorized Federal Aid buyout program for local agencies. Maja added that the Safe Streets program would generally be considered as a regional approach to the issues, and that a safety plan (either the existing 2017 document prepared by EMCOG, or an updated version of same) would be required before implementation funding could be applied for. Documentation regarding this program and others was forwarded to the committee via email.

5. Agency Reports

Maja 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 FY 2023-2026 TIP report, also on the agenda for today. Further, additions to the associated Complete Streets spreadsheet are up for approval today. Lastly, staff has completed both the FY 2023 Unified Work Program and an amendment to the FY 2022 UWP, both on today's agenda as well. Maja 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

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

FY 2022 Project addition: JN 216695: CCM - vehicle purchase via FY 21 5339(b) competitive grant program.

FY 2022 Project Change: JN 214325: MDOT – HMA Crack treatment on US 10 and M-20, PE phase abandoned (not the entire project, CON phase still scheduled for FY 2022).

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

Maja indicated that the MATS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Report has been completed, it includes a list of projects for all program categories utilizing federal funds between 2023 and 2026. MATS projects for FY 2023-2026 have been frozen in JobNet effective on April 28, in order to be identical to the Report's List of Projects, until October 1

by which date the FHWA and FTA are expected to have approved all TIPs. Public Open House regarding the MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP was held on May 11, 2022, public comment period is ongoing, it started on April 23rd and will close on May 31, 2022.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Matt Lemon and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the FY 2023-2026 MATS TIP Report and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C. MATS Complete Street Program

Bryan presented a Complete Street spreadsheet for approval. He explained that, while the majority of projects that have gone through the complete streets process had been approved at the previous meeting, there were at that time several projects that were tabled. In addition, two projects were subsequently added to the list since April. The tabled projects have now been discussed and reviewed, as well as the added projects. There are, however, two projects that will need to be reviewed in the coming months. This leaves 5 projects up for consideration and approval today. After brief further discussion, a motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Thoralf Brecht to approve the Complete Streets NMT capabilities for certain projects and recommendations for exemptions from NMT capabilities for other projects, as shown on the spreadsheet and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

D. MATS FY 2023 UWP Development

Maja briefly recapped the purpose and intent of the annual Unified Work Program document and its process for approval, noting that it contains summary of all tasks by staff for fiscal year 2023 along with time and costs details, funding resolutions and agreements. After short further discussion, a motion was made by Amy Bidwell and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the FY 2023 MATS Unified Work Program and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

E. MATS FY 2022 UWP Amendment

Maja explained that, due to DART being awarded funding during fiscal year 2022 to cooperatively study transit operations coordination with County Connection of Midland, revised text needed to be added to the existing FY 2022 UWP to describe the study. The amended version of the document reflects this, as well as being included in the FY 2023 UWP. A motion was made by Amy Bidwell and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the amended FY 2022 Unified Work Program 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. During this time Maja reminded the committee members of the importance of the June 7th Policy Committee meeting, and urged everyone to make every effort to attend.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the May 18, 2022 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for June 2022

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amendment # (CR #)	Phase	County	MPO/RTF	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Amendment Type	GPA	Total Job Cost	Job Type
2022	216695		0 NI	Midland		Midland County Board of Commissioners	Transit Capital	areawide	0	1110-Bus Rolling Stock	FY22 Grant for FY21 Section 5339(b) Competitive Program - Vehicle Purchase	\$57,183	5339	\$14,296	\$0	\$71,479	PHASADDGPA	Transit Capital	\$71,479.00	Multi-Modal
2022	214325		2 PE	Midland, Bay, Gladwin, Saginaw		MDOT	US-10 W	EB & WB US-10 Bay Co Line to M-18 with Ramps AND M-20 from Castor Rd to Nine Mile Rd. 81.343 Ln/Miles	42.863	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	HMA Crack Treatment	\$19,614	ST	\$4,349	\$0	\$43,200	PHASABND	N/A	\$820,425.00	Trunkline