

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Josh Fredrickson.

Those present were: Josh Fredrickson (City of Midland), Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jonathan Myers (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Janet Yuergens (Midland Dial A Ride Transit), David Haag (City of Auburn) Dennis Borchard (Saginaw County Road Commission), Aaron Dawson (Federal Highway Administration), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and Bryan Gillett (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of October 17, 2018, Minutes

Motion by Russ Inman, seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the minutes of the October 17th, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments brought before the Committee.

5. Reports of officers

A. Project Updates

Russ Inman reported that the 2019 program of projects is very intensive, with many road projects, 13 bridges, and a total exceeding \$10,000,000 of work. The Road Commission recently met with the Midland Area Community Foundation and the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Alliance to discuss and finalize a grant application to convert the Bailey Bridge over the Tittabawassee River at Bailey Bridge Road and Smiths Crossing Road into a non-motorized trail crossing. In this scenario the Road Commission would apply for a Transportation Alternatives Program grant from MDOT and the Trail Alliance would work with an as yet unnamed third party for additional funding. Russ requested that MATS provide a letter of support in this endeavor.

Dennis Borchard indicated that the Dixie Highway project will be done in two phases, with the first phase being from S. Airport Road west to the I-75 overpass.

Jonathan Myers brought the committee up to speed on the progress of the M-20 Bridge project, with traffic now having been switched over to the newly completed lanes and

demolition work commencing on the second half of the project. In addition, there will be an M-20 project that abuts Midland County, taking place in Clare and Isabella Counties.

Josh reminded everyone that next year’s big project for the City of Midland is the Saginaw Road project, from Patrick to Dartmouth.

6. Agency Reports

A. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported that staff has been completing the necessary work on the FY 2020-2023 TIP, keeping the current TIP up to date, while also participating in numerous JobNet-related meetings, making the necessary changes to the database and correcting JobNet errors. In addition, end of calendar year reports such as the Final Acceptance Report and the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects have been completed, along with PASER data having been submitted to TAMC. Finally, Maja reminded everyone present that MATS needs to receive all projects for the 2020-2023 time frame, regardless of type or source, including MDOT, for the new TIP.

7. Unfinished and New Business

A. FY 2017 – FY 2020 TIP Changes

Maja reviewed the list of proposed TIP changes for everyone’s information. These consist of bus purchases for County Connection as well as several road projects. Maja provided details and JobNet implications. All project changes are summarized herein:

| Fiscal Year | Agency | Project Name | Limits | Phase | Funds | Type | Mod Type |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|-------|-------|------|-------------------|
| 2019 | Midland County Board of Commissioners | M-20 | Purchase 4 buses with FY 2019 Section 5339 program | NI | 5339 | NEW | MPO Mod/Adj |
| 2019 | Bay County | W Wheeler Rd | Wheeler Road from Eight Mile west to Rockford Road (County Line) | CON | STL | ADD | Federal Amendment |
| 2019 | MDOT | M-47 | M47 (MIDLAND RD) @ CHURCH ST | CON | STG | NEW | MPO Mod/Adj |
| 2020 | Midland County Board of Commissioners | M-20 | Purchase 2 buses under the FY 20 Section 5339 Program | NI | 5339 | NEW | MPO Mod/Adj |
| 2020 | MDOT | US-10 - WB | MATS MPO Study Area | CON | HSIP | NEW | MPO Mod/Adj |

Furthermore, Maja explained that the adoption of these project changes must be accompanied by an approval of the concomitant GPA thresholds and proposed amounts. Two separate motions are utilized for this. A motion was subsequently made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jan Yuergens to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the changes to the FY 2017-2020 MATS TIP as presented. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jan Yuergens to recommend to the Policy Committee adoption of the GPA list as presented. Motion carried.

In addition, Maja briefly described the slate of recent administrative modifications, presented for the committee’s information. These were largely modifications to reconcile transit funding levels, as well as MDOT projects.

B. FY 2020-2023 TIP Process and Timeframe

Maja reiterated the upcoming process to develop the new FY 2020-2023 TIP document, and referred to the Gantt chart and associated detailed timeline, which was handed out. Three key dates were elaborated on. First, by March 1, 2019 all projects must be received by MATS. Second, by May 1, 2019 all changes to projects for 2020 (i.e. the overlap year in both TIP's) must be entered. Finally, on June 28, 2019 the final TIP report will be submitted to MDOT and the TIP is "frozen" for all MPO actions until October 1, 2019.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the December 19, 2018 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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