

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:02 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman. All members participated in person except for Gary Rogers* (County Connection of Midland) who participated via phone and did not count towards the quorum.

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), Karen Murphy* (City of Midland and DART), Terry Hall* (Edenville Township), Carl Hamann* (Village of Sanford), Steven VanTol* (Williams Township), Terry Holt* (Midland Township), Gary Rogers* (County Connection of Midland – via phone), Anita Boughner* (MDOT – Statewide Planning), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG), Marty Wazbinski (City of Midland City Council), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and Bryan Gillett (MATS).

*voting members or alternates

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of August 3, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Legislative and MDOT Updates

Maja Bolanowska relayed several recent bulletins from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations regarding the progress of federal transportation funding bills. On October 1, the FAST Act was extended by 30 days, with a reconciliation package still under negotiation and hopefully passed by both houses of Congress soon.

Anita Boughner announced that by November 1 a new MPO Program Manager for MATS would be on board at MDOT. In addition Governor Whitmer has signed the state Transportation Bill which allows several programs and associated funding to be implemented.

5. Agency Reports

A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the bank balance for MATS is currently at approximately \$35,000, largely due to the receipt of local match funds from the Midland County Road Commission and the City of Midland. Maja also announced that TCF Bank has been acquired by Huntington Bank which will result in new bank account numbers for MATS.

Lastly, the Administrative Subcommittee met at the end of September, and has made several recommendations to the Policy Committee. Those recommendations were briefly summarized. A motion was thereafter made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the recommended wage increases for staff and the additional PTO carryover for Maja. Motion carried.

B. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported on the status of various work tasks:

Update of the 2045 MATS Long Range Plan is underway and proceeding on schedule.

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

At this time, all MATS area projects for FY 2021 have been obligated, with the exception of those projects that have been moved to FY 2022.

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.

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 MDOT has now forwarded the route relocation application to AASHTO for final approval.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. Amendment of MATS Bylaws

Maja and Brad summarized the recent issues regarding attainment of quorum at MATS Policy Committee meetings, and the subsequent request by Bay Metro Transit to remove themselves from the list of voting members, thereby becoming a non-voting member. MATS By-Laws need to be amended to reflect this changes. After a brief review of the process, a motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the by-law change denoting Bay Metro Transit as non-voting member. Motion carried.

B. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2020-2023)

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

FY 2022 Local Bridge GPA – approval of \$3,251,000 threshold (due to JN 206083: Meridian Rd over Pine River Bridge Rehabilitation- CON phase delayed to FY 2022).

FY 2023 Local Traffic Operations and Safety GPA – approval of \$250,000 threshold (due to JN 213738: traffic safety grant project programmed for FY 2023 (HSIP funding) – intersection sign replacement throughout Midland County).

Details of the proposed amendments are shown in an attached table. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Jonathan Myers to approve the GPA thresholds. Motion carried.

C. Schedule of MATS FY 2022 and FY 2023 TIP Amendments

Maja introduced the schedule of dates for FY 2022 and FY 2023 for amending the MATS TIP, noting that this schedule is updated biennially. Brief review followed.

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the new TIP Amendment schedule. Motion carried.

D. Long Range Planning Update

Maja provided a progress report on the efforts to update the Towards 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, and included a review of the staff presence at the 2021 Midland County Fair and a brief overview of comments received and the online survey results. Brad Kaye inquired as to the methodology and made several suggestions regarding the next time this online public survey was conducted. In addition, it was requested that an analysis of the survey results be brought to the Committee at the next meeting.

E. Schedule of MATS Committee Meeting Dates in CY 2022

Maja presented the schedule of MATS Committee Meeting Dates for CY 2022, noting that some changes to meeting dates might be preferred to better align with holidays and other events. After a short discussion, it was determined to adjust 3 meeting dates by moving them back one week. Thereafter a motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Steve Van Tol to adopt the revised meeting schedule. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment. Brad Kaye introduced Midland City Councilor Marty Wazbinski who attended today's meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the October 5, 2021 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM. The next meeting has been scheduled for November 2, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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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
2023	Local Traffic Operations And Safety	0	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Local	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	
						Federal	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	
						State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
						Local	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$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
213738	0	Traffic Safety			CON	HSIP	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	Pending
Total							\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	



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2022	Local Bridge	1	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Local	\$1,505,000.00	\$1,746,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,251,000.00	\$0.00	
						Federal	\$1,396,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,600,800.00	\$0.00	
						State	\$261,900.00	\$0.00	\$261,900.00	\$0.00	
						Local	\$87,300.00	\$0.00	\$388,300.00	\$0.00	
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206083	2	Bridge Rehabilitation			CON	BHT	\$1,396,800.00	\$261,900.00	\$87,300.00	\$1,746,000.00	Pending
Total							\$1,396,800.00	\$261,900.00	\$87,300.00	\$1,746,000.00	