

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-42, Executive Order 2020-48 and successors, as well as the Michigan Open Meetings Act as amended, 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 begun at 10:02 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Those participating were: Brad Kaye* (City of Midland), Karen Murphy* (City of Midland), Gary Rogers* (County Connection of Midland), Jonathan Myers* (Midland County Road Commission), Dan Armentrout* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Carl Hamann* (Village of Sanford), Jim Lillo* (Bay County Road Commission), Terry Holt* (Midland Charter Township), Maria Sandow* (Larkin Township), Terry Hall* (Edenville Township), Kim Heisler* (Ingersoll Township), Carl Hamman* (Village of Sanford), Kevin Wray* (Lincoln Township), Mike Wood* (Jerome Township), Anita Boughner* (MDOT – Statewide Planning), Dave Englehardt (EMCOG), Jay Reithel (MDOT – Bay Region), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and Bryan Gillett (MATS). All Members participated via Zoom link or phone.

*voting members or alternates

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of October 6, 2020 Minutes

Carl Hamann noted a typo on page 4 of the minutes, which will be corrected accordingly. A motion was made by Karen Murphy and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

MDOT Update – Anita Boughner indicated that there was no update from MDOT at this time.

5. Agency Reports

A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the bank balance for MATS is currently at approximately \$75,000. 4th Quarter PL reimbursements have received, but no reimbursement from TAMC for asset management as of yet. The biennial audit has been scheduled for January 2021, and MATS committee meeting dates for CY 2021 have been published and are included in the meeting packet for the Committee's convenience. Finally, the meeting format for the CY 2021 Policy and Technical Committee meetings is somewhat up in the air because as of this date the amendments to the Michigan Open Meetings Act that allow for virtual meetings expire on

December 31, 2020. After that date, virtual participation to the then required physical meeting is allowed, but virtual participants must state their name and where they are participating from. To this, Brad Kaye commented that a further amendment to the state legislation is currently in committee and that may extend the deadline to March 1, 2021. MATS staff will monitor the situation and adjust the meeting format accordingly.

B. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported on some of the work efforts being undertaken by MATS over the last two months. Staff has been spending significant amounts of time working with the SUTA division of MDOT on the modeling portion of the Long Range Plan, specifically the socio-economic data projections. In addition, an update to the NMT Plan is underway (to be discussed in more detail later), and end of year tasks such as the Annual Obligation Report and the Final Acceptance Report are being prepared. Staff has also been keeping up to date on all projects in JobNet, processing project changes where applicable, and has transmitted the TIP amendment approved previously.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. January 2021 Elections of Officers/Representatives for Technical and Policy

Maja reminded the committee of the recent changes to the MATS bylaws, and that at the January meeting of the Policy Committee there would be elections of officers. Therefore, this serves at a notice that nominations are now open, and will be taken up to the time of election. Brief discussion ensued, updating new committee members on the process and offices subject to election.

B. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2021-2023)

Maja explained the proposed changes for the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP, consisting of addition of two phases (PE and CON) of an M-20 project by MDOT (consisting of installation of shoulder rumble strips along 16.8 miles of project limits), and an addition of PE phase of the WB US 10 reconstruction project. The CON phase of this project is expected to take place in FY 2026 and is thus beyond the scope of the current TIP. The attached table shows a summary of the proposed project amendments. Brief discussion ensued regarding difference of rumble versus mumble strips, after which a motion was made by Karen Murphy and seconded by Terry Hall to approve the TIP amendment as presented.

C. FY 2021 STUL Funding Adjustment

Maja explained that the STUL funding allocation for the MATS area for FY 2021 had been reduced slightly, necessitating a reduction in available funding for the Poseyville Road project by the Midland County Road Commission. The Road Commission has stated that this will not affect their ability to complete the project.

In addition, Maja stated that a request has been made by the Midland County Road Commission to change the method of funding for the Poseyville Road project from the standard Capped to Pro-Rata. This will allow for the utilization of MATS carryover funds for project cost increases. A brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Terry

Hall and seconded by Jonathan Myers to change the funding method for the Poseyville Road project to Pro Rata. Motion carried.

D. MATS NMT Plan Update

Bryan Gillett updated the Committee on the overall progress of the MATS NMT Plan update. Bryan indicated that the Non-motorized Committee has met twice to review and revise both the previous NMT project lists and the draft plan. Bryan indicated that a good discussion occurred regarding the project list and contents of the plan, with a number of suggestions and comments. The Committee may meet again in December or early January, and revisions will be presented at that time, with a final submission expected subsequent to that meeting.

E. MATS Long-Range Plan Future S/E Data

Maja informed the committee that MATS staff had, collaboratively with MDOT SUTA staff, prepared population, housing, and employment projections out to 2045 for all jurisdictions within MATS area, for use with the GLB Regional model and the MATS Long Range Plan. These figures were then presented to the committee for their approval.

Brief discussion ensued, after which a motion was made by Carl Hamann and seconded by Kim Heisler to approve the presented socio-economic data projections for years 2025, 2035 and 2045 for MATS area. Motion carried.

F. Reaffirmation of support for updated NHS Bridge Condition 4-year targets

Maja explained that, subsequent to the approval by the Policy Committee on Oct 6, 2020 of the recommend support for the MDOT adjusted bridge targets, MDOT had suggested revised language in the resolution of support. The revised language would clarify that these are adjusted 4 year bridge targets, and not specifically CY 2022 targets. This reaffirmation would allow the slightly revised language in the resolution, with values of the adjusted targets remaining the same as shown during October 6th meeting. Brief discussion ensued, following which a motion was subsequently made by Carl Hamann and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the proposed TIP Amendment. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment recorded via the Facebook Live comment stream.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the December 1, 2020 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM. The next meeting has been scheduled for January 5, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for December 2020

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amendment # (CR #)	Administration Type	Phase	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	State Budget	State Fund Source	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	AmendType	General Program Account	Total Project Cost	Job Type
2021	211731	0	FHWA	PE	Midland,Isabella	MDOT	M-20	West Midland County Line to Meridian Road	16.788	Traffic Safety	Installation of shoulder mumble strips	\$7,668	HSIP	\$852		\$0	\$12,000	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$108,940	Trunkline
2022	211183		FHWA	PE	Bay	MDOT	US-10 W	MATS Area	6.998	Reconstruction	Reconstruct	\$3,917,447	NH	\$868,683		\$0	\$5,565,268	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$47,144,267	Trunkline
2023	211731	0	FHWA	CON	Midland,Isabella	MDOT	M-20	West Midland County Line to Meridian Road, West	16.788	Traffic Safety	Installation of shoulder mumble strips	\$61,944	HSIP	\$6,883		\$0	\$96,940	PHASADD	Not Applicable	\$108,940	Trunkline