

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:14 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Attending were: Karen Murphy* (DART), Brad Kaye* (City of Midland), Jonathan Myers* (Midland County Road Commission), Dennis Borchard* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Jim Lillo* (Bay County Road Commission), Terrance Hall* (Edenville Township), Maria Sandow* (Larkin Township), Gary Rogers* (County Connection of Midland), Brandy Federspiel* (Tittabawassee Township), Phillip Shaver (Tittabawassee Township), Richard Bayus* (MDOT Statewide Planning), James Canders (MBS Airport), Jay Reithel – via phone (MDOT- Bay Region), Maja Bolanowska (MATS), Bryan Gillett (MATS).

*voting members or alternates

Voting members who participated via phone did not count towards the quorum

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of May 2, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Legislative and MDOT Updates

Richard Bayus reported on MDOT's efforts to deal with the recent Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 that rescinded funds initially made available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. To minimize the immediate fiscal impact, several projects underwent changes in funding source and time frame. In addition, Richard also briefly discussed the impact of the funding reductions caused by not meeting the target set for drunk driving convictions, as well as potential new procedures for the annual August redistribution.

5. Agency Reports

A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the MATS bank balance is currently at approximately \$13,000. In addition, Q3 billings are currently being prepared for submittal to MDOT. Furthermore, FY 2024 local match payments are expected soon. Finally, MMRMA insurance rates have changed for the upcoming year due to the new policy having coverage for actual owned office equipment, rather than certain requirements. Since MATS owns relatively little in the way of office equipment, the premium has decreased.

B. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja briefly updated the committee on the status of work tasks: much of today's extensive agenda deals with recent work by staff, such as various TIP changes. Staff has also been researching and coordinating activities related to the Michigan Infrastructure Office technical assistance program and the federal discretionary grant opportunities, as well as finalizing the Michigan TAP Pilot application. PASER ratings for FY 2023 will take place in August; City of Midland, MCRC and MDOT- Bay City TSC all participating.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment

Maja summarized the proposed changes to the FY 2023-2026 MATS TIP:

N 212097: FY 2023 – MCRC – CON Phase – Historic Bridge Restoration & NMT Connection: Smith Crossing Rd Bridge – Cost increase

JN 219128: FY 2023 – MCRC – CON Phase – Bridge Rehabilitation: W. Gordonville Rd over Little Salt Creek (Structure #6999) – Project Addition

JN 219077: FY 2023 – CCM – NI Phase – Transit Capital - Purchase of 3 Vans – Project addition

JN 206515: FY 2024 – BCRC - CON Phase – Road Rehabilitation: W. Midland Rd (US 10 Overpass Deck to Carter Rd) – Project limits change and cost change

FY 2024 Trunkline Traffic Operations and Safety GPA – Approval of threshold of \$282,156 (due to changes to JN 214277 – ROW Phase for M-30/Olson Rd project)

Short discussion followed. Thereafter, a motion was made by Gary Rogers and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the project additions or changes as presented, as well as the change in GPA threshold. Motion carried.

B. MDOT/MATS Master Agreement No. 2024-0026

Maja explained that the triennial master agreement between MDOT and MATS is up for renewal. This year's edition of the agreement has few small changes from previous agreements.

Brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Maria Sandow to approve the MDOT/MATS Master Agreement as well as the certified resolution regarding the agreement. Motion carried.

C. Revised Revenue Estimates for MATS area for TIP development

Maja brought the committee up to date on the extent of project revenue estimate changes for the MPO for both urban and rural sides of the funding. This includes projected decreases in FY 2024 of approximately \$220,000 versus FY 2023 levels for urban funding for projects. Rural funding is expected to decrease by approximately \$30,000 within each county of Midland, Bay and Saginaw. These decreases are due to changes from the 2020 Census data as well as the 2.5% STBG/ST penalty per not meeting drunk-driving sentencing minimums. Maja emphasized that these are only estimates at this point, with Richard Bayus adding that numbers expected in late September or early October will be more solid once FY 2024 apportionments are released by FHWA. Short discussion followed.

D. MATS NMT Pilot Program

Maja explained that, as directed, staff had been pursuing development of the proposed TAP Pilot Program within MATS area. This has consisted of several meetings with local agencies and TAP staff, developing the concept, program scope, deliverables, and determining the projects. The result of which has been preparation of a draft application that has been reviewed by TAP staff and conceptually approved. Staff is requesting authorization from the Policy Committee to submit the final version of the application for TAP funding.

Brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Maria Sandow and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the TAP Pilot Program grant application for submittal. Motion carried.

E. MIO Technical Assistance Opportunity regarding Discretionary Grants

Maja reviewed MATS progress regarding the Michigan Infrastructure Office's Technical Assistance program. MATS staff has been investigating the process by which the two projects supported by the Policy Committee could be funded, i.e. EV charging stations, as well as the Sanford bridge rehabilitation project. Staff has had numerous meetings with MIO staff, MiDEAL staff (regarding the expected consultant contracting process), local agencies, as well as EMCOG staff. This last specifically dealt with the issue of which agency is to become the lead agency as envisioned under the program, which is still undetermined.

F. 2020 Adjusted Census Urban Boundary (ACUB)

Maja explained the significance of the Adjusted Census Urban Boundary, as well as the process by which it was determined, including the reasons for the Freeland area having a distinct ACUB from the Midland ACUB. A workshop meeting was held after the June 21 Technical Committee meeting, as well as follow-up meetings with local agencies that were unable to attend the workshop. The results of these meetings were presented to the committee via two maps with proposed ACUB boundaries for Midland Urbanized Area and Freeland Small Urban Area. Thereafter, a motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the two ACUB boundaries, as well as both resolutions, for submittal to MDOT. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

No comments were received.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the July 11, 2023 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:47 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment for May 2023

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
2023	212097	4	CON	Midland	Midland County	Smiths Crossing Rd Bridge	Smiths Crossing Road and bridge, Midland County	0.569	Roadside Facilities - Improve	Historic bridge restoration and nonmotorized path connectors	\$3,493,082	TAUL	\$0	\$2,139,012	\$5,632,094	Not Applicable	ESTLCLBGT, RNDDET, ESTFEDBGT	\$7,040,117	Local
2023	219128	0	CON	Midland	Midland County	W Gordonville Rd	Gordonville Road, Str #6999 over the Little Salt River, Midland County	0	Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$140,220	BFPO	\$0	\$7,380	\$147,600	Local Bridge	PHASADDGPA	\$184,500	Local
2023	219077	0	NI	Midland	Midland County Board of Commissioners	Transit Capital	areawide	0	1110-Bus Rolling Stock	FY23 Section 5339 program - Van Purchases	\$216,470	5339	\$54,118	\$0	\$270,588	Transit Capital	PHASADDGPA	\$270,588	Multi-Modal
2024	206515	11	CON	Bay	Bay County	W Midland Rd	US Overpass Deck to Carter Road	1.606	Road Rehabilitation	Multiple Course Asphalt Overlay with ASCRL	\$1,235,000	CRSM,ST,S TUL	\$0	\$1,742,750	\$2,977,750	Local Road	ESTLCLBGT, LOCDESC, LOCPTDESC MATS FY 2024 allocation of Carbon Reduction Funds added to this project. Project limits adjusted June 1, 2023 per Jim Lillo's request due to FY23 high bid for Midland Rd (Flajole to Carter). Midland Rd (Carter to Garfield) will be done by the BCRC through the use of bond funding in 2025, and possibly 2026.	\$3,077,750	Local



GENERAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT (GPA) TARGET REPORT

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Classification: Internal

Fiscal Year	MPO	Job Type	GPA	Status	Threshold Amount	Usage Amount	Proposed Amount	Change Amount	Remaining Amount	MPO Approval Date	Fed Approval Date
2024	MATS	Local	Local Road	Federal Approved	\$5,275,000	\$3,952,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,322,250	12/09/2022	12/20/2022
2024	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	Federal Approved	\$500,400	\$500,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/12/2022	08/15/2022
2024	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Operating	Federal Approved	\$1,439,212	\$1,439,212	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/12/2022	08/15/2022
2024	MATS	Trunkline	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	MDOT Submitted	\$177,156	\$282,156	\$105,000	\$0	\$0		
Grand Total:					\$7,391,768	\$6,174,518	\$105,000	\$0.00	\$1,322,250		

Number of Records: 4

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