

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-42, Executive Order 2020-48, and the Open Meetings Act, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom and, for the purposes of public involvement, Facebook Live video feed.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Josh Fredrickson.

Those who participated were: Josh Fredrickson (City of Midland), Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Jan Yeurgens (City of Midland), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jay Reithel (MDOT Bay Region), Kevin Wray (Lincoln Township), Aaron Dawson (FHWA), Dave Haag (City of Auburn), Dave Englehardt (EMCOG), Jon Roberts (MDOT – SUTA), Katie Beck (MDOT – SUTA), Anita Boughner (MDOT–Statewide Planning), Thoralf Brecht (Non-Motorized Representative), Bryan Gillett (MATS), Maja Bolanowska (MATS). All Members participated via Zoom link or phone.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Maja Bolanowska requested that items 4 and 5 be moved to the end of the agenda or postponed until the June meeting if need be, due to the fact that several committee members are needed in other meetings due to the flood emergency. Agreed to by consensus.

3. Approval of April 22, 2020, Minutes

Motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jan Yeurgens to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Reports of officers

Postponed until the June meeting.

5. Agency Reports

Postponed until the June meeting.

6. Unfinished and New Business

A. Socio-Economic Data for GLBR Travel Demand Model

Maja explained that while MATS staff verified and refined these 2017 Base Year Employment data (presented in total and by jurisdiction), the initial preparation of the dataset was largely accomplished by MDOT Modeling staff. Accordingly Katie Beck from MDOT led the

committee through a brief review of how the Base Year Employment Totals (2017) were gathered and verified. Subsequently, a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jay Reithel to approve the 2017 Base Year Employment Totals and recommend adoption of same by the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

B. FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment

Maja explained the proposed changes for the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP, consisting of PE, ROW and CON phase for the US-10BR at Wackerly improvements; and the suspension of a scour protection project for the US-10 Bridge over Sturgeon Creek. Note that this project is only being suspended, not abandoned.

Furthermore, the table below shows the three projects approved at the previous Technical Committee meeting, which together make up the complete list of projects proposed for approval at the next Policy Committee meeting.

MATS FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment for May-June 2020

Fiscal Year	Job No.	Amend # (CR #)	Admission Type	Phase	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Shifts	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Road Source	State Budget	State Road Source	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	Amend/Type	General Program Account	Total Project Cost	Job Type
2020	210252	0	R/WA	PE	Midland	Midland County	N Waldo Road	N Waldo Road at Monroe Road, Midland County	1.134	Traffic Safety	Construct roundabout	\$37,500	HRRR	\$0		\$37,500	\$75,000	PHAGADD	Not Applicable	\$825,018	Local
2020	210348	0		ROW	Midland	MDOT	US-108R	US-108R at Wackerly Road	0.06	Traffic Safety	Construction of a new thru/light turn lane and modernize signal	\$81,850	NH	\$14,108		\$2,942	\$300,000	PHAGADDGRA	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	\$1,110,912	Trunkline
2020	210348	0		PE	Midland	MDOT	US-108R	US-108R at Wackerly Road	0.06	Traffic Safety	Construction of a new thru/light turn lane and modernize signal	\$288,740	NH	\$57,022		\$7,228	\$354,000	PHAGADDGRA	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	\$1,110,912	Trunkline
2020	208157	13	R/WA	CON	Groton, Midland, Isabella	MDOT	US-127	805-3 & 4 of 54064 (US-10 EB/WB over Sturgeon Creek), 805-3 & 4 of 54064 (US-10 EB/WB over Sturgeon Creek)	0	Bridge CPM	Soar Protection	\$207,577	NH	\$52,682		\$0	\$708,643	PHAGSUSP	Not Applicable	\$288,000	Trunkline
2021	210252	0	R/WA	CON	Midland	Midland County	N Waldo Road	N Waldo Road at Monroe Road, Midland County	1.134	Traffic Safety	Construct roundabout	\$800,000	HRRR	\$0		\$150,007	\$750,017	PHAGADD	Not Applicable	\$825,018	Local
2021	210348	0		CON	Midland	MDOT	US-108R	US-108R at Wackerly Road	0.06	Traffic Safety	Construction of a new thru/light turn lane and modernize signal	\$537,883	NH	\$105,814		\$13,413	\$656,912	PHAGADDGRA	Trunkline Traffic Operations And Safety	\$1,110,912	Trunkline
2021	204438	0	R/WA	CON	Midland	MDOT	M-30	M-30 to east of Currie Parkway	5.562	Road Rehabilitation	Milling and two course HMA overlay	\$15,253,117	NH	\$3,307,294		\$175,095	\$18,625,453	PHAGADD	Not Applicable	\$20,290,757	Trunkline

A motion was made by Russ Inman, and seconded by Josh Fredrickson to approve the proposed changes to the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C. 2020 MATS HIP Allocation towards FY 2021 Project

Maja explained that MPO's had again this year been allocated funds from the Highway Infrastructure Program. In the case of MATS, the allocation is \$68,618, which could be used to reduce the local participation in overmatched projects. After a review of the eligible projects, MATS staff recommends that a choice be made between the FY 2021 Saginaw Road project for the City of Midland, and the FY 2021 Poseyville Road project for the Midland County Road Commission. Josh Fredrickson suggested that the Poseyville Road project get the added funds. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Josh Fredrickson to allocate the additional \$68,618 in HIP funds to the Poseyville Road project for the Midland County Road Commission, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

D. FY 2021 PASER Ratings – Federal Aid and/or Local Roads

Maja explained how the current COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted the normal schedule and staff availability for the annual PASER rating process, which traditionally takes place for MATS in the late summer or early fall. Currently MDOT staff are unable to participate, but it is unknown how long this condition will persist. Accordingly, since MATS is eligible to expend or reimburse up to the \$21,000 limit, it may be more appropriate to focus on doing local ratings this year. In any case, Maja suggested that committee members representing affected agencies explore and discuss the alternatives, and that perhaps a decision could be made at next month's meeting.

E. Complete Street Forms

Bryan introduced the list of TIP projects that have been submitted for NMT review and approval. Bryan indicated that the currently approved Complete Streets policy requires, for each project submitted for TIP approval, a brief informational form and a review by the appointed NMT Representative. Once this has been completed, the collected projects NMT characteristics and/or exemption requests are presented to both the Technical Committee and the Policy Committee for approval. In addition, new NMT Representative Thoralf Brecht briefly explained his approach to the process and gave an update on the few projects that have yet to be approved.

A motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Jay Reithel to approve the list of NMT projects, and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment recorded via the Facebook Live comment stream.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the May 27, 2020 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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