

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:02 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman. All members participated in person, there were no call-ins.

Those who participated were: Brad Kaye\* (City of Midland), Jonathan Myers\* (Midland County Road Commission), Dennis Borchard\* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Jim Lillo\* (Bay County Road Commission), Maria Sandow\* (Larkin Township), Kevin Wray\* (Lincoln Twp), Mike Wood\* (Jerome Township), Kim Heisler\* (Ingersoll Township), Dave Haag\* (City of Auburn), Karen Murphy\* (City of Midland and DART), Terry Hall\* (Edenville Township), Carl Hamann\* (Village of Sanford), Steven VanTol\* (Williams Township), Philip Shaver (Tittabawassee Township), Brian Stark\* (MDOT – Bay Region), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and Bryan Gillett (MATS).

\*voting members or alternates

### 2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 3. Approval of April 22, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Jonathan Myers to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### 4. Reports of officers

#### Legislative and MDOT Updates

Maja Bolanowska reported on the current level of remaining obligation authority, which is almost exhausted at this point. Fortunately all MATS projects have been obligated. In additional news, after overwhelming public opposition, the federal Office of Management and Budget has backed away from a plan to change the way it defines metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties. The proposal would have raised the minimum core-city size for a Metropolitan Statistical Area from 50,000 to 100,000 residents, which may have significantly impacted the MATS area.

In addition, MDOT is requesting all projects funded with FY 2021 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (HIP-CRRSAA) programmed but not obligated in FY 2021, be moved to FY 2022. This is due to the state Legislature not having passed the appropriate legislation at this time to facilitate the expenditure of those funds.

Maja also reported that Jim Sturdavent has been appointed MATS MPO Program Manager for the near future.

Brian Stark indicated that the Michigan Transportation Program Portal (MTPP) went live on Monday 7/26. The URL for the portal is [www.Michigan.gov/MDOTProgramPortal](http://www.Michigan.gov/MDOTProgramPortal). This will enable the display and presentation of information such as the MDOT 5 year Transportation Program, as well as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. This link will also be displayed on the MATS website.

## **5. Agency Reports**

### **A. MATS Administrative Report**

Maja reported that the bank balance for MATS is currently at approximately \$47,000, largely due to the receipt of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter reimbursements from MDOT. In addition, a new lease was signed with Midland County, which resulted in a \$70.00 increase in the monthly rent.

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

Maja reported on the status of various work tasks:

Update of the 2045 MATS Long Range Plan is underway and proceeding on schedule.

TIP changes are being processed and brought to the committees where warranted, including on today's agenda.

The FY 2022 Unified Work Program was completed on schedule, and has been approved by MDOT and sent on to the FHWA and FTA.

Work on the 2021 MTPA Conference is complete, with the conference having been held virtually on July 21 and 22. By all accounts as well as the evaluation surveys the conference was a success.

Work has been done to understand the various performance measures related to transit, and brought to the committees where needed, including those on today's agenda.

PASER ratings for the City of Midland were completed in June, and ratings for the Midland County Road Commission will be scheduled for later in the month of August.

MATS has been facilitating local efforts to relocate the Bicycle Route BR-20, coordinating and hosting Zoom meetings for all involved agencies. Jim Lillo also mentioned that he has been hard at work finalizing the documentation required to be submitted to MDOT, and that all documents will be submitted by August 16, 2021.

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

### **A. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2020-2023)**

Maja summarized the proposed changes regarding the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP:

MDOT project - JN 202649 – signing upgrade (M-47) (CON phase delayed to FY 2024 then back to FY 2023 resulting in project addition)

MDOT project – JN207154 – Non-freeway signing upgrade (M-20, M-30, M-18) (PE phase delayed to FY 2025)

MDOT project – JN 211142 – durable pavement markings (US 10) (PE phase abandoned)

Details of the proposed project amendments are shown in an attached table. After a brief review, a motion was made by Maria Sandow and seconded by Kevin Wray to approve the TIP changes. Motion carried.

#### **B. Approval of MATS Transit Safety Performance Targets**

Maja introduced the MATS Transit Safety Performance Targets, explaining that since there is only one urban transit agency in the MATS area these are exactly the same targets as adopted by DART and presented in their Public Transit Agency Safety Plan. Brief discussion ensued and Amy Bidwell from DART clarified some of the items regarding the origin of the calculations.

A motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Steve Van Tol to approve the MATS Transit Safety Performance Targets and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

#### **C. Earmark Repurposing**

Maja explained to the committee that MDOT issued notification of an FHWA earmark repurposing request. Within MATS area there are 2 earmarks remaining: MI 078 for the City of Midland and MI 163 for the Midland County Road Commission, with remaining balances still associated with them. However, neither one of those earmarks have any obligation authority left. A process exists whereby MATS could ultimately regain use of the earmark remaining balances. Essentially, with approval of the MATS Policy Committee and the consent of the MCRC and City of Midland to do necessary paperwork, these earmarks would be repurposed to a future year project for the agency involved, with obligation authority taken from that year's MATS STUL allocation. Consequently, less than the entire MATS STUL annual allocation will be able to be programmed for that year, the remaining balance would end up being transferred to MATS STUL carryover, which than can be utilized by the overruns of future STUL funded projects (since they all are operating via the pro-rata method).

Maja also indicated that during Technical Committee meeting, MCRC voiced full support of the effort to repurpose their earmark, while City of Midland declined due to limited amount left-over in their earmark and substantial amount of paperwork involved.

A discussion followed, with clarification of details of earmark repurposing process. Thereafter a motion was made by Mike Wood and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the repurposing of the MI 163 earmark as explained. Motion passed.

#### **D. MATS FY 2021 Unified Work Program Modification**

Maja explained that Master Agreement with MDOT requires approval of UWP modification if any task is expected to be more than 20% in cost over its original estimate. Maja described the need for, and timing of, an administrative modification to the MATS FY 2021 Unified Work Program, noting that there was no net change in the overall expenditures, only an exchange of \$20,000 between work items. A letter to MDOT was prepared and submitted

prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, laying out the proposed changes (increasing the amount allocated to Long Range Planning tasks and decreasing the allocations for Administration, Short-Term Planning and TIP tasks).

Thereafter a motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the changes to the FY 2021 MATS Unified Work Program. Motion carried.

**7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment. Brian Stark of MDOT noted that Kim Hill of the Mt. Pleasant TSC had taken another job outside of MDOT.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further items for discussion, the August 3, 2021 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM. The next meeting has been scheduled for September 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ALL PROJECT SEARCH - STANDARD REPORT

Fiscal Year(s) : 2021, 2022, 2023

Date: 06/09/2021

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Fiscal Year	Job Type	Job #	MPO	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	ACC/ACC Year(s)	Phase Status	S/TIP Cycle	Fed Estimated Amount	State Estimated Amount	Local Estimated Amount	Total Estimated Amount	Fund Source	Total Job Cost Incl Non LAP	Action Type	Action Approval Date	Local Fed Approval Date	FHWA Approval Date	FTA Approval Date	Schedule Obligation Date	Actual Obligation Date	Schedule Let Date	Actual Let Date	Federal Amendment Type	S/TIP Exempt	Comments	S/TIP Status
S/TIP Line Items																																
2022	Trunkline	202649	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Bay	MDOT	M-84 N	Signing Upgrade	29.048	Traffic Safety	Non-freeway Signing		CON	Programmed	20-23	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	STG	\$577,000.00	Adjustment	06/04/2019	06/04/2019		N/A	10/08/2021	12/03/2021			Phase Delayed		Pending
2023	Trunkline	202649	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Bay	MDOT	M-84 N	Signing Upgrade	29.048	Traffic Safety	Non-freeway Signing		CON	Programmed	20-23	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	STG	\$577,000.00	Adjustment	06/04/2019			N/A	11/10/2022	01/06/2023			Phase Added		Pending
2023	Trunkline	207154	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Isabella	MDOT	M-20	Non-Freeway	92.399	Traffic Safety	Non-freeway signing upgrade		PE	Programmed	20-23	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	STG	\$1,485,000.00		09/04/2019			N/A	10/12/2022	12/01/2023			Phase Delayed		Pending
2021	Trunkline	211142	Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)	Saginaw	MDOT	Regionwide	All trunkline routes in MATS MPO boundary	3.189	Traffic Safety	FY 2021 Durable Pavement Marking Placement		PE	Abandoned	20-23	\$275	\$31	\$0	\$305	HSIP	\$391,482.40	Admin Modification	01/08/2021			N/A	01/09/2021	02/05/2021			Phase Abandoned		Pending
GPA Type Subtotals:														\$120,275	\$31	\$0	\$120,305															
Grand Total:														\$120,275	\$31	\$0	\$120,305															

Total Job Phases Reported: 3

Job Phase(s) highlighted in yellow are delayed to future S/TIP cycle

### Preferences:

Report Format: Standard

FISCAL Year(s): 2021, 2022, 2023

MPO/Non-MPO: Midland Area Transportation Study (MIDLAND)

County: ALL

Prosperity Region: ALL

MDOT Region: ALL

STIP Cycle: Fiscal Year 2020 - Fiscal Year 2023

STIP Status: Pending

(A - Approved, P - Pending)

Job Type: Trunkline, Local, Multi-Modal

Phase Type: ALL

Phase Status: ALL

(AP - Programmed, AC - Active, CP - Completed)

(Active - Obligated)

Amendment Type: ALL

Template: Trunkline - ALL, Local - ALL, Multi-Modal - ALL