

MACON-BIBB COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
200 CHERRY ST., SUITE 300, MACON, GEORGIA 31201

MATS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES SUMMARY (Approved)

Meeting Description: MATS Citizens Advisory Committee – Regular Meeting **Date:** 01.13.21

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

| | | Absent / Present |
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| 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 |
| Vacant | CAC/Commission District 5 | Absent |
| Vacant | CAC/Commission District 6 | Absent |
| Shelvy Neal | CAC/Commission District 7 | Absent |
| Antonio Lewis-Ross | CAC/Commission District 8 | Present |
| 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 | | |
| Liz Fabian | Mercer Center for Collaborative Journalism | Present |
| Cam Oetter | General Public | Present |
| AGENDA | | |
| 1 | Call to Order | |
| 2 | Election of Officers (Chair & Vice-Chair) | |
| 3 | Adoption of Agenda – Action Item | |
| 4 | Public Comment Period (5 Minutes) | |
| 5 | Approval of previous regular MATS CAC meeting minutes (<i>October 14, 2020</i>) – Action Item | |
| 6 | Old/Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstate 14 Letter of Support (Request from My14.org) | |
| 7 | New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Final FY 2022 UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) – Action Item | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATS Adoption of Updated Group Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) – <i>Agenda Item</i> • 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update – <i>Agenda Item</i> |
| 8 | Review of GDOT Project Status Report – <i>Agenda Item</i> |
| 9 | Next Meeting Date: <i>Agenda Item</i> |
| 10 | Adjourn |

MINUTES

1. **Called to Order:** Meeting began at 6:06PM by John Ricketson, CAC Vice-Chairman
2. **Election of Officers (Chair & Vice-Chair) – Action Item:** John Ricketson, elected as Chair; Election of Vice-Chairman is delayed until the April 2021 meeting.
3. **Adoption of Agenda – Action Item:** A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Approved
4. **Public Comment Period (5 Minutes):** There were no visitors in attendance to provide public comments. However, CAC member Lee Martin offered comments regarding the need for traffic calming devices at the intersection of Wesleyan Woods Drive and Wesleyan Drive. Planning staff suggested to review accident data at the subject intersection to determine if the intersection can be eligible as a safety project without going through the TIP process.
5. **Approval of previous MATS CAC meeting minutes (October 14, 2020) – Action Item:** A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Approved
6. **New Business:**
 - **Approval of Final FY 2022 UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) – Action Item:** Mike Greenwald presented the Final FY 2022 UPWP document that highlighted new information regarding a different budget than FY 2021, the UPWP Total Budget by funding source, and the UPWP’s summary. The new FY 2022 Budget: \$358,307 (-\$1,429 Highways, -\$40,763 Transit compared to FY 2021). The reasons for changes are because:
 1. Slight reduction in formula funding from FHWA
 2. Increase in formula allocation in FTA 5303 funding levels:
 - a) +\$5,401 (+/--\$1.00) from FTA (administered through GDOT Intermodal)
 - b) +\$675 (+/--\$1.00) from State (administered through GDOT Intermodal)
 - c) +\$675 Local Match
 3. Non-repeat of one time funds related to Special Transit/Multi-modal Studies for Workforce Accessibility survey (Amazon/Kumho/Irving)

The CAC approved the recommended action to:

 - Approve FY 2022 UPWP
 - Direct staff to submit draft FY 2022 UPWP to MATS Policy Committee for approval at February 3, 2021 meeting
 - **MATS Adoption of Updated Group Transit Asset Management (TAM) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) – Agenda Item:** Mike Greenwald shared that TAM is considered as the state of good repair for transit vehicles, and PTASP primarily deals with the safety of operations. Within the MATS area, TAM and PTASP only applies to MTA which is a Tier II transit provider. TAM and PTASP are reflected in

MATS Planning Documents by Administrative Modification. CAC members suggested that commendable remarks should be expressed to MTA for the new electric buses. No action was taken on this agenda item.

- **2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update – Agenda Item:** Mike Greenwald presented the proposed timeline for development and adoption of the final LRTP Document, January 2021 – May 2022. No action was taken on this agenda item.

7. **Old/Unfinished Business:**

- **Interstate 14 Letter of Support (Request from My14.org) – Agenda Item:** The letter comes from Youth Infrastructure Coalition, based out of Columbus/Phenix City, AL, area. The project would create a new interstate corridor running from Odessa, Texas through Columbus, Macon and Augusta, GA. This letter was presented for information, but the CAC would like for the letter to take into consideration air quality concerns and the Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative (ONPP). No action was taken on this agenda item.
- **MATS CAC Membership:** MATS staff will continue to assess the CAC membership positions. No action was taken on this item.

8. **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 bike lanes along Forest Hill Road. This report was presented for information.

9. **Next meeting dates:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021

10. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM