

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

*This meeting was held at the Midland County Services Building 4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room.*

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Russ Inman.

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission), Nick Hornate (Saginaw County Road Commission), Amy Bidwell (Midland Dial a Ride Transportation), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland) – via phone, Terrance Hall (Edenville Township), Brandy Federspiel (Tittabawassee Township), Philip Shaver (Tittabawassee Township), John Kelley (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG) – via phone, Natasha Gauna (MDOT OPT), Maja Bolanowska (MATS), Bryan Gillett (MATS).

### 2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 3. Approval of March 15, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

### 4. Reports of officers

John Kelley reported that the Eastman/Wackerly project is almost functionally complete, with the only remaining item being tree installation that will happen in the fall. In addition, preliminary plans for the US-10 BR project will be complete in August, with a public information session to be scheduled subsequently.

Russ Inman reported: Waldo Road/Monroe Road roundabout is still scheduled for this year. Furthermore, the Waldo Road overlay project was let, scheduled, and constructed within a month, and is complete. The Eastman Road project is nearly finalized, but significant cost savings had to be attained after funding reductions and large bids.

Dan Armentrout reported: The FY 2026 Garfield Road project is being prepped for design.

Amy Bidwell reported: DART has received the VINs for the EV buses, and expects a delivery date of mid-August at this point. Consumers Energy has assisted with power infrastructure for the 2 EV chargers, including placement of a new transformer. This is expected to be complete by late fall. In addition, the selection of a consultant for the transit coordination study will go before the Midland City Council this coming Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a question from Dan Armentrout, Maja discussed the recent update on obligations for this fiscal year, which currently stands at approximately 87% for urban funding statewide, with 100% of statewide rural funding having been obligated at this point. Furthermore, for this year's August redistribution the process is not expected to follow the previous 75/25 split between MDOT and local projects. Instead, obligation authority is proposed to be apportioned by need. Thus, there is a good chance that the two Midland County Road Commission projects that are still in the review stage will be able to be obligated yet this year. Discussion followed.

Cody Bodrie reported that EMCOG is awaiting further information from the MIO staff before deciding on a direction for the utilization of the MIO Technical Assistance program.

## **5. Agency Reports**

Maja reported on the status of various MATS work tasks:

The FY 2024 Unified Work Program has been approved by MDOT and likely by now has been passed on to FHWA and FTA for their approval.

MATS will be sending notices out in the coming weeks billing for the local match amounts, which will need to be received by October 1, 2023. Timely receipt is important for MATS cash flow requirements for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Master Agreement between MATS and MDOT needs to be renewed shortly, that occurs every 3 years. The proposed Master Agreement will be distributed to the MATS members in the coming days. It is important to remember that modifications are not expected by MDOT, even though comments are welcome.

FY 2023 PASER ratings will commence in August, with participation from the City of Midland, the Midland County Road Commission, and MDOT once again.

Finally, MMRMA insurance for MATS is undergoing the annual renewal, due to the new rule regarding minimum amount of office equipment coverage and MATS owning very little, the premium amount is expected to decrease.

## **6. Unfinished and New Business**

### **A. MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment**

Maja explained the proposed changes to the MATS TIP (details shown in the attached table), as shown herein:

JN 212097: FY 2023 – MCRC – CON Phase – Historic Bridge Restoration & NMT Connection: Smith Crossing Rd Bridge – Cost increase

JN 219128: FY 2023 – MCRC – CON Phase – Bridge Rehabilitation: W. Gordonville Rd over Little Salt Creek (Structure #6999) – Project Addition

JN 219077: FY 2023 – CCM – NI Phase – Transit Capital - Purchase of 3 Vans – Project addition

JN 206515: FY 2024 – BCRC - CON Phase – Road Rehabilitation: W. Midland Rd (US 10 Overpass Deck to Carter Rd) – Project limits change and cost change

FY 2024 Trunkline Traffic Operations and Safety GPA – Approval of threshold of \$282,156 (due to changes to JN 214277 – ROW Phase for M-30/Olson Rd project)

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the TIP changes and adjusted GPA threshold and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

#### **B. MATS NMT TAP Pilot Program**

Maja explained that, as directed, staff had been pursuing development of the TAP Pilot Program within MATS area. This has consisted of several meetings with local agencies and TAP staff, developing the concept, program scope, deliverables, and determining the projects. The result of which has been preparation of a draft application that has been reviewed by TAP staff and conceptually approved. After a brief discussion, the proposed NMT Pilot Program was deemed satisfactory, including local match formula. It is expected that the program and the final version of the application, will be presented to the Policy Committee at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

#### **C. MIO Technical Assistance Opportunity Regarding Discretionary Grants**

Maja reviewed MATS progress regarding the Michigan Infrastructure Office’s Technical Assistance program. MATS staff has been investigating the process by which the two projects approved by the Policy Committee could be funded, i.e. several EV charging stations, as well as the Sanford bridge replacement project. Staff has had numerous meetings with MIO staff, MiDEAL staff (regarding the expected consultant contracting process), local agencies, as well as EMCOG staff. This last specifically dealt with the issue of which agency is to become the lead agency as envisioned under the program. As reported by Cody Bodrie, EMCOG is still exploring this issue and has yet to make a decision.

### **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 June 21, 2023 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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### MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment for May 2023

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	GPA	Comments	Total Job Cost	Job Type
2023	212097	4	CON	Midland	Midland County	Smiths Crossing Rd Bridge	Smiths Crossing Road and bridge, Midland County	0.569	Roadside Facilities - Improve	Historic bridge restoration and nonmotorized path connectors	\$3,493,082	TAUL	\$0	\$2,139,012	\$5,632,094	Not Applicable	ESTLCLBGT, RNDDIET, ESTFEDBGT	\$7,040,117	Local
2023	219128	0	CON	Midland	Midland County	W Gordonville Rd	Gordonville Road, Str #6999 over the Little Salt River, Midland County	0	Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$140,220	BFPO	\$0	\$7,380	\$147,600	Local Bridge	PHASADDGPA	\$184,500	Local
2023	219077	0	NI	Midland	Midland County Board of Commissioners	Transit Capital	areawide	0	1110-Bus Rolling Stock	FY23 Section 5339 program - Van Purchases	\$216,470	5339	\$54,118	\$0	\$270,588	Transit Capital	PHASADDGPA	\$270,588	Multi-Modal
2024	206515	11	CON	Bay	Bay County	W Midland Rd	US Overpass Deck to Carter Road	1.606	Road Rehabilitation	Multiple Course Asphalt Overlay with ASCRL	\$1,235,000	CRSM,ST,5 TUL	\$0	\$1,742,750	\$2,977,750	Local Road	ESTLCLBGT, LOCDESC, LOCRIPTDESC MATS FY 2024 allocation of Carbon Reduction Funds added to this project. Project limits adjusted June 1, 2023 per Jim Lillo's request due to FY23 high bid for Midland Rd (Flajole to Carter). Midland Rd (Carter to Garfield) will be done by the BCRC through the use of bond funding in 2025, and possibly 2026.	\$3,077,750	Local



## GENERAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT (GPA) TARGET REPORT

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Classification: Internal

Fiscal Year	MPO	Job Type	GPA	Status	Threshold Amount	Usage Amount	Proposed Amount	Change Amount	Remaining Amount	MPO Approval Date	Fed Approval Date
2024	MATS	Local	Local Road	Federal Approved	\$5,275,000	\$3,952,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,322,250	12/09/2022	12/20/2022
2024	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	Federal Approved	\$500,400	\$500,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/12/2022	08/15/2022
2024	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Operating	Federal Approved	\$1,439,212	\$1,439,212	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/12/2022	08/15/2022
2024	MATS	Trunkline	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	MDOT Submitted	\$177,156	\$282,156	\$105,000	\$0	\$0		
Grand Total:					\$7,391,768	\$6,174,518	\$105,000	\$0.00	\$1,322,250		

Number of Records: 4

### Preferences:

Years : 2024

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