

# Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was begun at 10:01 AM by Brad Kaye, Chairman.

Those who participated were: Karen Murphy\* (DART), Brad Kaye\* (City of Midland), Russ Inman\* (Midland County Road Commission), Dennis Borchard\* (Saginaw County Road Commission), Kevin Wray\* (Lincoln Township), Mike Wood\* (Jerome Township), Dave Haag\* (City of Auburn) – via phone, Carl Hamann\* (Village of Sanford), Gary Rogers\* (County Connection of Midland) Phillip Shaver\* (Tittabawassee Township), Terry Holt\* (Midland Charter Township), Terrance Hall\* (Edenville Township), Steven van Tol\* (Williams Charter Township), Brian Stark (MDOT Bay Region), Cody Bodrie (EMCOG), Maja Bolanowska (MATS) and Bryan Gillett (MATS).

\*voting members or alternates

Voting members who participated via phone did not count towards the quorum

### 2. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 3. Approval of June 7, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Karen Murphy and seconded by Gary Rogers to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022. Motion carried.

### 4. Reports of officers

#### Legislative and MDOT Updates

Maja reported on several matters, including the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, and that various federal programs have recently issued Notice(s) of Funding Opportunity, which were communicated to the Technical Committee as well. In addition, Maja noted that Anita Boughner has now retired fully, and has been replaced as Statewide Planning Regional Services Unit West supervisor by Richard Bayus.

### 5. Agency Reports

#### A. MATS Administrative Report

Maja reported that the bank balance for MATS is currently at approximately \$32,000. Maja further elaborated that the local match from the City of Midland is expected soon. Lastly, the MATS account at Huntington Bank has been changed to a Huntington Business Checking 100, to eliminate recently increased service fees associated with the previous basic checking account.

Maja next discussed the recent meeting of the Administrative Subcommittee, noting the recommendations for iPad purchases and changes to staff wages and PTO benefits (summarized in the administrative meeting notes). Brief discussion ensued, with general

support for the recommendations. Thereafter a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Karen Murphy to approve the purchase of the recommended iPads for staff use. Motion carried. After a further brief discussion, another motion was made by Kevin Wray and seconded by Mike Wood to approve the recommendations regarding increases to staff wages and PTO benefits. Motion carried.

#### **B. MATS Work Tasks Update**

Maja reported on the status of various work tasks:

The MATS FY 2023 UWP and FY 2023-2026 TIP Report have been completed and submitted, and are expected to take effect on October 1 subsequent to approval from FHWA and FTA. In anticipation of this, any changes to projects since June are being processed and brought to the committees where warranted, including on today's agenda, in order to be able to amend these changes through JobNET in a timely manner right after October 1.

MATS staff has developed a booklet for new committee members that briefly explains the structure of MATS, as well as lays out the overall duties and responsibilities that committee membership entails. Also, staff has attended the annual MTPA conference, this year hosted in Flint. There were numerous excellent presentations and opportunities for dialog with other MPOs and MDOT staff. Furthermore, PASER ratings for the City of Midland have been completed, with the remainder of the county being performed this week.

At the upcoming Technical Committee meeting there will be representative from MDOT's Office of Economic Development to discuss the Transportation Alternatives Program. In addition, a meeting will be continued afterwards to provide more detailed and specialized technical assistance to those local units interested in pursuing TAP funding for their projects.

### **6. Unfinished and New Business**

#### **A. MATS TIP Amendment (FY 2020-2023)**

Maja explained the proposed changes to the FY 2020-2023 MATS TIP:

JN 209801: MCRC – FY change from 2022 to 2023 – Bridge Rehabilitation - CON Phase - Str #6951 N. Meridian Rd over Chippewa River

JN 206083: MCRC – FY change from 2022 to 2023 – Bridge Rehabilitation- CON Phase – Str #6950 N. Meridian Rd over Pine River

JN 208883: MDOT – FY change from 2022 to 2023 – Bridge Replacement – CON Phase - M-20 over Prairie Creek

JN 204408: MDOT – FY change from 2022 to 2023 – Road Rehabilitation - CON Phase – M-20 (M-30 to Currie Pkwy)

JN 210252: MCRC – FY Change from 2022 to 2023 – Traffic Safety/Roundabout – CON Phase – Monroe and Waldo

Maja noted that in all 5 cases, these merely represent project additions into the new FY 2023-2026 TIP cycle per JobNET, and are not actually new projects, having all been seen prior by the committee. A motion was made by Gary Rogers and seconded by Russ Inman to approve the changes to the MATS TIP. Motion carried.

**B. MI Federal Aid Buyout Program**

Re: JN 206357: MCRC – Road Rehabilitation - Tittabawassee Rd - designation as regionally significant vs abandonment in JobNet

Maja briefly explained the MDOT Federal Aid Buyout program, and the effect that it would have regarding this project, while noting that the Technical Committee had recommended that the project be abandoned vis a vis JobNet. Additional insight was provided by Russ Inman, to the effect of being a choice by the Midland County Road Commission for more or less paperwork versus more or fewer dollars being available for the project. Clarification was sought by Carl Hamman as to whether the actual project was to be abandoned, and was told it was not, only the federal funding for the job. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Russ Inman and seconded by Mike Wood to not designate the project as regionally significant and to therefore abandon the job in JobNet. Motion carried.

**7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment as there were no members of the public present.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further items for discussion, the September 13, 2022 MATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM. The next meeting has been scheduled for October 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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### MATS FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment for September 2022

Fiscal Year	Job no.	Amendment # (CR #)	Phase	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary work Type	Project Description	Federal Budget	Federal Fund Source	State Budget	Local Budget	Total Phase Cost	GPA	Comments	Total Job Cost	Job Type
2022	210252	9	CON	Midland	Midland County	N. Waldo Rd	N Waldo Road at Monroe Road, Midland County	1.116	Traffic Safety	Construction of Roundabout	\$600,000	HSIP	\$0	\$150,017	\$750,017	Not Applicable	PHASADD	\$937,522.00	Local
2023	204408	11	CON	Midland	MDOT	M-20	M-30 to east of Currie Parkway	5.674	Road Rehabilitation	Milling and two course HMA overlay	\$15,253,117	NH	\$3,207,299	\$175,035	\$18,635,451	Not Applicable	PHASADD	\$20,835,451.00	Trunkline
2023	208883	13	CON	Midland	MDOT	M-20	over Prairie Creek	0	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement	\$1,934,459	ER,ST	\$428,961	\$0	\$2,363,420	Not Applicable	PHASADD	\$2,647,981.00	Trunkline
2023	209801	4	CON	Midland	Midland County	N Meridian Rd	Meridian Road over Chippewa River, Str# 6951 - Midland County	0	Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$0	MCS	\$1,204,000	\$301,000	\$1,505,000	Local Bridge	PHASADDGPA	\$1,881,250.00	Local
2023	206083	5	CON	Midland	Midland County	N Meridian Rd	Meridian Road over Pine River, Str# 6950, Midland County	0	Bridge Rehabilitation	Miscellaneous Rehabilitation	\$0	MCS	\$1,658,700	\$87,300	\$1,746,000	Local Bridge	PHASADDGPA	\$2,182,500.00	Local