

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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. All members participated in person or by phone.

Those who participated were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Amy Bidwell (DART), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Matt Lemon (City of Midland), Dan Armentrout (Saginaw County Road Commission), Jim Sturdevant (MDOT Statewide Planning – via phone), Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission), Mike Wood (Jerome Township), Terrance Hall (Edenville Township), Steven VanTol (Williams Charter Township), David Haag (City of Auburn), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG), Philip Shaver (Tittabawassee Township), Anita Boughner (MDOT Statewide Planning – via phone), Katie Beck (MDOT SUTA – via phone), Eric Sprague (Bay Metro Transit Authority – via phone), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of June 16, 2021, Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Wood and seconded by Matt Lemon to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Brian Stark reported:

No MDOT updates today, TSCs are working with new cost and scheduling engineers, no replacement for Kim Hill yet.

Russ Inman reported:

The Freeland/Sasse roundabout is complete. The Coleman Road Bridge project and the Poseyville Road STUL project are underway. The Monroe/Waldo roundabout will be done next year.

Jim Lillo reported:

The W. Midland Road project between Flajole and Carter is complete. Midland Road project between US-10 and Carter Road is currently in design phase.

Bay County Road Commission will pursue bonding authority due to the nearly \$20 million in projects contemplated over the next 2 years.

Day Armentrout reported:

The Freeland Road roundabout is complete, and the 2023 Freeland Road project is currently in design.

Amy Bidwell reported:

DART has ordered a replacement bus in October 2020, its delivery is currently delayed up to a year due to the worldwide chip shortage. This may also affect other bus orders as well.

Matt Lemon reported:

The Saginaw Road project is complete, and has been very favorably received. The City of Midland CIP will be updated soon.

Eric Sprague reported:

Bay Metro is back to full service, with Route 4 once again extending into the City of Midland.

Anita Boughner provided several MDOT updates.

Maja noted that MDOT LAP has released FY 2022 Project Planning Guide, and is requiring a Project Certification Form on all submittals. All implementing agencies are asked to review LAP guidelines carefully as requirements have changed a lot over the last few years.

5. Agency Reports

Maja reported on the status of various MATS 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, it has been approved by FHWA/FTA, project authorizations have been received for FY 2022.

The 2021 MTPA Conference was held virtually in July, the feedback received was very positive regarding format and content.

PASER ratings for the City of Midland were completed last month, and ratings for the Midland County Road Commission have been scheduled for late September.

MATS participated in facilitating local efforts to realign a portion of the National Bicycle Route BR-20, coordinating and hosting Zoom meetings for all involved agencies. This effort was brought to fruition through extensive efforts by Jim Lillo from the Bay County Road Commission, and realignment application was successfully submitted to MDOT earlier this month.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2021-2023)

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

JN 206083 – MCRC project, bridge rehabilitation (Meridian Rd over Pine River) (CON phase moved to FY 2022). This necessitated a change to the FY 2022 Local Bridge GPA increasing the threshold to \$ 3,251,000.

Details of the proposed GPA change are shown in an attached table.

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the TIP amendment and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. Long Range Planning

Maja provided a summary of work done within last couple of months related to the update to the MATS Long Range Transportation Plan. MATS Open House at Midland County Fair and work by SUTA on future year scenarios were summarized.

Maja indicated the next steps in the development of the LRP document, and information required to be able to complete them. The three County Road Commissions were asked to provide their expected RTF Projects for 2023 – 2026, as well as any projects for 2027 – 2045 if known.

DART and CCM were asked to provide their projected FY 2023 – 2026 Transit Capital projects and any 2027 – 2045 projects if known. Those agencies will be contacted to ensure that the projections of operating funding through 2045 are correct.

In addition, the list of proposed Non-Motorized projects, as approved in the recent NMT Plan update, was passed around to the committee. Implementing agencies were requested to look at this list, and note any projects that they were strongly committing to. These would be placed on the Prioritized projects list, and the remainder of the list would be presented in the LRP as Needed but Unfunded.

Maja further elaborated on the concepts behind these two lists (Prioritized projects vs Unfunded but needed projects) for the Long Range Plan.

Lastly, Maja briefly reviewed the modeling done to date by MDOT SUTA division for the LRP. Several maps were presented, showing traffic volumes, and volume to capacity ratios for base year 2017 as well as future year 2045 “No Build” option (without taking into account the potential future capacity projects). In general, in both 2017 and 2045, the road network within Midland MPO is operating very well, with very limited number of segments at above 75% capacity. The travel conditions in 2045 are slightly worse, due to projected growth in the area between 2017-2045, few additional segments operating at above 75% capacity. Further discussion of the modeling efforts, as well as presentation of the 2045 “Build” scenario (showing effect of desired capacity projects), will take place at the October Technical Committee meeting.

C. Schedule of FY 2022 and FY 2023 MATS TIP Amendments

Maja presented the newly developed FY 2022 – FY 2023 Schedule of MATS TIP Amendments, with detailed dates for MATS Call for Project Changes, submittal of information to MATS, Technical Committee review, and review by the Policy Committee. Furthermore, Maja noted that if issues arose on projects that could not be accommodated by those dates, MATS would make every effort to assist in processing project change requests. Thereafter, a motion was made by Dan Armentrout and seconded by Jim Lillo to approve the schedule and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

D. Schedule of MATS Technical Committee meetings in CY 2022

Maja presented the schedule of MATS Technical Committee meetings for CY 2022, asking for a review of the dates, making sure that there are no conflicts with other meetings/events. It was decided that the November 16th meeting should be moved up a week, and be scheduled for November 9th, 2022, instead.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were received and no members of the public were present.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the September 15, 2021 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENERAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT (GPA) TARGET REPORT

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Fiscal Year	MPO	Job Type	GPA	Status	Threshold Amount	Usage Amount	Proposed Amount	Change Amount	Remaining Amount	MPO Approval Date	Fed Approval Date
2022	MATS	Local	Local Bridge	Proposed	\$1,505,000	\$3,251,000	\$1,746,000	\$0	\$0		
2022	MATS	Local	Local Road	Federal Approved	\$2,728,600	\$889,600	\$0	\$0	\$1,839,000	08/21/2019	10/01/2019
2022	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Capital	Federal Approved	\$822,602	\$686,446	\$0	\$0	\$136,156	08/21/2019	09/27/2019
2022	MATS	Multi-Modal	Transit Operating	Local Approved	\$5,569,215	\$1,898,192	\$0	\$0	\$3,671,023	06/10/2021	
2022	MATS	Trunkline	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	Federal Approved	\$891,104	\$891,104	\$0	\$0	\$0	06/17/2020	07/08/2020
Grand Total:					\$11,516,521	\$7,616,342	\$1,746,000	\$0.00	\$5,646,179		

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