

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6th, 2018

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Brad Kaye, Chair.

Those present were: Brad Kaye* (City of Midland), Karen Murphy* (Midland Dial-a-Ride Transit), Terry Palmer* (Midland County Road Commission), Terry Holt* (Midland Charter Township), Dennis Borchard* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Kevin Wray* (Lincoln Township), Matt Pitlock (MDOT-Statewide Planning – via phone), Anita Boughner* (MDOT – Stateside Planning – via phone), Gary Rogers* (County Connection of Midland – via phone), Mike Wood* (Jerome Township – via phone), Marc McGill* (Tittabawassee Township), Chuck Tabb* (Ingersoll Township), Bob Carl* (Village of Sanford), Paul Wasek* (Williams Charter Township), Craig Gosen* (Edenville Township – via phone), Dave Englehardt (EMCOG – via phone), Aaron Dawson (FHWA – via phone), 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 January 9, 2017, Minutes

A motion was made by Terry Palmer and seconded by Paul Wasek to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments brought before the Committee.

5. Reports of officers

A. MDOT Update

Anita Boughner reported that the new startup date for JobNet Phase II was July 16th, and that no changes could be made in the system from July 1 until July 15, 2018.

B. Legislative Update

There was no Legislative update this month.

6. Agency Reports

A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja Bolanowska presented the MATS Administrative report. The current bank account balance is approximately \$36,000, and the 1st Quarter billings have been sent to MDOT for various contracts.

B. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja presented a brief update on the recent MATS work efforts. TIP changes that were approved in December and January by the Policy Committee have been submitted to MDOT, and are expected to be passed on to the Federal agencies within days. In other work items, a complete overhaul of the MATS website (now www.midlandmpo.org) has been undertaken during the month of January, the revised website and is now up and live. In addition, work has been performed concerning the various performance measures currently pending, and finally significant efforts have been expended regarding the boundary issue, as will be discussed later in the meeting.

7. Unfinished and New Business

A. MATS/SMATS Boundary Issue - Update

Maja presented the results of the January 24th meeting with representatives of MATS, SMATS, Tittabawassee Township, MDOT and FHWA regarding the boundary issue. At the meeting, the impetus for adjusting the MPA for both MATS and SMATS was explained, and the two remaining alternatives for doing so were discussed. Once the relationship between the funding availability and the geography serviced by that funding became clear to everyone present, a consensus was reached that the MATS and SMATS boundaries be adjusted, with Tittabawassee Township becoming entirely and exclusively part of MATS MPA. The re-designation of MATS and SMATS MPA boundaries would need to be officially approved by the Governor. To that end, two documents were created: an agreement between MATS, SMATS and MDOT as to the solution of the boundary issue and a resolution for the MATS Policy Committee to approve the new boundary of MATS MPA. Discussion ensued regarding the agreement, and by consensus it was agreed that the words “in principle” be stricken from the document.

A motion was made by Maria Sandow and seconded by Terry Palmer to approve the Agreement with the Saginaw Metropolitan Area Transportation Study and MDOT, with changes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Maria Sandow and seconded by Bob Carl to adopt the Certified Resolution of MATS Boundary Redesignation as presented. Motion carried.

B. Amendment to the Pass-Through Agreement between DART and MATS

Maja briefly summarized the need for an amendment to the recently approved Pass Through Agreement, to satisfy requirements from MDOT that the payment period be reduced to 10 days and that DART agree to use the E-Verify system. After brief review of document, a motion was made by Terry Palmer and seconded by Paul Wasek to approve the Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

C. Pre-UWP meeting regarding FY 2019 Work Program

Maja presented information regarding the annual pre-UWP meeting, which has been set for Monday, February 12, 2018 in Lansing. This meeting is to review MATS work and all its different tasks, prior to the development of MATS' FY 2019 Unified Work Program document. Maja invited all interested parties to attend. Maja noted that some of the items

that will be discussed at the February 12th meeting are the need to do a mid-cycle update of the MATS TIP this spring, as well as target setting for several performance measures.

8. Adjournment

The February 6th, 2018 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 6th, 2018, at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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