

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:06 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Attending were: Karen Murphy\* (DART), Brad Kaye\* (City of Midland), Jonathan Myers\* (Midland County Road Commission), Dennis Borchard\* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Carl Hamann\* (Village of Sanford), Kevin Wray\* (Lincoln Township), Kim Heisler\* (Ingersoll Township), Phillip Shaver\* (Tittabawassee Township), Terry Hall\* (Edenville Township), Richard Bayus - via phone (MDOT Statewide Planning), Jay Reithel\* (MDOT Bay Region), James Canders (MBS Airport), Cody Bodrie - via phone (EMCOG), 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 December 6, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Karen Murphy and seconded by Jonathan Myers to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023. Motion carried.

### 4. Reports of officers

#### Legislative and MDOT Updates

Richard Bayus noted the recent determination by FHWA that local match for PL funds would be waived for the 2.5% required expenditure on Complete Streets planning.

Maja reported that the FTA has a total of \$1.7 billion available for buses powered by clean energy, including electrification. There will be a webinar this week regarding 2020 Census Impacts for FTA Programs, which MATS staff will attend. Additionally, Maja noted that the MDOT Local Bridge Program has issued a project solicitation, and that the MDOT Local Agency Programs office had revised its Section 106 process. Webinars concerning these matters were recorded and are now available on the web. Lastly, Maja noted that MI Legislature passed \$1.1 billion supplemental spending bill. Further information can be obtained by contacting MATS after the meeting.

### 5. Agency Reports

#### A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the MATS bank balance is currently at approximately \$33,000, and that reimbursement billings for Q1 of 2023 had been submitted to MDOT. In addition, work has

been completed for the on-site portion of the MATS biennial audit. Maja also explained that McDonald & Associates has presented MATS with an updated Fixed Price Agreement for the approval by the committee. Brief discussion followed, and subsequently a motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Kim Heisler to approve the 3-year Fixed Price Agreement with McDonald & Associates. Motion carried.

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

Maja briefly updated the committee on the status of work tasks: staff is continuing to monitor project changes in JobNet, spent significant time assessing Census 2020 impacts, and preparing for today's pre-FY 2024 UWP meeting.

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

#### **A. 2020 Census Impacts**

Maja reviewed in detail the materials provided, showing the reduction in Urbanized Area for Midland due to changes in the new criteria used by the Census Bureau for 2020 Census data. (This criteria is customarily reviewed and updated by the Bureau every ten years subsequent to the decennial census – in 2020 the requirements for density, housing units, and what is known as the hop-skip-jump rules were changed significantly.) The main consequence is that the Freeland area is no longer contiguous to the Midland urbanized area, along with some smaller areas in Larkin Township, Sanford and others as well. This in turn has caused the urbanized area population for Midland to drop by almost 7,000 persons, which will affect the funding MATS receives from FHWA and FTA for both transportation projects and MATS administration going forward. Incongruously, the actual population of the various municipalities that make up the MATS urbanized area almost uniformly increased with the 2020 Census as compared to the 2010 Census. Extensive discussion followed, with Maja adding that this situation is far from unique to Midland, with Flint and other MPOs in Michigan also seeing reductions in urbanized area and population.

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

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

JN 218218: FY 23 – Huron & Eastern Railway Company – Project Addition – Safety Improvements – installation of 12inch flashers and half roadway gates – \$275,000 of SRPG funds

Complete Streets Review - Approval of exemption regarding NMT

FY 2023 Local Traffic Operations & Safety GPA – approval of \$525,000 threshold (current approved total of \$250,000)

JN 206507: Swede Rd from Ashman Rd to Wheeler Rd - project change - (Now, Jefferson Rd from Wheeler to Chapel Ln)

Complete Streets Review – approval of NMT enhancements

FY 2025 Local Road GPA - approval of \$3,370,000 threshold (current FHWA approved total of \$2,550,000)

JN 207134: FY 23 Transit Operating – CCM - project cost increase from \$1,145,648 to \$2,291,296

FY 2023 Transit Operating GPA - approval of \$2,371,296 threshold (current FTA approved total of \$1,225,648)

Short discussion followed. Thereafter, a motion was made by Terrance Hall and seconded by Kevin Wray to approve the changes regarding the three projects; to approve the new thresholds for the three GPAs; and the proposed Complete Streets exemption for railway project as well as the proposed NMT enhancements to the Swede Road project. Motion carried.

## **7. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public in attendance and no comments were received.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no further items for discussion, the February 6, 2023 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM. The next meeting has been scheduled for March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment for February 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	218218	0	CON	Midland	Huron & Eastern Railway Company	Rockwell Rd	At Huron & Eastern Railway in the City Midland, Midland County	0	Railroad	install 12 inch flashers and half roadway gates	\$275,000	SRPG	\$0	\$0	\$275,000	Local Traffic Operations And Safety	PHASADDGPA	\$275,000.00	Local
2025	206507	7	CON	Midland	City of Midland	Swede Ave.	Ashman to Wheeler	0.999	Crush & Shape asphalt resurfacing	Crush & Shape asphalt resurfacing, replace curb and gutter and necessary sidewalk ramps.	\$510,000	STUL	\$0	\$1,090,000	\$1,600,000	Local Road	Replacement for previous Jefferson Ave. project.	\$1,920,000.00	Local
2023	207134	9	NI	Midland	Midland County Board of Commissioners	Transit Operating	Areawide	0	3000-Operating Assistance	FY 2023 Transit Operating Assistance (5311)	1145648	5311	1145648	0	2291296	Transit Operating	ESTFEDBGT, ESTSTBGT	2291296	Multi-Modal



### February 2023 MATS Complete Streets Review

Fiscal Year	Job#	GPA Type	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Proposed NMT Capability or Exemption Requested	NMT Rep. Approval	NMT Representative or Internal Comment	Technical Comm Approval Date	Policy Committee Approval Date
2023	218218	Local Traffic Operations and Safety	Huron & Eastern Railway Company	Rockwell Rd.	At Huron & Eastern Railway in the City of Midland, Midland County	0	Railroad	Install 12 inch flashers and half roadway gates	Exemption requested due to no nearby or planned NMT facilities.	1/5/2023		1/18/2023	
2025	206507	Local Road	City of Midland	Swede Ave.	Ashman to Wheeler Rd.	1.01	Crush & Shape asphalt resurfacing	Crush & Shape asphalt resurfacing, replace curb and gutter and necessary sidewalk ramps.	Re-stripe bicycle lanes, increase signage if possible, sidewalk ADA improvements.	1/12/2023	Adequate as-is. Will keep existing bike infrastructure, look for opportunities to improve. Will make spot repairs on sidewalks and add ADA ramps where needed.	1/18/2023	

