

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended, as well as the local State of Emergency declared by Midland County, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom and, for the purposes of public involvement, Facebook Live video feed.

1. Call to Order

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

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission, Sanford Michigan), Jan Yuergens (City of Midland, Midland Michigan), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland, Midland Michigan), Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region, Saginaw Michigan), Kim Heisler (Ingersoll Township, Ingersoll Township Michigan), Shane Bjorge (City of Midland, Midland Michigan), Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission, Saginaw Michigan), Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission, Bay City Michigan), Thor Brecht (NMT Representative, Larkin Township Michigan), Mitch Huber (MDOT–Statewide Planning, College Park Maryland), Kim Hill (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC, Mt. Pleasant Michigan), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS). All Members participated via Zoom link.

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of January 20, 2021, Minutes

A motion was made by Jan Yuergens and seconded by Jay Reithel to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Shane Bjorge stated that the City of Midland's Saginaw Road project is expected to be obligated soon with the construction beginning in the spring, and that the Sugnet Road project is progressing well in the design phase, it is expected to be constructed in 2022.

Dan Armentrout noted that there are no urban projects pending, but that the Freeland Road project, slated to be done in FY 2023, is currently in the design phase.

Kim Hill reported that the M-30 Causeway is open now, and that the US-10BR @ Wackerly project is currently in design.

Russ Inman reported that the major project for 2021 is Poseyville Road, and that they were confident it would be obligated soon since all required materials have been submitted to MDOT.

5. Agency Reports

Staff efforts over the past two months include continuing work on the long range transportation plan via collaboration with MDOT SUTA staff on the Great Lakes Bay Regional Model, as well as addressing changes to the TIP via both amendments and administrative modifications (where allowed and warranted). The previously approved TIP Amendment has been transmitted to MDOT and approved. Staff has finalized the draft of the new Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, which is on today's agenda. Work is also underway on the FY 2022 Unified Work Program that is due to MDOT in June. Finally, staff has resumed extensive planning work on the 2021 MTPA Conference, which will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maja ended her report by updating the committee regarding format of upcoming MATS meetings. Pursuant to the most recent amendments to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, the recent declaration of a local State of Emergency by Midland County allows MATS to continue holding virtual meetings until May 4th, 2021 unless otherwise extended. The only additional requirement is that remote committee members must announce during the roll call what community or municipality they are currently located in for the purposes of the meeting. Furthermore, if no longer allowed after that date MATS will hold physical meetings but still set up the infrastructure and process for a virtual meeting should any committee members wish to participate in that manner, subject to the requirements of the Act.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2021-2023)

Maja explained the proposed changes for the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP, consisting of addition of two bridge projects by the Midland County Road Commission, and changes to a number of Transit Capital projects by the Midland Dial A Ride Transportation. The attached table shows a summary of the proposed project amendments.

A motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the TIP changes and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

In addition, the two new MCRC bridge projects resulted in the creation of a new GPA, also presented in the attached table. Subsequently, a motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Russ Inman to approve the new GPA threshold and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. MATS Urban Program – STUL and HIP funding

Maja explained that on February 22, 2021 the MATS Project Selection Committee met to discuss MATS STUL and HIP Funding for FY 2022-2026 Projects. After extensive discussion the Project Selection Committee decided on a program of urban projects for FY 2022 – 2026 (presented in the attached table), as well as changes to the funding format for them (pro-rata instead of cap method), and recommended committing to flexibility regarding the City of Midland's Jefferson Road project and City's use of STUL funding for this or another project.

Dan Armentrout made a motion, seconded by Russ Inman, to approve the FY 2022-2026 program of local urban projects utilizing STUL and HIP funding and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

Dan Armentrout made a motion, seconded by Jan Yuergens, to change the funding method for this program of local urban projects from capped to pro-rata and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

Dan Armentrout made a motion, seconded by Jan Yuergens, to allow the City of Midland the flexibility to fund the Jefferson Road project with local funds and reserve the STUL amount within FY 2025 for another City of Midland project, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C. MDOT Call for Projects

Maja reminded the committee that she had recently forwarded several announcements from MDOT regarding a call for projects for various programs. These include FY 2023 Safety Projects utilizing HSIP and HRRR funding, FY 2023 TEDF Category F projects, and FY 2024 Local Bridge projects.

D. Non-Motorized Planning

Bryan Gillett updated the Committee on the newly completed final draft of the MATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, noting that it includes a reformatted listing of proposed projects as well as maps developed with the assistance of the Midland County Road Commission and Midland County that depict the existing network of NMT facilities and their relationship to the proposed NMT projects presented on the project list.

A motion was made by Thor Brecht and seconded by Kim Heisler to approve the MATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

In addition, Bryan explained the most recent update to the table of TIP projects reviewed as part of the MATS Complete Streets Policy. This table, reviewed by NMT Representative Thor Brecht, represents changes to TIP projects current through the previous meeting. All projects in the table are requesting exemptions to the Policy, except for JN 212097 and 210348.

A motion was made by Thor Brecht and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the table of projects and exemptions as presented, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

E. MATS Long Range Plan

Katie Beck of MDOT reported that work on the Great Lakes Bay Regional Model is progressing, and that a meeting was held recently to review the base year socio-economic data with all three MPOs. Subsequent to that meeting additional information was requested

by MATS staff that will be provided this week. Otherwise the model development process is on schedule and soon work will begin on future aspects of the model.

Maja noted the list of future capacity projects that MATS has requested to be modeled. This list was derived through consultation with area agencies and will be a part of the updated MATS Long Range Plan, expected to be finalized in spring of 2022.

F. Performance Measures

Maja explained that through recent developments and clarifications regarding Transit performance measures, MATS is required to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 State of Good Repair (SGR) targets from MDOT and DART as well as the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and safety targets from DART. Thereafter a motion was made by Jan Yuergens and seconded by Dan Armentrout to acknowledge said targets and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were received via the Facebook Live video and comment feed.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the March 17, 2021 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for April 2021

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	Amendment Type	General Program Account	Comments	Total Job Cost	Job Type
2023	212248		0 CON	Midland	Midland County	E Freeland Road / 9 Mile Road	E Freeland Road, Str #6931 / 9 Mile Road, Str #6947, Midland County	0	Bridge CPM	Capital Preventative Maintenance	\$164,000	BHT	\$30,750	\$10,250	\$205,000	PHASADDGPA	Local Bridge		\$232,250.00	Local
2023	212247		0 CON	Midland	Midland County	Gordonville Road/4 3/4 Mile Road	Gordonville Road/4 3/4 Mile Road - Midland County	0	Bridge CPM	Bridge Capital Preventative Maintenance	\$183,200	BO	\$34,350	\$11,450	\$229,000	PHASADDGPA	Local Bridge		\$259,750.00	Local
2021	212544		0 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Capital	City-Wide	0	SP1101-<30 foot replacement bus with or without lift	FY21 Section 5339 Bus Replacement	\$56,800	5339	\$14,200	\$0	\$71,000	PHASADDGPA	Transit Capital		\$71,000.00	Multi-Modal
2022	207204		4 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Capital	City-Wide	0	SP1801-preventative maintenance	FY22 Section 5307 Transit Capital Preventive Maintenance & Bus Replacement	\$176,000	5307	\$44,000	\$0	\$220,000	ESTFEDBGT, ESTSTBGT, WKRPTDESC	Transit Capital	Replacement of Bus #20 with unobligated FY 2020 5307 funds	\$220,000.00	Multi-Modal
2023	207215		3 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Capital	City-Wide	0	SP1101-<30 foot replacement bus with or without lift	FY23 Section 5339 Bus Replacement	\$76,000	5339	\$19,000	\$0	\$95,000	ESTFEDBGT, ESTSTBGT, WKRPTDESC	Transit Capital	Replacement of bus #21 utilizing FY 2022 and 2023 5339 Funds	\$95,000.00	Multi-Modal
2021	207201		4 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Capital	City-Wide	0	SP1801-preventative maintenance	FY21 Section 5307 Transit Capital Preventive Maintenance, Bus Replacement	\$176,000	5307	\$44,000	\$0	\$220,000	ESTSTBGT, ESTFEDBGT, WKRPTDESC	Transit Capital	Transit Capital Preventive Maintenance and Replacement of bus #17 utilizing unobligated FY 2020 5307 Funds	\$220,000.00	Multi-Modal
2022	207213		3 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Capital	City-Wide	0	SP1101-<30 foot replacement bus with or without lift	FY22 Section 5339 Bus Replacement	\$152,000	5339	\$38,000	\$0	\$190,000	ESTFEDBGT, ESTSTBGT, WKRPTDESC	Transit Capital	Replacement of buses #18 & #19 utilizing unobligated FY 2021 5339 funds and some FY 2022 5339 Funds	\$190,000.00	Multi-Modal
2021	207209		3 NI	Midland	Midland, City of	Transit Capital	City-Wide	0	SP1101-<30 foot replacement bus with or without lift	FY21 Section 5339 Bus Replacement, Copier	\$80,400	5339	\$20,100	\$0	\$100,500	ESTFEDBGT, ESTSTBGT, WKRPTDESC	Transit Capital	Replacing copier & Bus #16 utilizing \$46,597 unobligated 5339 FY 2020 funds & \$ 33,803 FY 2021 5339 funds	\$100,500.00	Multi-Modal

GPA List

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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					
2023	Local Bridge	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$434,000.00	\$434,000.00	\$0.00	\$434,000.00	\$0.00	

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