

MATS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES SUMMARY (APPROVED)

Meeting Description: MATS Citizens Advisory Committee – Regular Meeting **Date:** 04.08.20

Time: 6:00PM **Location:** Macon-Bibb County P & Z Commission, “Zoom Video Communications”

		Absent / Present
NAME	REPRESENTING	
James P. Thomas	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Mike Greenwald	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Gregory L. Brown	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Ken North	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Elizabeth Hardin	CAC/Commission District 1	Present
Vacant	CAC/Commission District 2	-----
Arthur Hubbard	CAC/Commission District 3	Absent
Bob Komlo	CAC/Commission District 4	Present
John Swint	CAC/Commission District 5	Absent
Donald L. Druitt	CAC/Commission District 6	Present
Shelvy Neal	CAC/Commission District 7	Absent
Antonio Lewis-Ross	CAC/Commission District 8	Absent
Lee Martin	CAC/Commission District 9	Present
Timothy D. Ingram	CAC/Jones County Representative (<i>Dist. 4</i>)	Absent
John Ricketson	CAC/Monroe County Representative (<i>Dist. 3</i>)	Present
Norman Brown	CAC/AARP Volunteer	Absent
Michael Brown	CAC/Bike-Pedestrian Representative	Absent
Anthony Jackson	CAC/Board of Education Transportation Division	Absent
Michael Leverett	CAC/Disabled Population Representative	Absent
Ella Mumphery	CAC/Disabled Transportation User	Absent
Rachel Umana	CAC/Environmental Representative	Present
Robert “Bob” Hargrove	CAC/League of Women Voters	Present
Michael Colbert	CAC/Macon Housing Authority	Absent
Jada Robinson	CAC/Transit User	Present
VISITORS		
AGENDA		
1	Call to Order	
2	Adoption of Agenda – Action Item	
3	Public Comment Period (5 Minutes)	
4	Approval of previous regular MATS CAC meeting minutes (<i>January 8, 2020</i>) – Action Item	
5	Review of GDOT Project Status Report – Agenda Item	
6	Old/Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Projects • Potential Rail Service in Central Georgia 	
7	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative/Modification: Bass Road @ Norfolk Southern (GDOT Project #0014896) 	

8	Next meeting dates
9	Adjourn

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** 6:07PM by John Ricketson, CAC Vice-Chairman
2. **Adoption of Agenda – Action Item:** A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Approved
3. **Public Comment Period (5 Minutes):** During public comment period, concerns were raised regarding the following:
 - Mr. Lee Martin provided comments from members of the general public regarding the width of travel lanes along Vineville Avenue. Mr. Martin made a motion and it was seconded that the MATS Policy Committee should explore narrowing travel lanes on Vineville Avenue from (Pierce Avenue to Hardeman Avenue) to 11 ft lanes and add bike lanes on one or both sides to help slow down speed. During discussion, concerns were raised by CAC members regarding the cost of the project, a speed analysis study, and the fact that Vineville Avenue is a State Route. After discussion, the motion failed.
4. **Approval of previous MATS CAC meeting minutes (January 8, 2020) – Action Item:** A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Approved
5. **Review of GDOT Project Status Report - Agenda Item:** Gregory L. Brown shared an electronic version of the report received from GDOT’s area 3 office. Brown will review the previous GDOT project status report from October 2019 and compare with the April 2020 report to examine if any information is different. This report was presented for information.
6. **Old/Unfinished Business**
 - **Eligible TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Projects:** Mike Greenwald reported that the purpose of TAP funding is to provide an opportunity for local governments to pursue non-traditional transportation related activities such as pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscaping projects. The last cycle of funding was authorized in FY 2020, and the funding for FY 2021 is to be determined. Various agencies can apply such as local governments, transit agencies, school districts and any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails. There are requirements the applicant must meet to include:
 - Population areas between 50k and 200k
 - Project is financially feasible
 - Local Public Agency must be staffed and equipped to complete project
 - Local Public Agency must be Local Administered Project (LAP) certified by GDOT
 - MPOs and State DOTs **cannot apply directly** for these funds but can partner with an eligible applicant to help administer the grant.
 - Project requirements
 - Project must be at least \$1,000,000 in size
 - Local Match 20%
 - Project must have at least one phase ready to begin in same FY funding is sought
 - Local MATS Examples
 - Riverside Dr from MLK/SR 129 to Spring St. (Bike/Walk Macon, in conjunction with Macon-Bibb County)

- Phase 1 – Madison to Spring St. – \$4,200,000
 - Phase 2 – Spring St. to 1st St. – \$2,000,000
 - Phase 3 – 1st St. to MLK/SR 129 - \$3,500,000
 - Possible supplemental – Gateway Park (Macon-Bibb County Urban Dev. Authority)
 - 3rd St. from Poplar St. to Riverside Dr./SR 87 - \$200,000
 - Additionally, it was mentioned during the meeting that pedestrian safety improvements along Gray Highway and the Bolingbroke Bike Loop might be projects to consider for this funding.
- **Potential Rail Service in Central Georgia:** Mike Greenwald provided an overview of Georgia Rail Planning Activities and Georgia Passenger Rail Opportunities.
 - Update to Georgia Statewide Rail Plan
 - Anticipated Completion: September 2020
 - Goals Include (but aren't limited to):
 - Articulate the vision for Georgia's freight and passenger rail systems;
 - Develop a program of needed investments;
 - Incorporate relevant statewide and local plans and projects
 - Precision Schedule Railroad Deployment
 - Goal: optimize rail fleet operations through synchronized system wide scheduling and asset management
- Georgia Passenger Rail Opportunities
 - MARTA Commuter Rail Extension from East Point to Lovejoy
 - Currently in MARTA/ARC Long Range Planning
 - Possible Complication
 - MARTA can only operate up to boundary of Clayton County
 - Shared ROW may only work if Commuter Rail Runs Entire distance of S-Line
 - Potential Solution – Explore possibility of MTA contracting with MARTA and/or surrounding counties for commuter rail service
 - Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor
 - Phase 1 EIS for Step 1 (Charlotte, NC to Atlanta) closed on 4 November 2019
 - Step 2 runs Atlanta to Savannah, through Macon

This was presented to the CAC for informational purposes.

7. **New Business:**

- **Administrative/Modification: Bass Road @ Norfolk Southern (GDOT Project #0014896):** Mike Greenwald provided an update regarding the expansion of Bass Road, New Forsyth Road to Providence Boulevard.
 - **TIP Project Cost: \$4,400,000.00**
 - Increase in Right of Way Acquisition funding in FY 2020 from \$265,302 to \$400,000
 - Change made at GDOT request on 3/26/2020
 - Changes have no impact on any local funding
 - Possible need for full amendment in upcoming FY 2021 meeting cycle, to update construction costs

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- **MATS CAC Vacant Positions:** Gregory L. Brown provided an update regarding vacant positions. The Commission District 2 position remains vacant but could be filled by Mr. Paul Griffin if appointed by Commissioner Larry Schlesinger. Mr. Michael Leverett will be the point of contact for the Disabled Population Representative.

8. **Next meeting dates:** Proposed MATS Meeting Dates for CY 2020

MATS CAC	MATS TCC	MATS Policy Committee
	04/15/2020	05/06/2020
07/08/2020	07/15/2020	08/05/2020
10/14/2020	10/21/2020	11/04/2020

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM