

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 6th, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Those present were: Brad Kaye* (City of Midland), Karen Murphy* (Midland Dial-a-Ride Transportation), Terry Palmer* (Midland County Road Commission), Mike Wood* (Jerome Township) Jim Lillo* (Bay County Road Commission), Maria Sandow* (Larkin Township) – via phone, Chuck Tabb* (Ingersoll Township), Bob Carl* (Village of Sanford), Jay Reithel* (MDOT – Bay Region), Dennis Borchard* (Saginaw County Road Commission, Terry Holt* (Midland Charter Township), Paul Wasek* (Williams Township) – via phone, Lane Masoud (MDOT – OPT), Dave Englehardt (East Michigan Council of Governments) – via phone, Maja Bolanowska (MATS), and Bryan Gillett (MATS).

*voting members or alternates

2. Changes to the Agenda

Maja Bolanowska requested that an item “7B. Project Costs Discussion” be added to the agenda.

3. Approval of June 4th, 2019, Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Palmer and seconded by Bob Carl to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments brought before the Committee.

5. Reports of officers

There were no Legislative Updates and no reports from officers.

6. Agency Reports

A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja presented the MATS Administrative report. The bank account balance currently stands at approximately \$72,000, due to the recent receipt of 3rd quarter PL billing reimbursement. Consequently MATS will shortly be reimbursing DART for their share of expenses incurred. In addition, Maja noted that the annual renewal of insurance had been completed as well.

B. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported on the progress of both the new FY 2020-2023 TIP and the current 2017-2020 TIP. The new TIP is being reviewed by MDOT and FHWA. There is one last amendment to

the FY 2017-2020 TIP projects, which is part of today's agenda. Also, the FY 2020 Unified Work Program funding levels are being confirmed, and progressing towards authorization.

Furthermore, Maja briefly discussed the efforts currently underway at the Technical Committee level to review rural NMT routes, develop a policy for NMT shoulder development based on ADT levels, as well as long-term planning vis a vis the US-10/Waldo Road interchange.

Maja additionally reported on the 2019 MTPA Conference, held in Lansing this year and just concluded. Maja indicated that the conference was a success, and a great deal of attention was paid to the organization and implementation efforts, with an eye towards the 2020 edition that will be hosted by MATS. Several questions were asked and discussed regarding MATS' hosting of the 2020 MTPA conference, with regard to staffing levels, location of venue, and timing of the conference. Maja also reiterated that the only cost to MATS will be staff time.

Maja reported that the MDOT SUTA Division has set up the kick-off meeting for the update of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Model, which will ultimately be utilized when MATS updates our long range plan that is due in March of 2022.

Lastly, Maja mentioned that access to JobNet for local agencies is now available, subsequent to obtaining admittance to the *milogin* portal. Additional information can be obtained from MATS for those desiring such access.

7. Unfinished and New Business

A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Maja explained that there are four proposed changes pertaining to two projects. These consist of suspension and abandonment of the MCRC project that was mistakenly programmed into JobNet, and a phase budget change and a geography change for an MDOT

MATS FY 2017-2020 August 2019 TIP Amendment

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amend # (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
2017	123507	0	FHWA	CON	Midland	Midland County	W Bradford Rd	South County Line Road to Coleman Road	0.975	Road Rehabilitation	Resurface	\$64,000		\$16,000	EDD	\$0	\$80,000	Suspended	Not Applicable		Local
2017	123507	1	FHWA	CON	Midland	Midland County	W Bradford Rd	South County Line Road to Coleman Road	0.975	Road Rehabilitation	Resurface	\$0		\$80,000	EDD	\$0	\$80,000	Abandoned	Not Applicable		Local
2019	200829	5	FHWA	ROW	Isabella, Clare, Midland, Genesee, Gratiot	MDOT	US-127BR	M20 (ISABELLA) @ HOMER RD M20 (ISABELLA) @ MERIDIAN RD M20 (ISABELLA) @ COLEMAN RD	0	Traffic Safety	Traffic Signal Modernizations; connected vehicle installations.	\$7,500	STG	\$0		\$0	\$20,000	Budget	Not Applicable	\$2,085,136	Trunkline
2019	200829	4	FHWA	ROW	Isabella, Clare, Midland, Genesee, Gratiot	MDOT	US-127BR	None	0	Traffic Safety	Traffic Signal Modernizations; connected vehicle installations.	\$0	STG	\$0		\$0	\$20,000	Rollup, Budget	Not Applicable	\$2,085,136	Trunkline

traffic safety project, as summarized above.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Terry Palmer and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the changes to projects in the FY 2017-2020 TIP. Motion carried.

B. Project Cost Discussion

Terry Palmer reported that, based on recent bids received and estimates prepared subsequently for other projects, there would be a substantial funding shortfall in the near term due to overall prices for jobs rising to a significant degree. This was evidenced by a nearly 300% increase in the price for the forthcoming Eastman Road project. He indicated that, while some cost savings might be achieved in various ways, ultimately the scope of the Eastman project would simply have to be reduced, and that this experience would have significant implications for other MATS area projects. Therefore, Terry proposed that the Technical Committee undertake a review of future projects, based on this information as well as future projections. This was agreed to by the consensus of the Committee.

Discussion also ensued regarding 1% NMT spending requirement and DNR tire grant, those topics also will further explored at the next Technical Committee meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the August 6th, 2019 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:44 AM.

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 10th, 2019, at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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