

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:03 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Attending were: Brad Kaye\* (City of Midland), Karen Murphy\* (DART), Jonathan Myers\* (Midland County Road Commission), Dennis Borchard\* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Terrance Hall\* (Edenville Township), Maria Sandow\* (Larkin Township) – via phone, Dave Haag\* (City of Auburn), Steve Van Tol\* (Williams Township), Gary Rogers\* (County Connection of Midland), Brandy Federspiel\* (Tittabawassee Township), Carl Hamann\* (Village of Sanford), Kim Heisler\* (Ingersoll Township), Jay Reithel\* (MDOT Bay Region), Maja Bolanowska (MATS), 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 August 1, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023. Motion carried.

### 4. Reports of officers

#### Legislative and MDOT Updates

Maja reported that this year's August redistribution is approximately \$234 million, which is significantly larger than past years. Majority of projects within MATS area have already been obligated, Maja will follow up on the ones that have not.

### 5. Agency Reports

#### A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the MATS bank balance is currently at approximately \$60,000. The revised FY 2024 Unified Work Program has been approved at the federal level. Work is underway for end of fiscal year tasks such as annual Title VI certification. MATS Administrative Subcommittee met on August 21, 2023. The recommendations from that meeting were briefly reviewed and discussed. Subsequently a motion was made by Karen Murphy and seconded by Dave Haag to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Subcommittee. Motion carried.

## **B. MATS Work Tasks Update**

Maja announced that the PASER ratings for federal aid roads in the City of Midland, Midland County, and MDOT trunklines, have been completed. In addition, staff has been engaged in monitoring the various projects currently underway via JobNet as well as keeping track of obligation levels. Also, Maja mentioned her attendance at the annual MTPA conference in July, noting that it was good to meet and collaborate with other MPOs in person.

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

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

Maja summarized the proposed changes to the FY 2023-2026 MATS TIP:

JN 207383: FY 2024 – MDOT – PE Phase and CON Phase – Traffic Safety - Special pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region – Phase Abandonment

JN 207382: FY 2024 – MDOT – PE Phase and CON Phase – Traffic Safety - Permanent pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region – Cost Change

JN 207398: FY 2024 – MDOT – CON Phase – Traffic Safety – Pavement markings retroreflectivity readings on trunklines – Cost Change

JN 219318: FY 2024 – DART – NI Phase – Transit Operating –Operating Assistance – Phase Addition

FY 2024 Transit Operating GPA – Approval of threshold of \$4,224,977 (due to JN 219318 and JN 215715)

Short discussion followed. Thereafter, a motion was made by Karen Murphy and seconded by Terry Hall to approve the TIP changes and GPA threshold increase as presented. Motion carried.

### **B. MIO Technical Assistance Program - Update**

Maja updated the committee on the efforts by staff to implement the MIO Technical Assistance program in the MATS area. A meeting was held this week between the three area MPOs (MATS, SATA, and BCATS) and the regional planning organization EMCOG. At this meeting all participants shared the status of their efforts and tentative plans were put into place regarding potential future use of the state matching assistance funds.

### **C. MATS NMT Pilot Study - Update**

Maja also updated the committee on the status of the TAP Pilot Program for the MATS area. The grant application submitted by MATS received preliminary approval on September 1, and was programmed in JobNet on September 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition, as of September 11, commitments for local match have been received from all involved local agencies. It is expected that once authorization is granted, staff will commence development of a Request for Proposals document early in October (at the beginning of FY 2024).

## **7. Public Comment**

No comments were received, however Jonathan Myers announced that an open house would be held this afternoon at the Larkin Township hall to discuss the Letts Road Extension Study. The open house is scheduled from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

In addition, Jon noted that the Waldo/Monroe roundabout is currently open to traffic, but that once Consumers Energy is ready to install the street lighting, it will be done one quadrant at a time, necessitating brief closures. Lastly, Carl Hamann noted that the Saginaw Road Bridge over the Tittabawassee River had been repaired successfully, and ahead of schedule.

#### **8. Adjournment**

There being no further items for discussion, the September 12, 2023 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:36 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment for September 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
2024	207383		7 CON	Saginaw, Lapeer, Bay, Genesee, St. Clair	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes of MATS MPO	3.443	Traffic Safety	Special pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region	\$45,567	HSIP	\$5,063	\$0	\$830,000	Not Applicable	PHASABND	\$0.00	Trunkline
2024	207383		7 PE	Saginaw, Lapeer, Bay, Genesee, St. Clair	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes of MATS MPO	3.443	Traffic Safety	Special pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region	\$549	HSIP	\$61	\$0	\$10,000	Not Applicable	PHASABND	\$0.00	Trunkline
2024	207382		7 CON	Saginaw, Bay, Lapeer, St. Clair, Genesee	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes of MATS MPO	4.052	Traffic Safety	Permanent pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region	\$316,224	HSIP	\$35,136	\$0	\$5,760,000	Not Applicable	PHASBDGT	\$5,790,000.00	Trunkline
2024	207382		7 PE	Saginaw, Bay, Lapeer, St. Clair, Genesee	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes of MATS MPO	4.052	Traffic Safety	Permanent pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region	\$1,647	HSIP	\$183	\$0	\$30,000	Not Applicable	PHASBDGT	\$5,790,000.00	Trunkline
2024	207398		7 CON	Saginaw, Bay, Lapeer, St. Clair, Midland, Genesee	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes of MATS MPO	1.358	Traffic Safety	Pavement marking retroreflectivity readings on trunklines in Bay Region	\$1,922	HSIP	\$214	\$0	\$35,000	Not Applicable	PHASBDGT	\$35,000.00	Trunkline
2024	219318		0 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Operating	Areawide	3000-Operating Assistance		5307 Transit Operating, Project Administration (10% DeMinimis)	\$1,500,000	5307	\$0	\$1,350,000	\$2,850,000	Transit Operating	PHASADDGPA, DART will be utilizing their FY 2021 and FY 2022 5307 allocations re this project.	\$2,850,000.00	Multi-Modal

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	FY	GPA	MPO	Status	Job Type	Threshold			Programmed Proposed	Manual Adjustment	Programmed Usage	Remaining	Approval Date
						Federal Approved	Local Approved	Current/To-Be					
■	2024	Transit Operating	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Multi-Modal	\$1,439,212.00	\$0.00	\$4,224,977.00	\$2,785,765.00	\$0.00	\$4,160,742.00	\$128,470.00	
	Federal								\$1,435,765.00	\$0.00	\$2,155,371.00	\$64,235.00	
	State								\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655,371.00	\$64,235.00	
	Local								\$1,350,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,350,000.00	\$0.00	