

Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Russ Inman.

Those present were: Russ Inman (Midland County Road Commission), Gary Rogers (County Connection of Midland), Jonathan Myers (MDOT Mt. Pleasant TSC), Janet Yuergens (Midland Dial A Ride Transit), Amy Dooley (Midland Dial A Ride Transit), Jim Lillo (Bay County Road Commission), David Haag (City of Auburn), Jay Reithel (MDOT – Bay Region), Tom Doyle (MDOT – Statewide Planning) – via phone, Maja Bolanowska (MATS).

2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Approval of January 16, 2019, Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 16th, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments brought before the Committee.

5. Reports of officers

A. Project Updates

Jonathan Myers updated the Committee on the progress of the M-20 Bridge project. Russ Inman and Jim Lillo provided brief updates on projects within their jurisdictions.

Maja informed everyone about Bryan Gillett breaking his arm and not being able to work for a period of about a month. Maja indicated that he is presently on short-term disability.

Maja stated that MDOT is introducing a new state funding: TEDF Category B. This funding can only be utilized by Cities and Villages with population of 10,000 or less. Application deadline for FY 2019 and FY 2020 projects is April 7th. The statewide allocation to this program is \$3 Million per year for the next 5 years beginning with FY 2019. The maximum grant per agency is \$250,000, 50% cash match is required. Short discussion of the program followed.

6. Agency Reports

A. MATS Work Tasks Update

Maja reported that staff has been working on the development of the new FY 2020-2023 TIP, making every effort to meet March 1st deadline for entering 2020-2023 MATS projects into JobNET. Also, work continues on the existing FY 2017-2020 TIP, ensuring timely review and changes to the current and next year projects. Maja stated that FY 2017-2020 TIP Report has to be amended by May 20th, 2019 in order to meet federal requirements, the changes consist of updating and expanding the Performance Measures Chapter of the TIP Report. Staff has continued participating in various JobNET related meetings. Maja indicated that FY 2020 pre-UWP meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 1:30 PM in Lansing and invited anyone interested to participate.

In addition, Maja stated that MATS Biennial Audit has been completed, with Auditor concluding that all is satisfactory. 1st QTR FY 2019 billings have been prepared and submitted to MDOT.

7. Unfinished and New Business

A. FY 2017 – FY 2020 TIP Changes

Maja reviewed the list of proposed TIP changes for everyone's information. These consist of several new projects or project phases, primarily in the area of Traffic Safety but also including 2 Road Capital Preventive Maintenance projects and a Road Rehabilitation project. All proposed TIP changes were shown on spreadsheets provided to Committee Members a week prior to the meeting as well as during the meeting.

Maja explained that the approval of these project changes must be accompanied by an approval of the concomitant GPA thresholds. In addition, Maja indicated that transit GPA thresholds for FY 2019 and FY 2020 need to be re-submitted and approved by the FTA, since that was not done by FTA with the previous TIP amendments. The MATS' GPA thresholds were provided to the Committee, with to be approved amounts highlighted in either orange (road project related) or yellow (transit project related).

A short discussion followed with questions and clarifications. A motion was made afterwards and seconded to approve the changes to the FY 2017-2020 MATS TIP as presented, including GPA thresholds. Motion carried.

B. FY 2020-2023 TIP – Update

Maja briefly reiterated the upcoming process to develop the new FY 2020-2023 TIP document. The deadline to complete and submit the final TIP document is June 28th, 2019. So far all tasks are progressing on schedule. Maja indicated that all proposed local and transit projects for fiscal years 2020 through 2023 will be entered into JobNET by MATS staff by March 1st as required. RTF projects are being entered by EMCOG and all other projects by MDOT staff.

At the end of the meeting, Maja mentioned that the Spring Transportation Asset Management Conference is being held May 21 through May 23 in Gaylord, Michigan. Anyone interested should save the dates, registration details and agenda will be available shortly.

8. Adjournment

There being no further items for discussion, the February 20, 2019 MATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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