

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:05 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Those who participated were: Brad Kaye* (City of Midland), Jonathan Myers* (Midland County Road Commission), Dan Armentrout* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Jim Lillo* (Bay County Road Commission), Kevin Wray* (Lincoln Twp), Mike Wood* (Jerome Township), Kim Heisler* (Ingersoll Township), Dave Haag* (City of Auburn), Amy Bidwell* (DART), Phillip Shaver* (Tittabawassee Township), Terry Hall* (Edenville Township), Maria Sandow* (Larkin Township), Steven VanTol* (Williams Township), Terry Holt* (Midland Township), Gary Rogers* (County Connection of Midland – via phone), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), John Kelly (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC – via phone), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and 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 October 5, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Jonathan Myers to approve the minutes of October 5, 2021. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Legislative and MDOT Updates

Maja Bolanowska reported that a continuing resolution was passed by Congress, keeping Federal Government operating until February 18, 2022 at FY 2021 funding levels. Furthermore, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has been passed and signed by the President. However, it is currently unclear when the authorization to utilize this funding will occur, higher level of funding may become available for FY 2022 or just applied to the remaining 4 years of the IIJA, i.e. FY 2023 to 2026. Lastly, the Build Back Better Act is currently under consideration by the Senate, and could also be passed in the near future.

On a related note, Maja explained that due to the Sugnet Road project having come in at a lower bid than expected, and thus obligated for a lesser dollar amount than programmed, there is currently approximately \$25k of STUL funding unprogrammed. This will result in the need to reprogram the funding or see it go the MATS carryover account with the attendant obstacles to reuse. The unprogrammed amount, plus the roughly estimated \$250,000 that MATS may see as an increase due to the IIJA, could present an opportunity to Advance Construct a project from FY 2023 in order to better program and utilize the entirety of the funding.

5. Agency Reports

A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the bank balance for MATS is currently at approximately \$72,000, however reimbursement payments to local units for planning services will reduce that number by about \$30,000 shortly.

On the agenda for action today is renewal of the fixed price agreement with McDonald and Associates for payroll and tax services, which Maja explained was the first updated agreement in 5 years. The total annual price has increased by \$50 per month over the previous agreement, to an annual total of \$5,400. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mike Wood and seconded by Jim Lillo to authorize acceptance of the agreement. Motion carried.

B. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported on the status of various work tasks:

Update of the 2045 MATS Long Range Plan has resulted in a draft document ready for initial public release, on the agenda today.

TIP changes are being processed and brought to the committees where warranted, including on today's agenda.

The two end of calendar year reports, the Annual Obligation Report and the Final Acceptance Report, are being prepared and are on schedule.

PASER ratings for all MATS area Federal Aid roads, with the exception of MDOT trunklines, have been completed with the assistance of the City of Midland and the Midland County Road Commission. In addition, local PASER ratings were conducted for Edenville Township, with the assistance of the Midland County Road Commission.

MATS has been facilitating local efforts to relocate the Bicycle Route BR-20, coordinating and hosting Zoom meetings for all involved agencies. With the assistance of Jim Lillo all required documentation was submitted on time, and final approval has been granted by AASHTO.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. Performance Measures

Maja summarized the recently issued state safety targets for CY 2022, noting that increases were seen in all categories. Maja further reiterated that MPOs must either support the targets or develop their own for one or all the categories. This is infeasible for a small MPO like MATS, and has resulted in MATS historically supporting the state targets. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Terry Hall to support the state safety targets for CY 2022. Motion carried.

Maja presented proposed MATS Transit asset management targets (also known as State of Good Repair targets), and explained the need to review and adopt such targets at this point in time due to the development of the MATS Long Range Plan. These targets were developed cooperatively with the transit agencies and have been reviewed and supported by the Technical Committee. A brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Maria Sandow to adopt the MATS Transit State of Good Repair targets. Motion carried.

B. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2020-2023)

Maja summarized the proposed changes regarding the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP:

Job Number 209801, Meridian Road over the Chippewa River, Bridge Rehabilitation – approval of cost increase to \$1,866,200 and funding source changed from Federal to State. Motion made to approve by Kevin Wray and seconded by Kim Heisler. Motion carried.

FY 2022 Local Bridge GPA – approval of \$3,612,200 threshold (due to changes to JN 209801).

Details of the proposed amendments are shown in an attachments.

After a brief discussion and clarifications, motion made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Kim Heisler to approve changes to the Meridian Road over Chippewa River Bridge project. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mike Wood and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve new threshold for FY 2022 Local Bridge GPA. Motion carried.

D. Long Range Planning

Bryan reviewed a brief comparison between the 2017 Long Range Plan Community Input Survey and the same survey conducted for the 2022 Long Range Plan. There were essentially very minor differences in public sentiment as expressed in the survey, and due to the low number of surveys submitted conclusions were somewhat difficult to draw. Maja then briefed the committee on the progress made regarding the plan, and with a distribution-ready draft now complete, asked for authorization to release the plan to the public for review and send copies to the many organizations and agencies necessary for consultation. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Dennis Bouchard to authorize release of the draft plan. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment. Mike Wood, Jerome Township Supervisor, requested the committee's help in whatever fashion could be provided, to assist with encouraging MDOT to improve safety along a section of M-30 by widening it to 3 lanes. Maja suggested that staff could prepare a letter to MDOT outlining concerns, as well as collect whatever accident and traffic data is available. This course of action was supported by Committee members.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the December 7, 2021 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next meeting has been scheduled for January 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for December 2021

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	Amendment Type	General Program Account	Comments	Total Job Cost	Job Type
2022	209801	2	CON	Midland	Midland County	N Meridian Rd	Meridian Road over Chippewa River, Str# 6951 - Midland County		Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$0	N/A	\$1,492,960	\$373,240	\$1,866,200	ESTLCLBGT, PHASBGTDOWN, ESTFEDBGT, FINSYSALL, ESTSTBGT	Local Bridge		\$2,242,450.00	Local



GENERAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT (GPA) LIST REPORT

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FY	GPA Type	GPA Seq. No.MPO		Status	Job Type	Threshold Amount	Programmed Proposed	Manual Adjustment	Programmed Usage	Remaining	Approval Date
2022	Local Bridge	2	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Local	\$3,251,000.00	\$1,565,200.00	\$0.00	\$3,612,200.00	\$1,204,000.00	
						Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,396,800.00	\$1,204,000.00	
						State	\$1,492,960.00	\$0.00	\$1,754,860.00	\$0.00	
						Local	\$72,240.00	\$0.00	\$460,540.00	\$0.00	
Job#	Job Seq. No.	Work Description			Phase Type	Major Fin Sys	Programmed Federal Amt	Programmed State Amt	Programmed Local Amt	Programmed Total Amt	STIP Status
209801	2	Bridge Rehabilitation			CON	MCS	\$0.00	\$1,492,960.00	\$373,240.00	\$1,866,200.00	Pending
Total							\$0.00	\$1,492,960.00	\$373,240.00	\$1,866,200.00	
FY	GPA Type	GPA Seq. No.MPO		Status	Job Type	Threshold Amount	Programmed Proposed	Manual Adjustment	Programmed Usage	Remaining	Approval Date
2022	Local Bridge	1	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Federal Approved	Local	\$3,251,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,251,000.00	\$0.00	
						Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600,800.00	\$0.00	10/29/2021
						State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$261,900.00	\$0.00	
						Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$388,300.00	\$0.00	10/29/2021
Job#	Job Seq. No.	Work Description			Phase Type	Major Fin Sys	Programmed Federal Amt	Programmed State Amt	Programmed Local Amt	Programmed Total Amt	STIP Status
206083	2	Bridge Rehabilitation			CON	BHT	\$1,396,800.00	\$261,900.00	\$87,300.00	\$1,746,000.00	Approved
Total							\$1,396,800.00	\$261,900.00	\$87,300.00	\$1,746,000.00	



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2022	Local Bridge	0	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Federal Approved	Local	\$1,505,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,505,000.00	\$0.00	
						Federal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,204,000.00	\$0.00	03/19/2020
						State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
						Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$301,000.00	\$0.00	03/16/2020
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209801	0	Bridge Rehabilitation			CON	BHT	\$1,204,000.00	\$0.00	\$301,000.00	\$1,505,000.00	Approved
						Total	\$1,204,000.00	\$0.00	\$301,000.00	\$1,505,000.00	

Preferences:

Job Type Local
GPA Type Local Bridge
FISCAL Year(s) 2022
MPO Boundary Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)