

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

This meeting was held at the Midland County Services Building 4th floor Conference Room.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Russ Inman. All members participated in person or by phone.

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Amy Bidwell (DART), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG) – via phone, Jason Perez (MDOT-OPT) – via phone, Philip Shaver (Tittabawassee Township), Dennis Borchard (Saginaw County Road Commission, Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission), Dave Haag (City of Auburn), Mike Wood (Jerome Township), Lindsey Dowswell (MDOT Statewide Planning), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Matt Lemon (City of Midland) – via phone, Thoralf Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland) – via phone, Jason Perez (MDOT – OPT) – via phone, John Kelley (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of November 17, 2021, Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting with corrections noted by Russ Inman. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Russ Inman reported: The RTF program has been selected through 2026, including 4 road projects for 2022, one of which is a collaboration with the City of Coleman. Regarding other MCRC projects, design work has begun on Meridian Road and 2 bridges, as well as the Waldo at Monroe roundabout.

Jim Lillo reported: This year the BCRC has approximately 18 miles of road projects, including a reconstruction project near the Michigan Sugar Factory.

Matt Lemon reported: Major projects this year for the City of Midland include the Sugnet Road extension, culverts on a section of Stark Road, the Wackerly/US-10 BR intersection, Soccer Drive, plus numerous local projects. Some of these are concentrated in the northwest portion of the city, and are part of the overall Concept 5 water/sewer initiative currently in design.

Amy Bidwell reported: The capital program is now set through FY 2026, and FY 2023 will see 6 buses replaced. Currently staff are preparing for the FTA Triennial Review which will be happening soon.

John Kelly reported: Design work has commenced for the M-20 project, the US-10BR one-ways in Midland, i.e. Indian and Buttles Streets, as well as the Wackerly at Eastman intersection coordinated with the City of Midland. The first project is scheduled for next year, with the US-10BR projects currently being tentatively discussed for FY 2024 but classified as a “shelf” projects for the time being.

Maja reported: FY 2022 is a very unusual year for federally funded transportation projects. This is largely due to the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021, combined with the limited obligation authority allowed by operating under the current the continuing resolution from the previous transportation bill. The positive news is that funds under the IIJA will be forthcoming in the late summer or fall, and therefore hopefully all 2022 projects will be able to be obligated.

5. Agency Reports

Maja reported on the status of various MATS work tasks:

Though nearly complete, review work has been continuing on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan during the public comment period that extends to January 25th. In addition, staff have been administering changes to the TIP, and collecting comments from the public on the LRTP. Also, comments have been received from MDOT just yesterday, which will be reviewed by staff and incorporated where appropriate. Finally, MATS staff completed the two required end-of-calendar year reports, which are available on the MATS website.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS Tip Amendment

Maja explained the proposed changes to the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP, which consist of addition of JN 214325 PE & CON Phases, CPM – Asphalt/HMA Crack Seal on US 10 (Bay CO Line to M-18) and M-20 (9 Mile to Castor) as well as FY 2022 Trunkline Traffic operations & Safety GPA that requires an increased threshold. The attached table shows a summary of the proposed amendments.

A motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the addition of the MDOT CPM project to the MATS TIP and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Wood and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the increase to the FY 2022 Trunkline Traffic operations & Safety GPA and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. Non-Motorized Facilities along M-20 (Meridian to Currie Parkway)

Maja introduced John Kelley, of the MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC office, who was seeking feedback from the committee on certain elements of the upcoming M-20 project between M-30 and Currie Parkway regarding non-motorized accessibility and suitability. He noted that presently the area behind the curb is paved, seems to be used by both bicyclists and walkers. The current design for the project calls for removing the curb and installing a wide paved shoulder along the roadway, in addition to a wide shoulder on the north side of the bridge over Prairie Creek. After some discussion ensued, it was agreed to by consensus that the current design would be adequate.

C. Long Range Planning

Maja updated the committee regarding the status of the MATS Long Range Transportation Plan, noting that the draft approved for public release at the last meeting has been out for public comment since December 8th, and will be until January 25, 2022. Thus far, only two comments have been received from the public, both regarding very specific items. In addition, just yesterday several comments have been received from MDOT, collected and forwarded on by Lindsey Dowswell. These will be reviewed by MATS staff presently and any appropriate changes made to the draft document. Significant discussion ensued regarding the comments from the public pertaining to electric vehicle charging stations and the route of M-20 through the City of Midland for truck traffic. Thereafter, a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the final draft subject to minor changes made in response to the various comments, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

D. Funding allocation changes per IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021)

Maja explained that, due to the passage of the IIJA, MATS TIP is under programmed for FY 22 & FY 23 for STP Urban (STUL/STP Flex), STP Rural, and transit (5307, 5311, 5339). Specifically however, short term action is needed for the FY 2022 Urban program to effectively utilize all available STP and STBG Flex dollars. Based on the presented documentation (attached) and principles discussed at the previous meetings, a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the movement of the Freeland Road project from FY 23 to FY 22 and to adjust funding amounts accordingly to reflect the increased or new funding allocations. Motion carried.

E. MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Development

Maja clarified that the FY 2023-2026 MATS TIP was under development, and therefore the various project lists needed to be updated accordingly for the years covered. This includes STP Urban (STUL/STP Flex), STP Rural, and transit (5307, 5311, and 5339). Furthermore, these projects must be programmed in JobNet by March 1, 2022. Maja and Russ Inman presented tables that reflected both the projects approved by the Project Selection Committee previously, and the current proposed changes due to the funding increases

(attached). This included additional project selections, based on the projects previously submitted to Project Selection Committee by all implementing agencies, to utilize the additional funds available in future years. It was agreed to by consensus that these tables obviated the need to organize a new meeting of the Project Selection Committee, as their recommendations would come to the Technical committee regardless. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Dave Haag and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the proposed projects and updated funding levels as presented, and recommend the same to the MATS Policy Committee. Motion carried.

F. M-30 Center Turn Lane Letter of Support

Maja presented the draft letter of support for Jerome Township, addressed to the MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC manager. At the last MATS Policy Committee meeting, MATS staff had been requested to prepare a letter of support for Jerome Township's request to have the center turn lane north of Sanford extended to run continuously between W. Blakely Road and W. Barden Road. This need had been discussed at several MATS Technical and Policy Committee meetings in recent years, and this draft letter includes a discussion of both accident data and improvements to traffic flow that would be brought about by the extension of the center left turn lane. Subsequent to this meeting, and draft letter will be presented at the MATS Policy Committee meeting in February. Maja asked for review and comments, to ensure that the letter contains all pertinent points that members feel need to be represented.

G. FY 2021 Edenville Township PASER Map

Bryan indicated that a map of PASER ratings within Edenville Township for the local and federal-aid roads has been completed. With the support of the Midland County Road Commission, MATS staff performed local road ratings in September of 2021. This map will subsequently be submitted to the Edenville Township supervisor, and had been included in the MATS PASER data uploaded to TAMC earlier this year.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were received and no members of the public were present.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the January 19, 2022 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for February 2022

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	214325	0	PE	Midland, Saginaw, Bay, Gladwin	MDOT	US-10 W	EB & WB US-10 Bay Co Line to M-18 with Ramps AND M-20 from Castor Rd to Nine Mile Rd. 81.343 Ln/Miles	42.863	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	HMA Crack Seal	\$19,614	ST	\$4,349	\$0	\$43,200	PHASADD		Not Applicable	\$863,625.00	Trunkline
2022	214325	0	CON	Midland, Saginaw, Bay, Gladwin	MDOT	US-10 W	EB & WB US-10 Bay Co. Line to M-18 with Ramps AND M-20 from Castor Rd to Nine Mile Rd. 81.343 Ln/Miles, EB & WB US-10 Bay Co. Line to M-18 with Ramps AND M-20 from Castor Rd to Nine Mile Rd. 81.343Ln/Miles	42.863	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	HMA Crack Seal	\$372,484	ST	\$82,597	\$0	\$820,425	PHASADD		Not Applicable	\$863,625.00	Trunkline



GENERAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT (GPA) TARGET REPORT

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Fiscal Year	MPO	Job Type	GPA	Status	Threshold Amount	Usage Amount	Proposed Amount	Change Amount	Remaining Amount	MPO Approval Date	Fed Approval Date
2022	MATS	Local	Local Bridge	Federal Approved	\$4,816,200	\$3,612,200	\$0	\$0	\$1,204,000	12/16/2021	12/16/2021
2022	MATS	Local	Local Road	Local Approved	\$2,729,813	\$889,600	\$0	\$0	\$1,840,213	01/11/2022	
2022	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	Federal Approved	\$822,602	\$686,446	\$0	\$0	\$136,156	08/21/2019	09/27/2019
2022	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Operating	Local Approved	\$5,569,215	\$1,918,194	\$0	\$0	\$3,651,021	06/10/2021	
2022	MATS	Trunkline	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	MDOT Submitted	\$891,104	\$1,232,444	\$484,880	\$0	\$143,540		
Grand Total:					\$14,828,934	\$8,338,884	\$484,880	\$0.00	\$6,974,930		

Number of Records: 5

Preferences:

Years : 2022

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MATS STUL and HIP Funding 2022-2026 Projects													
Programmed as of Feb 22, 2021:				PROPOSED 'UNDERPROGRAMMED' FUNDS REMEDY - 1/19/2022									
Year	STUL (Fed \$)	HIP/HIC* (Fed \$)	STP - Flex (Fed \$)	Total Urban Fed \$	Project & (Jurisdiction)	Fed STUL \$	Fed HIP \$	Fed STP - Flex \$	Earmark Funds	Local \$	Project Cost (without PE or CE)	Total Fed \$ Programmed	
2022	\$1,144,664	\$300,000	\$70,764	\$1,515,428	Sugnet Rd (Main Street to Northwood Drive) (City of Midland)	\$927,596	\$300,000			\$253,302	\$1,480,898		
					Freeland Road (N. Gleaner Rd to River Rd) (Saginaw County Rd Comm)	\$217,068	\$0	\$70,764		\$87,168	\$375,000		
						\$1,144,664	\$300,000	\$70,764				\$1,515,428	
2023	\$1,166,413	\$55,949	\$72,108	\$1,394,453	Freeland Road (N. Gleaner Rd to River Rd) (Saginaw County Rd Comm)	\$300,000	\$0			\$75,000	\$375,000		
		\$99,983			Eastman Road (Monroe Rd to Mier Rd) (Midland County Rd Comm)	\$682,000	\$155,932	\$0	\$243,780	\$218,288	\$1,300,000		
					Waldo Road (Monroe Rd to 0.23 miles south of Wackerly Rd) (Midland County Rd Comm)	\$340,000	\$0	\$72,108	\$0	\$147,892	\$560,000		ADD Previous Unfunded Project
					Stewart Road (Poseyville Rd to Patterson Rd) (Midland County Rd Comm)	\$144,413	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$105,587	\$250,000		ADD Previous Unfunded Project
						\$1,166,413	\$155,932	\$72,108	\$243,780	\$471,767	\$2,110,000	\$1,394,453	
							\$455,932	(Total of FY 2022 and FY 2023 HIP funds)					
2024	\$1,188,574	\$0	\$73,479	\$1,262,053	Midland Road (Carter Road to Eleven Mile Rd) (Bay County Rd Commission)	\$436,574		\$73,479		\$1,289,947	\$1,800,000	\$260,053	Local Savings
					Saginaw Road (Pinesboro Dr to Dublin Rd) (Midland County Rd Comm)	\$752,000		\$0		\$398,000	\$1,150,000		
						\$1,188,574		\$73,479				\$1,262,053	
2025	\$1,211,157	\$0	\$74,875	\$1,286,032	**Jefferson Road (Wheeler Rd to Chapel Lane) (City of Midland)	\$422,000	\$0			\$358,000	\$780,000		
					Midland Road (Eleven Mile Rd to Garfield Rd) (Bay County Rd Commission)	\$789,157	\$0	\$74,875		\$1,035,968	\$1,900,000	\$264,032	Local Savings
						\$1,211,157	\$0	\$74,875				\$1,286,032	
2026	\$1,234,169	\$0	\$76,297	\$1,310,466	Garfield Road (M47 to Freeland Rd) (Saginaw County Rd Commission)	\$600,000	\$0			\$150,000	\$750,000		
					Monroe Road (Eastman Rd to Sturgeon Rd) (Midland County Rd Comm)	\$442,000	\$0			\$278,000	\$720,000		
					Prairie and Pine River Roads (Homer Rd to Woodcock Rd) (Midland County Rd Comm)	\$192,169	\$0	\$76,297		\$109,534	\$378,000		ADD Previous Unfunded Project
						\$1,234,169	\$0	\$76,297				\$1,310,466	
* Highway Infrastructure Program. Funds need to be obligated by Sep 30, 2024.													
FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program Funding of \$ 55,949 for MATS area, requires local match of 18.15% (HIPS Fin Sys)													
FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program Covid Relief Funding of \$ 399,983 for MATS area, no local match required (HIP Fin Sys)													
** City of Midland requests the flexibility of substituting a different project if local funds are available to construct Jefferson Road project earlier													
indicates project which will be adjusted if actual STUL allocation for a given FY is different slightly from the estimate shown in the table above													
All implementing agencies request that MATS Urban Program (and thus all STUL funded projects) utilize Pro-Rata Method of funding, in order to spend down MATS carryover STUL funds.													