

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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), Amy Bidwell (DART) – via phone, Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission), Terrance Hall (Edenville Township), Thoralf Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Jack Hofweber (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG), James Canders (MBS Airport), Matt Lemon (City of Midland), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Maja Bolanowska (MATS), Bryan Gillett (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of September 21, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Gary Rogers and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Matt Lemon reported: This year's projects are wrapping up, and other than the Saginaw Road streetscape project, crews are working around the ongoing Consumer's Power endeavors.

Dan Armentrout reported: All projects are wrapping up for the year, and the 2023 projects are currently being designed.

Jim Lillo reported: All projects are also being wrapped up for the year, and due to cost issues the Midland Road from US-10 to Carter Road project is undergoing a scope change in the form of a work type adjustment, due to the extremely large increase in the projected budget for the project.

Jack Weberhof reported: The Eastman/Wackerly Road project, plus the M-20 mumble strip project, will be let soon. In addition, the M-30 Bridge over US-10 project and another US-10 project will be let in February 2023. Lastly, Meridian Road in Midland and Saginaw counties is now designated as M-30.

Gary Rogers reported: Ridership is trending upwards, but bus orders remain significantly back ordered, while prices are rising greatly.

Amy Bidwell reported that both DART and CCM have a new program manager at MDOT, as Jason Perez has been promoted to a supervisor position. The new manager is Natasha Gauna, and Amy will forward her contact information.

Cody Bodrie reported: EMCOG is currently finishing up PASER ratings and will submit them soon, as well as scheduling the RTF meetings for the ensuing period.

James Canders reported: MBS is applying for funding from the IJA for improvements to the terminal, and possibly a new maintenance facility.

Russ Inman reported: All 2022 projects wrapping up, 2023 projects in design.

5. Agency Reports

Maja reported on the status of various MATS work tasks:

Staff has now completed PASER ratings for both the City of Midland and the remainder of the County with the City of Midland and Midland County Road Commission staff participating. In addition, PASER data for both Williams Township in Bay County and Tittabawassee Township in Saginaw County has been acquired from their respective MPOs, so that MATS has a complete dataset for its area. This has been submitted to TAMC, and PASER maps for the area are being prepared.

In addition, Maja noted that several end-of-fiscal year activities have been completed, including contract authorizations, DBE reporting, insurance audits and renewals. Furthermore, staff has been working on a comprehensive table of project categories and corresponding funding sources, along with contact information and links to further research. This table is intended for local agency use as a guide when thinking about projects. It is expected to be completed and presented soon. Lastly, staff has been remodeling the MATS website. Bryan explained that the central purpose of the website is to effectively communicate information to the general public and partners, and thus the new site has been designed with ease of use and efficiency in mind.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment

Maja explained the proposed changes to the MATS TIP (details shown in attached tables), consisting of transit capital preventative maintenance project and a corresponding GPA threshold increase to accommodate said funding. This is due to the DART project being unable to be obligated in FY 2022 and thus being moved to FY 2023.

JN 207204: FY 23 - DART – Project Addition – Transit Capital – Transit Capital Preventive Maintenance – FTA 5307 funds. (Project not obligated in FY 22, being moved to FY 23)
FY 2023 Transit Capital GPA – approval of \$1,079,597 total (current FTA approved total of \$835,000)

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Matt Lemon to approve the TIP changes and the GPA increase, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. MATS Urban Program

Maja explained that due to much larger amount than anticipated of August Redistribution of Obligation Authority, MDOT has decided to allow MPOs the programming of 76% of their existing carryover balances, in MATS case that represents \$730,002. In addition, actual FY 2023 allocation \$ amounts have recently been released allowing MATS to program an additional \$15,491. Consequently, MATS Project Selection Committee met on November 1, 2022 to determine what to do with \$745,493 of additional federal funds that can be programmed for FY 2023, the result was a multi-year reordering of several projects, addition of a new project for FY 2026, and the lowering of proposed local match for several projects, all involving several local agencies. A spreadsheet representing MATS current and proposed urban programs was presented and discussed (attached at the end of minutes).

Subsequently, a motion was made by Gary Rogers and seconded by Dan Armentrout to approve the new MATS Urban Program, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C. Performance Measures

Maja discussed the MDOT Safety Targets for CY 2023, and reiterated the rationale for MATS not developing a localized set of targets. Significant discussion followed regarding the data required for targets, non-motorized safety, and related work projects that MATS could produce upon request. Thereafter a motion was made by Terrance Hall and seconded by Matt Lemon for MATS to support the CY 2023 MDOT Safety Targets and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

D. Schedule of MATS Meetings in CY 2023

Maja reviewed the proposed schedule of meetings for CY 2023, noting that some dates had been adjusted due to holidays and annual deer season. Thereafter, some additional adjustments were proposed by the committee, and noted by staff. The schedule will be presented to the Policy Committee for their approval at the December meeting.

E. January 2023 Elections of Officers/Representatives for MATS Technical and Policy Committees

Maja explained that the new MATS 2-year schedule for the election and selection of various officers and representatives required an election to be held in January of 2023. Therefore Maja opened the Call for nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair, 3 Small Municipality Representatives for the Technical Committee.

Subsequently Dan Armentrout nominated Russ Inman and Matt Lemon to continue to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively, Terrance Hall nominated himself and Dave Haag to serve as 2 of the 3 Small Municipalities representatives. A consensus nomination for Thoralf Brecht to continue as Non-Motorized Representative was made. All nominations were agreed to by consensus.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were received and no members of the public were present. Several committee members made comments regarding the benefits of today's meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the November 9, 2022 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENERAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT (GPA) LIST REPORT

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Classification: Internal

FY	GPA Type	GPA Seq. No. MPO	Status	Job Type	Threshold Amount	Programmed Proposed	Manual Adjustment	Programmed Usage	Remaining	Approval Date
2023	Transit Capital	4 Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Multi-Modal	\$835,000.00	\$69,597.00	\$0.00	\$904,597.00	\$0.00	
					Federal	\$55,678.00	\$0.00	\$723,678.00	\$0.00	
					State	\$13,919.00	\$0.00	\$180,919.00	\$0.00	
					Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

GPA List [Reset](#) [Adjust Threshold](#)

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2023	Transit Capital	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Proposed	Multi-Modal	\$835,000.00	\$69,597.00	\$1,079,597.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,079,597.00	\$0.00	
							Federal	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$863,678.00	\$0.00	
							State	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$215,919.00	\$0.00	
							Local	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

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MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment for December 2022

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	207204	9	NI	Midland	City of Midland	FY22 Section 5307 Transit Capital Preventive Maintenance		0	Transit Capital	FY22 Section 5307 Transit Capital Preventive Maintenance	\$140,000	5307	\$35,000	\$0	\$175,000	Transit Capital	PHASCHGGPA	\$175,000.00	Transit Capital