

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 18th, 2019

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Josh Fredrickson.

Those present were: Josh Fredrickson (City of Midland), Jay Reithel (MDOT – Bay Region), Brian Stark (MDOT – Bay Region), Jan Yuergens (Midland Dial A Ride Transportation), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Mike Wood (Jerome Township), Dave Englehardt (EMCOG – via phone), Dennis Borchard (Saginaw County Road Commission), Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission), Mitch Huber (MDOT – Statewide Planning), Anita Boughner (MDOT – Statewide Planning), Thor Brecht (proposed Non-Motorized Representative), Bryan Gillett (MATS).

### 2. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda were requested.

### 3. Approval of October 16, 2019, Minutes

Motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

### 4. Public Comment

There were no public comments brought before the Committee.

### 5. Reports of officers

#### A. Project Updates

Dennis Borchard updated the committee on the Freeland Road/River Road project, saying that the required archeological study is currently underway.

Gary Rogers reported that County Connection remains very busy, and have received the last of the 7 new buses.

Russ Inman announced that the 2020 Eastman Road project is moving smoothly forward, and that an open house style meeting had been held the evening of 12-17-2019, which was well-attended. Construction is expected to begin in May or June of 2020.

Brian Stark noted that one of his first areas of focus will be to set up a maintenance tracking project for items such as mowing, this being a phone app that can be used extensively in the field.

Jay Reithel indicated that Jonathan Myers has moved on to the Midland County Road Commission, and that the US-10BR project is on track for summer 2020 construction. Additional funds are being applied for to be utilized in the US-10/Wackerly area for lane work and signal coordination. The bollards for the Buttles Street road diet test will be taken down by this coming Friday, 12-20-2019. MDOT is confident they have enough data from various sources to properly evaluate the test.

## **6. Agency Reports**

### **MATS Work Tasks Update**

Bryan reported on some of the work efforts being undertaken by MATS at the moment. Staff has been reviewing socio-economic data gathered by MDOT's SUTA staff for the update of the Great Lakes Bay regional model, which will be utilized in the next iteration of the long range plan. This data is also being reviewed with the larger local units, such as the City of Midland, and Lincoln and Larkin Townships.

In addition, staff has been processing information required for the TIP Amendment on today's agenda, finalizing the 2 end-of-year reports that will be discussed later, moving forward on MTPA conference planning, and lastly, attending training for Asset Management Plan preparation in order to be familiar with the requirements and effort needed to complete these documents.

## **7. Unfinished and New Business**

### **A. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2020-2023)**

Bryan introduced the list of proposed amendments to the FY 2020-2023 TIP, as detailed below in two tables. The first of these proposed changes pertain to a new RTF project in Bay County. Despite the addition of the project, there is no need for a FY 2020 Local Road GPA amendment.

The second part of the amendment deals with changes to the FY 2020-2023 STUL program due to the withdrawal of the FY 2022 Midland Rd project by the City of Auburn, as well as potential complications regarding the FY 2021 Sugnet Road project, and new NEPA requirements. MATS Project Selection Committee met on November 13, 2019 and recommended the revised STUL program, shown on Page 4 (the top portion). Since then an additional change is being requested by the City of Midland, that request is consistent with the earlier recommendations. The resultant adjusted STUL program is shown on Page 4 (the bottom portion).

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jay Reithel to approve the proposed changes to the FY 2020-2023 TIP and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

### MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for January 2020

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
2020	209419	0		CON	Bay	Bay County	W Salzburg Rd	Salzburg Road from Eleven Mile Road to Garfield Road, Bay County	0.988	n	Road Rehabilitation Crush & Shape & Asphalt Resurfacing	\$412,807	STL	\$0		\$237,193	\$650,000	PHASADDG PA	Local Road	\$650,000	Local

## MATS STUL Funding 2020-2023 Projects

Programmed Oct 1, 2019

Project Selection Committee Revisions Nov 13, 2019

Year	MATS STUL Estimate (Fed \$)	HIP Funds* (Fed \$)	Project & (Jurisdiction)	Fed STUL \$	Fed HIP \$	Local \$	Total Project Cost
2020	\$925,000 + \$295,000	\$69,648	Eastman Road (Commerce to Monroe) PPVS with Monroe to Miler as Part B (MCRC)	\$868,792	\$69,648	\$325,422	\$1,263,862
			Eastman Road (Commerce to Monroe) PPVS with Monroe to Blackhurst as Part B (MCRC)				
			Freeland Road @ River Rd intersection (Sag Cnty Rd Comm)	\$295,000	\$0	\$173,750	\$468,750
			2 veteran/medical transportation vans (CCM)	\$56,208	\$0	\$14,052	\$70,260
				\$1,220,000	\$69,648	\$513,224	
2021	\$ 944,000	NA	Sugnet Rd (Main Street to Northwood Drive) (City of Midland)	\$944,000	\$0	\$336,000	\$ 1,280,000
2022	\$ 963,000	NA	Poseyville Road (Gordonville Rd to Midland City Limits) (MCRC)	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$1,200,000
			Midland Rd (Carter Rd to Flajole Rd) (City of Midland)	\$363,000	\$0	\$415,000	\$778,000
			Saginaw Rd (Dartmouth Drive to Patrick Road) (City of Midland)	\$363,000	\$0	\$415,000	\$778,000
				\$963,000	\$0	\$1,015,000	
2023	\$ 982,000	NA	Jefferson Road (Wheeler Rd to Wackerley Rd) (City of Midland)	\$332,000	\$0	\$968,000	\$1,300,000
			Freeland Road (N. Gleaner Rd to River Rd) (Saginaw County Rd Comm)	\$400,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$600,000
			Midland Rd (Carter Rd to Flajole Rd) (Bay County Rd Commission)	\$250,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000
				\$982,000	\$0	\$2,168,000	

\* Highway Infrastructure Program. Funds need to be obligated by Sep 30, 2021. For construction of roads, bridges, tunnels. Cannot be used for transit projects, or PE/ROW phases.

NA - not applicable

indicates project which will be adjusted if additional federal funds became available in the future

City of Midland request to move Sugnet Project from FY 2021 to FY 2022

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				\$1,220,000	\$69,648	\$513,224	
2021	\$ 944,000	NA	Poseyville Road (Gordonville Rd to Midland City Limits) (MCRC)	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000	\$1,200,000
			Saginaw Rd (Dartmouth Drive to Patrick Road) (City of Midland)	\$344,000	\$0	\$434,000	\$778,000
				\$944,000	\$0	\$1,034,000	
2022	\$ 963,000	NA	Sugnet Rd (Main Street to Northwood Drive) (City of Midland)	\$963,000	\$0	\$317,000	\$ 1,280,000
2023	\$ 982,000	NA	Jefferson Road (Wheeler Rd to Wackerley Rd) (City of Midland)	\$332,000	\$0	\$968,000	\$1,300,000
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#### **B. TIP Exempt Projects within MATS area**

Bryan presented a tabular output from the JobNet system that details pending MDOT projects in the MATS area that are exempt from the MATS TIP review process. This is due to no Federal funding being involved and these particular projects not meeting the MATS criteria for a Regionally Significant Project. Bryan explained that this may occasionally result in large CPM projects, of local interest, not being announced or presented to the committee prior to construction commencing. Brief discussion ensued, and no action was taken.

#### **C. Project Funding Method**

Bryan explained that at the recent MATS/SMATS/BCATS Regional Meeting, through discussions with Lynette Firman and Mark Harrison at MDOT's LAP office, it was realized that there actually is a third method for funding projects, in addition to the well-understood capped and pro-rata processes. This could essentially be called "capped plus percentage" or "lump-sum plus percentage", in that projects are still funded as a lump sum but are able to exceed that amount by a certain percentage, with that excess being taken from carryover. Anita Boughner added, in extensive remarks, that in reality "carryover" does not exist, but rather is a concept. This still affects the overall obligation authority for the state, and may increase the possibility that projects presented later in the season will not get obligated. Extensive discussion ensued, and no action was taken.

#### **D. NMT Representative**

Bryan clarified for the committee that the current representative of the NMT Committee, Dave Waite, is stepping back from that role and has recommended that Thor Albrecht be appointed as his replacement. Thor Albrecht was in attendance, and after a brief introduction and discussion, a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Mike Woods to recommend that the Policy Committee appoint Mr. Albrecht as the NMT Representative to the Technical Committee. Motion carried.

#### **E. MATS Obligation Report for FY 2019**

Bryan presented the required Annual Obligation Report for FY 2019. This brief document lists and summarizes the federally-funded projects that have been obligated during FY 2019. MPOs are required to report to local officials and the public "an annual listing of obligated projects" after the end of each programming year. The programming year is the fiscal year that runs from October 1st through September 30th of the following year.

#### **F. MATS 2019 Financial Report**

Bryan also presented and passed around for review the FY 2019 End of Year Financial Report, also known as the Final Acceptance Report. This report lays out the work that MATS staff undertook during FY 2019, and summarizes the resulting costs. The Final Acceptance Report presents a synopsis of the work products and activities that were completed by MATS or on behalf of MATS during Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019). This work was performed in accordance with the MATS Unified Work Program for FY 2019. The activities listed in the report are grouped according to the major work items identified in the UWP. The last page of the report presents a summary of the billing statements that MATS

has submitted to the Michigan Department of Transportation for all three funding sources, and the amounts received to date.

**G. Repeal of FY 2020 Funding Rescission**

Bryan noted that the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations had sent a policy alert to members in late November. This policy alert announced that the previously pending \$7.6 billion dollar funding rescission, scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2020, had been repealed. Repealing this rescission not only increases net federal funding by \$7.6 billion in FY 2020, it also has the effect of adjusting the baseline for all subsequent years, increasing funding over the ten-year FY 2020-2029 period by \$75.7 billion.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further items for discussion, the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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