

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended, 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 Jan Yuergens.

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Jan Yuergens (City of Midland), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region), Shane Bjorge (City of Midland), Dave Haag (City of Auburn), Carl Hamman (Village of Sanford), Mike Wood (Jerome Township), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Dave Englehardt (EMCOG), Tina Makarewicz (MDOT – OPT), Katie Beck (MDOT – SUTA), Mitch Huber (MDOT–Statewide Planning), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS). All Members participated via Zoom link.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of September 16, 2020, Minutes

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Carl Hamman to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Russ Inman reported that the flood related repairs have been largely finished, with the latest completion pertaining to opening of the Curtis Road bridge.

Jay Reithel noted that the M-30 Bridge will be put out for letting on November 24, with completion expected in February 2021. In addition, the US-10BR project at Wackerly will be commencing in December 2020.

Shane Bjorge mentioned that the City of Midland's Saginaw Road project is expected to be obligated soon with the project beginning in the spring of 2021.

5. Agency Reports

Maja gave a brief report of the work efforts MATS is currently undertaking. She directed the committee's attention to the newly released MATS meeting schedule for 2021 and noted that there were no instances of date adjustment due to the holidays. Work has been completed regarding review of socio-economic data projections for the MATS area (required

for the Great Lakes Bay Region travel demand model). TIP Project changes are being monitored and processed, progress is being made on the update of MATS NMT Plan, and 4th quarter billings have been submitted to MDOT. Lastly, due to the greatly varying schedules and terms of office for the various MATS officers, Policy Committee has determined to synchronize and streamline the process, with term of office for all MATS officers set at two years, and all elections being held first meeting of calendar year in odd years, beginning in January of 2021. By-law amendments to that effect were affirmed at October 6th Policy Committee meeting, and this serves as a call for nominations for the various offices for those elections.

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 addition of two phases (PE and CON) of an M-20 project by MDOT, consisting of installation of shoulder rumble strips along 16.8 miles of project limits, and an addition of PE phase of the WB US 10 reconstruction project. The CON phase of this project is expected to take place in FY 2026. The attached table shows a summary of the proposed project amendments.

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.

B. MATS FY 2021 STUL Funding Adjustment

Maja explained that the STUL Funding allocation for the MATS area for FY 2021 had been reduced slightly, necessitating a reduction in available funding for the two STUL projects in the TIP. However, since one of the projects, the Saginaw Road project by the City of Midland, has already been approved for obligation, the reduction of approximately \$9,000 in federal funding will need to be absorbed by the remaining project, i.e the Poseyville Road project by the Midland County Road Commission.

In addition, Maja stated that a request has been made to change the method of funding for the Poseyville Road project from the standard Capped to Pro-Rata. This will allow for the utilization of MATS carryover funds for project cost increases. A brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Mike Wood to change the funding method for the Poseyville Road project and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C. MATS Long-Range Plan Future S/E Data

Maja informed the committee that MATS staff had, collaboratively with MDOT SUTA staff, prepared population, housing, and employment projections out to 2045 for all jurisdictions within MATS area, for use with the GLB Regional model and the MATS Long Range Plan. These figures were presented to the committee for their approval and recommendation.

Brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Carl Hamman to approve the socio-economic data projections for years 2025, 2035 and 2045 for MATS area, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

D. MATS NMT Plan Update

Bryan Gillett updated the Committee on the overall progress of the MATS NMT Plan update. Bryan indicated that the Non-motorized Committee has met to review and revise both the previous NMT project lists and the draft plan. Bryan indicated that a good discussion occurred regarding the project list and contents of the plan, with a number of suggestions and comments. The Committee will meet again in December, and revisions will be presented at that time, with a final submission expected in January.

E. MDOT Local Agency Program

Maja informed that FY 2022 Local agency HSIP and HRRR projects were announced by MDOT recently, however no projects were awarded in MATS area.

Maja reported to the committee that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had recently revised their procedures for Section 106 Consultation, and that this may impact local projects. The revised procedures and other information was included in the supplemental materials for this meeting.

In addition, Maja made the committee aware of a survey released by MDOT regarding LAP procedures and invited all to take part in that information gathering effort.

F. MDOT Passenger Transportation Program

Maja reported to the committee that the FY 2022 application instructions for Public Transit Programs have changed somewhat since last year.

7. Public Comment

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

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the November 18, 2020 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for December 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	Amendment Type	General Program Account	Total Project Cost	Job Type
2021	211731		0 FHWA	PE	Midland,Isabella	MDOT	M-20	West Midland County Line to Meridian Road	16.788	Traffic Safety	Installation of shoulder mumble strips	\$7,668	HSIP	\$852		\$0	\$12,000	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$108,940	Trunkline
2022	211183		FHWA	PE	Bay	MDOT	US-10 W	MATS Area	6.998	Reconstruction	Reconstruct	\$3,917,447	NH	\$868,683		\$0	\$5,565,268	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$47,144,267	Trunkline
2023	211731		0 FHWA	CON	Midland,Isabella	MDOT	M-20	West Midland County Line to Meridian Road, West	16.788	Traffic Safety	Installation of shoulder mumble strips	\$61,944	HSIP	\$6,883		\$0	\$96,940	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$108,940	Trunkline