

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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 10:00 AM by Russ Inman.

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Terrance Hall (Edenville Township), Max Gierman (MDOT Statewide Planning), Thor Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Steven VanTol (Williams Charter Township), Dave Haag (City of Auburn), Carl Hamann (Village of Sanford), Jack Hofweber (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region) – via phone, Cody Bodrie (EMCOG), Maja Bolanowska (MATS), Bryan Gillett (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

Item 6C NMT Issues/Discussion was added to the agenda.

3. Approval of June 21, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Gary Rogers reported that there is still a dire shortage of drivers, with more than 10 openings currently posted. Also, the New Freedom program for veteran's transportation is growing significantly.

Cody Bodrie reported that EMCOG has decided not to participate in the MIO Technical Assistance program. In addition, EMCOG has been busy coordinating with their counties on various transportation related issues.

Carl Hamann reported that expansion joint repairs on the Saginaw Road Bridge in Sanford are expected to begin August 21, with a 10 day closure projected. He further noted that 1988 was the date of the last complete deck replacement, and that a grant application has recently been submitted in the amount of \$16 million to fund a complete replacement of the bridge.

Dan Armentrout reported that the Saginaw County Road Commission has hired a consultant for the Garfield Road project in 2026.

Jack Hofweber reported that the US-10 project near Bay City is going well and is ahead of schedule. The Mackinaw Road Bridge project will commence next April with a freeway closure, and an open house will be held on October 16 regarding the Indian/Buttles (M-20) project, at a location to be named later.

Max Gierman reported that the MATS TAP Pilot Program application had been reviewed, and is expected to be contracted soon, and obligated by the end of the month.

Russ Inman reported that the Letts Road study consultant has begun work, with a public open house expected around mid-September. Details will be forwarded to MATS once they are known. The two FY 2023 urban projects for this year, i.e. Saginaw Road from Midland to Sanford and Eastman Road from Monroe Road to Mier Road, are expected to be obligated soon. The Bailey Road Bridge project has encountered several obstacles however. While the FY 2023 allocation of TAP funding can be moved to FY 2024, the FY 2023 allocation of Carbon Reduction funds may prove more problematic. Discussion ensued. Maja indicated that a call to Don Mayle would be forthcoming to attempt to get some clarity around the issues associated with the utilization of Carbon Reduction funding.

Maja announced that the FY 2023 obligation “thermometer” stood at 94% for rural projects and approximately 99% for urban. MDOT expects a substantial August redistribution, and therefore the Midland County Road Commission projects that are still in the review portion of the process are extremely likely to be obligated this year.

5. Agency Reports

Maja reported on the status of various MATS work tasks:

The FY 2024 Unified Work Program required a revision due to the addition of the TAP Pilot Study narrative and its anticipated award, as well as a work associated with the MIO Technical Assistance Program. Maja explained the need for this change, as well as the reasons for taking it directly to the Policy Committee due to pressing deadlines with regard to the TAP Pilot Study.

In addition, various end of fiscal year tasks are being completed, as well as the annual MATS Administrative Subcommittee meeting being scheduled next week.

FY 2023 PASER ratings are currently underway, with participation from the City of Midland, the Midland County Road Commission, and MDOT.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment

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

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

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

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

JN 207382: FY 2024 – MDOT – 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 \$4,289,212 (due to addition of JN 219318)

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

B. MIO Technical Assistance Program

Maja explained that, as directed, staff had been pursuing participation in the Michigan Infrastructure Office’s Technical Assistance Program, in support of the MATS Area EV Charging network project, and the Saginaw Road Bridge project in Sanford, as directed by the Policy Committee. The result of this is a Request for Proposals, for a consultant to develop the necessary grant applications for federal discretionary funds for project construction. In the RFP document, the Technical Committee is designated as the Steering Committee for the RFP process, and therefore today’s request is for approval to release the RFP to the pre-qualified list of consultants available via the MiDEAL program at the State of Michigan DTMB. Subsequent to a brief discussion regarding the Saginaw Road Bridge and the Village of Sanford’s current application for replacement funding, a motion was made by Terry Hall and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the release the RFP to the list of consultants in the MiDEAL program. Motion carried.

C. NMT Issues/Discussion

Thor Brecht requested a spot on today’s agenda to discuss several issues related to non-motorized transportation, specifically two things. First, he announced the possibility of moving to the Indianapolis area sometime in the next year, thus necessitating his replacement. He further mentioned he would be glad to assist in that process as well. In addition, several instances of erratic and reckless riding have recently been seen, by riders utilizing ebikes or electric bikes. Significant discussion ensued regarding the various classes of ebikes, the differences in use case and their authorization to be on sidewalks and local NMT trails.

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 August 16, 2023 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 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



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	Proposed	\$1,439,212	\$4,289,212	\$2,850,000	\$0	\$0		
2024	MATS	Trunkline	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	Federal Approved	\$282,156	\$282,156	\$0	\$0	\$0	07/20/2023	07/20/2023
Grand Total:					\$7,496,768	\$9,024,518	\$2,850,000	\$0.00	\$1,322,250		

Number of Records: 4

Preferences:

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