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RE: Relinquishing Voting Right – Midland Area Transportation Study

Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority (BMTA) is a voting member of the Midland Area Transportations Study (MATS), a Federally-designated Municipal Planning Organization. BMTA is a member due to the fact that Williams Township is within the MATS urbanized area and is part of the BMTA service area, being Bay County.

BMTA is also a voting member of the Bay City Area Transportation Study (BCATS), which is the MPO coving the majority of BMTA's service area.

BMTA has its Federal functions and obligations in relation to a designated MPO met by way of BCATS and BCATS meets its Federal functions and obligations to BMTA as agreed in the current Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.

Because of conflicts in scheduling, limited relevance to BMTA in the typical MATS agenda, as well as, pressure on quorum requirements presented when BMTA is unable to attend Policy meetings; BMTA is requesting that BMTA's membership be maintained with MATS, however, as a non-voting member.

It is understood that this request will require a MATS by-laws amendment and the earliest Policy Committee meeting where such amendment may be approved is currently scheduled for October 5, 2021. However, BMTA Board of Directors has approved the relinquishing of voting rights on September 15, 2021 in regular session; BMTA will consider itself a non-voting member as of that date.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Redmond
Chairman, BMTA Board of Directors