

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Josh Fredrickson.

Those present were: Josh Fredrickson (City of Midland), Terry Palmer (Midland County Road Commission), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland) – via phone, David Haag (City of Auburn), Matt Pitlock (MDOT Statewide Planning) – via phone, Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and Bryan Gillett (MATS).

### 2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 3. Approval of June 20, 2018, Minutes

Motion by Jay Reithel, seconded by Terry Palmer to approve the minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

### 4. Public Comment

There were no public comments brought before the Committee.

### 5. Reports of officers

#### A. Project Updates

Jay Reithel indicated that the M-20 Bridge project is slightly behind schedule, with completion of this phase currently expected in November. The M-20 CPM project is almost complete, while the Eastman Road project will start in September and will include night work. Lastly, MDOT will be following up with the City of Midland on the road diet trial in the September/October time frame.

Terry Palmer indicated their desire to add 24.9% to the federal funding of the Sanford project, and presented updates on several other projects. He indicated that the Saginaw Road project has been bid out, and that the Eastman Road at Shafer Road project is also out to bid. All MCRC projects for 2018 are obligated. Furthermore up to 10 bridges will be under construction in the next 12 months.

Josh Fredrickson updated the committee on the two Waldo Road projects, both underway. Both have posted detours, and are expected to be complete in the fall. In addition, the Carpenter Street project is in full swing. Finally, the portion of Saginaw Road being vacated is expected to be closed in September, after the Waldo Road project is complete.

Lastly, Dave Haag indicated that the Auburn Road project is near completion.

## **6. Agency Reports**

### **A. MATS Work Tasks Update**

Maja reported that staff has been out of the office a significant amount of the last few weeks, attending the annual MTPA conference and performing field work such as PASER ratings for both Federal Aid and local roads. The Federal Aid PASER work is complete except for IBR (unpaved) roads, which will be done soon.

## **7. Unfinished and New Business**

### **A. JobNet Implementation - Update**

Maja updated the committee on the rollout of JobNet 2.0, now functional and serving as the TIP for all MPOs. While MATS has submitted what is called a Reconciliation Amendment to deal with a technical issue regarding some project approvals within the software, there are still issues with transit projects. MATS is working with Matt Pitlock at MDOT to resolve these. In addition, fiscal constraint does not match up with the prior eFile, but that is also being worked on.

### **B. MATS Public Participation Plan - Amendment**

Maja reported that the public comment period for the amended MATS Public Participation Plan is now over, having been released for comment and advertised via newspaper and online for 52 days, more than the 45 days required. With no public comments having been received, a motion was made by Terry Palmer and seconded by Jay Reithel to recommend adoption of the amended plan to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

### **C. Performance Measures**

Maja brought the committee up to speed on need to take action on targets for three specific performance measures, by the November deadline. As required, targets for Pavement Performance, Bridge Condition, and Travel Time Reliability have been developed by MDOT for the infrastructure on the Interstate and National Highway Systems. Since this includes so little mileage in the MATS area within local agencies jurisdiction, Maja indicated that there would be essentially no benefit for MATS to develop their own targets for NHS network, and thus recommended adopting the MDOT State Targets. Discussion followed. Terry Palmer motioned, and Matt Pitlock seconded, to recommend adoption by the Policy Committee of all three sets of State targets. Motion carried.

### **D. Asset Management**

Maja elaborated on the state of PASER ratings for 2018, indicating that the Federal Aid PASER work is complete except for IBR (unpaved) roads, which will be done soon. About 40% of local roads within MCRC jurisdiction has been rated this year, with more to be done shortly. No report was available from the Midland County Road Commission on their participation in the TAMC Culvert Data Collection pilot project due to Russ Inman not being able to attend today's meeting.

### **E. Non-Motorized Planning**

Maja reported on several items related to non-motorized planning, beginning with a new law recently signed by Governor Snyder that requires motorists to give three feet of space

as they pass bicyclists on the roadways. Discussion ensued on how to promote this new law, and increase the awareness of the general public. Also, discussion ensued regarding an inquiry from Dave Waite on the mechanism of local reporting for NMT accidents. There was a consensus that perhaps this data is available via Roadsoft and the mapping framework, and Josh indicated that he would investigate and report back as to who gets local UD-10 forms prior to their aggregation by the Michigan State Police. Lastly, Maja mentioned that we would soon be sending out a specific list of projects which were lacking complete street forms, and that it was important we stay up to date with these to conform to MATS policy.

#### **F. MATS/SMATS/BCATS Meeting – August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am**

Maja reminded the committee about the MATS/SMATS/BCATS meeting, scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 9:00 a.m at the MBS Airport. Although the meeting will feature a presentation from the FHWA on freight in the Great Lakes Bay area, the primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics important to regional collaboration and other issues relating to the three MPOs. Maja reiterated that all Technical and Policy Committee members are invited to attend.

#### **G. Other Events**

Maja also announced to the committee MATS' participation in the 2018 Midland County Fair. As was done last year, MATS has rented space for a booth at the fair to display various aspects of the work MATS does, to further reach out to the general public, and to create opportunities for interaction with Midland county citizens.

In addition, staff has recently spent some amount of time doing basic foundation work in organizing the 2020 MTPA conference that will be held in Midland and hosted by MATS. This involved scoping availability of sites for the conference, i.e. lodging and training sessions; as well as evaluating preliminary costs for the various venues/activities.

Finally, Matt Pitlock announced that Maja had been awarded the Senior Planner of the Year award at the recent Michigan Transportation Planning Association conference in Detroit. Congratulations followed.

#### **8. Adjournment**

There being no further items for discussion, the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
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