

**MATS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES SUMMARY (APPROVED)**

**Meeting Description:** MATS Citizens Advisory Committee – *Regular Meeting* **Date:** 10.14.20

**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
Paul Griffin	CAC/Commission District 2	Absent
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	Absent
VISITORS		
AGENDA		
<b>1</b>	Call to Order	
<b>2</b>	Adoption of Agenda – Action Item	
<b>3</b>	Public Comment Period (5 Minutes)	
<b>4</b>	Approval of previous regular MATS CAC meeting minutes ( <i>April 8, 2020</i> ) – Action Item	
<b>5</b>	Review of GDOT Project Status Report – Agenda Item	
<b>6</b>	Old/Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MATS CAC Membership / New Macon-Bibb County Commissioners</li> </ul>	
<b>7</b>	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments to MATS Public Participation Plan – Action Item</li> <li>• Approval of Draft FY 2022 UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) – Action Item</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments to MATS Air Quality Conformity Determination Report – <i>Action Item</i></li> <li>• LRTP Amendments (GDOT Bridge Replacement Projects) – <i>Action Item</i></li> <li>• Approval of FY 2021 – 2024 TIP – <i>Action Item</i></li> <li>• Interstate 14 Letter of Support (Request from My14.org) – <i>Information Item</i></li> </ul>
8	Adoption of Proposed MATS Meeting Schedule for CY – 2021 – <i>Action Item</i>
9	Adjourn

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** Meeting began at 6:10PM but officially called to order at 6:44PM by John Ricketson, CAC Vice-Chairman 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):** Public comments were received from visiting guests. Concerns were raised regarding the need for sidewalks, stop signs, speed enforcement and paint/stripping along Ridge Avenue from Vista Circle to Henry Burns Park. A recommendation was made for the residents to work with their county commissioner to voice their concerns regarding these issues. Rachel Umana offered to assist with grant funding for painted crosswalks. There’s been positive activities during COVID-19 regarding (Open Streets; Bike Walk Macon’s Support from AARP & Community Foundation
4. **Approval of previous MATS CAC meeting minutes (April 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. A concern was raised regarding homeowners near the College Street Bridge Replacement project having driveway access to their property. This report was presented for information.
6. **Old/Unfinished Business**
  - **MATS CAC Membership / New Macon-Bibb County Commissioners:** Information about the process of filling positions under the new mayoral administration for Macon-Bibb County is ongoing. No action was taken on this item.
7. **New Business:**
  - **Amendments to MATS Public Participation Plan - Action Item:** Mike Greenwald provided an update regarding the recommended amendments to the MATS Public Participation Plan. Some of the recommendations pertain to On-Line Meeting Policies:
    - To the extent possible, meetings may be simultaneously broadcast through the MATS MPO website (www.maconmpo.com) and other social media outlets.
    - Normal rules for quorum and conducting meetings still apply.
    - Electronic archives of MATS meetings are a complement to, not a replacement of, the written minutes collected at the MATS meetings.

The CAC approved the proposed PPP amendments based on the following recommendations:

    - Accept recommended amendment language (as highlighted in current document draft) into MATS Public Participation Plan, at identified sections;
    - Direct MATS staff to continue receiving and processing public comments through close of comment period. Modify draft language as necessary;

- Recommend adoption of amendment language (subject to public comment) into MATS Public Participation Plan by MATS Policy Committee at November 4, 2020 regular meeting
  
- **Approval of Draft FY 2022 UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) – Action Item:**  
 Mike Greenwald presented the draft FY 2022 UPWP. The new FY 2022 Budget: \$359,545 (+/- \$0.00 Highways, -\$40,954 Transit compared to FY 2021). In summary, the changes in categorical budgets from UPWP 2021 reflect:
  - Review of budget vs. actual time spent on tasks
  - Support for upcoming LRTP Update activities
  - Continued assistance to MTA with system planning/review tasks
 The CAC approved the recommended action to:
  - Approve draft FY 2022 UPWP
  - Direct staff to submit draft FY 2022 UPWP to MATS Policy Committee for approval at November 4, 2020 meeting
  
- **Amendments to MATS Air Quality Conformity Determination Report – Action Item:**  
 Mike Greenwald provided background information about Air Quality Conformity Determination and the impact of the proposed AQCD report amendments. The proposed AQCD report amendments received comments from the public as well as the IAC (InterAgency Coordination):
  - IAC received early request for comment on 7 October 2020
    - IAC Asked to respond by 30 October 2020
  - Amendments released for Comments on 14 October 2020
    - Public Comment period closes 2 November 2020
 The CAC approved the recommended action to:
  - Direct MATS staff to continue collecting Public and InterAgency Comments, as per processes outlined in MATS Air Quality Conformity Determination Report and amended MATS Public Participation Plan;
  - Approve draft document as currently proposed, subject to addressing comments from Public and InterAgency Coordinating Committee;
  - Recommend CAC chair vote to approve AQCD Amendments at MATS Policy Committee meeting on 4 November 2020
  
- **LRTP Amendments (GDOT Bridge Replacement Projects) – Action Item:** Mike Greenwald presented the amendments to the following 2040 LRTP GDOT Bridge Replacement Projects and Fiscal Balancing:
  - PI #0017221 (Bridge Replacement SR 247 @ Echeconnee Creek & Overflows: Preliminary Engineering: \$714,000; Right of Way: \$504,000; Anticipated Total Project Cost: **\$17,900,000**)
  - PI #0017230 (Bridge Replacement SR 11/SR 22/US 129 North & South @ Rock Creek: Preliminary Engineering: \$1,000,000; Right of Way: \$500,000; Anticipated Total Project Cost: **\$10,386,748**)
  - PI #0017231 (Bridge Replacement SR 11/SR 22/US 129 @ Sand Creek: Preliminary Engineering: \$750,000; Right of Way: \$350,000; Anticipated Total Project Cost: **\$3,945,066**)
  
- LRTP Amendments – Fiscal Balancing
  - Estimated Highway Capital Projects Revenue (all Sources): \$898,864,079.24
  - Total of LRTP Outstanding Project Balances: \$360,848,203.30

- Total of TIP Obligated Projects (FY 2021 – 2024, including proposed LRTP Amendments):  
\$296,537,099.00
- Current Surplus: \$241,478,776.93

The CAC approved the recommended LRTP Amendments recommended action to:

- Approve amendments to LRTP to achieve the following:
  - Add GDOT Project #0017221, #0017230 & #0017231 to MATS 2040 LRTP Chapter 6 – Roads & Bridges Projects;
  - Reflect any significant comments from Interagency Coordination Committee and/or General Public on projects identified above into MATS 2040 LRTP Chapter 6 – Roads & Bridges Projects;
  - Amend MATS 2040 LRTP Chapter 6 – Roads & Bridges Projects, and Chapter 8 – Fiscal Assessment to reflect updated fiscal balancing;
- **Approval of FY 2021 – 2024 TIP – Action Item:** Mike Greenwald shared the impact of proposed FY 2021-2024 TIP Projects, as well as the Fiscal Analysis:

**Impact**

- Advances I-16/I-75 Interchange projects (Phase 4 and Phase 5)
- Continues bridge repair/replacement projects already underway throughout Bibb and Jones Counties
- Make local projects of interest eligible for State and Federal funding
  - Bass Rd. Phase 1, from New Forsyth to Providence Blvd
  - Forest Hill Rd. Phase 2 (potentially)

**Fiscal Analysis**

- Discretionary Highway Projects: \$296,537,099
- Lump Sum Projects \$27,965,000  
(e.g. Railroad Safety, Bridge Painting, Wetlands Mitigation, ROW Protective Purchase, etc.)
- Transit Capital & Operations: \$33,465,717
- TOTAL: **\$357,967,816**

**Existing Projects Continued in FY 2021 – 2024 TIP**

- #0012701 – I-16 Westbound from I-75 To Walnut Creek
- #0013712 – SR 11/SR 49/US 41@ NS #734080Y 1.4 Miles South of Macon
- #0013921 – I-475@ Tucker Rd. – Bridge Replacement
- #0014072 – I-16 East & Westbound @ Walnut Creek – Bridge Replacement
- #0014896 – Bass Rd. @ Norfolk Southern RR – Bridge Replacement
- # 0014897 – I-16 East & Westbound @ Ocmulgee River Overflow – Bridge Replacement
- #0016130 – SR 18/Ocmulgee River, 13 miles East of Forsyth – Bridge Replacement
- # 311005 – I-16 Eastbound from I-75 to Walnut Creek-Phase IV
- Federal funding for Operations and Capital expenses for Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority
- Federal funding for runway extensions and repairs at Middle GA Regional Airport and Herbert Smart Field

**NEW Projects in FY 2021 – 2024 TIP**

- #0017121 – CR 742/Bass Rd From Providence Blvd. to New Forsyth Rd.
- # 0017221 – SR 247/Hawkinsville Rd. @ Echeconnee Creek & Overflows at 3 Locations Bridge Replacement
- #0017230 – SR 11/SR 22/US 129 SB & NB @ Rock Creek.
- # 0017231 – SR 11/SR 22/US 129 SB & NB @ Sand Creek

- Anticipated purchase of additional transit vehicles
  - 2 Additional Electric Buses
  - Expansion of Paratransit Fleet

The CAC approved the recommended MATS FY 2021 – 2024 recommended action to:

- Direct MATS staff to continue collecting Public and InterAgency Comments;
- Approve draft document as currently proposed, subject to addressing comments from Public and InterAgency Coordinating Committee;
- Recommend CAC chair vote to approve updated FY 2021 – 2024 TIP at MATS Policy Committee meeting on 4 November 2020

Regarding the possible forthcoming amendment for Forest Hill Rd., Phase II (GDOT PI #0013676) mentioned above, a motion was made and seconded that any amendments regarding the Forest Hill Road project should not be considered until the new mayoral administration is in effect. Motion Passed.

- **Interstate 14 Letter of Support (Request from My14.org):** Presented for information, but the CAC would like to recommend to the Policy Committee that further study should be done of the project and the letter from the Columbus MPO be duplicated/revised for the Macon MPO. Recommendation passed.

8. **Next meeting dates:** Proposed MATS Meeting Dates for CY 2021

MATS CAC	MATS TCC	MATS Policy Committee
01/13/2021	01/20/2021	02/03/2021
04/14/2021	04/21/2021	05/05/2021
07/14/2021	07/21/2021	08/04/2021
10/13/2021	10/20/2021	11/03/2021

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM