



# Macon Area Transportation Study

## MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** MATS Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023  
**TIME:** 10:00AM  
**LOCATION:** Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, 200 Cherry Street, Suite 300 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Macon Terminal Station), Macon, Georgia 31201

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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Voting Members				
Name	Present	Absent	On-Line	Representative
<b>Jeffrey C. Ruggieri</b> , <i>Chair, Project Director, MATS</i>	X			
<b>Robert Ryals</b> , <i>Vice-Chair, Dir., Facilities Management</i>	X			
<b>Stephen Adams</b> , <i>Dir., Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority</i>		X		
<b>Charles Brooks</b> , <i>Macon-Bibb County Engineering</i>	X			
<b>Nigel Floyd</b> , <i>Macon-Bibb County Traffic Engineering</i>	X			
<b>Andy Brumbalow</b> , <i>Macon-Bibb County Business &amp; Development Services</i>		X		
<b>Doug Faour</b> , <i>Manager, Middle Georgia Regional Airport</i>		X		
<b>Wanzina Jackson</b> , <i>Manager, Economic and Community Development</i>		X		
<b>Alex Morrison</b> , <i>Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority</i>		X		
<b>David Davis</b> , <i>Macon-Bibb Sheriff Department</i>		X		
<b>Brenda Thomas</b> , <i>Chief, Fire Department</i>		X		
<b>Michael McNeill</b> , <i>Macon-Bibb Attorney</i>			X	
<b>Michael Greenwald</b> , <i>Planning Director, MBP&amp;Z</i>	X			
<b>Gregory L. Brown</b> , <i>Transportation Planner, MBP&amp;Z</i>	X			
<b>Tim Pitrowski</b> , <i>Jones County Zoning</i>	X			
<b>Kelsey Fortner</b> , <i>Monroe County Zoning</i>		X		
<b>Craig Ross</b> , <i>Director, Macon-Bibb Transit Authority</i>		X		
<b>Lynn Farmer</b> , <i>Transportation Rep., Chamber of Commerce</i>		X		
<b>Vivian Canizares</b> , <i>Transportation Planner GDOT</i>		X		



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Name	Present	Absent	On-Line	Representative
Jacqueline Williams, <i>Transportation Planner</i> GDOT	X			
Jonathan McLoyd, <i>Transit Planning &amp; Dev.</i> , GDOT		X		
Adam Smith, <i>Preconstruction Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Laura Mathis, <i>Exec. Director</i> , MGRC		X		
Greg Boike, <i>Government Services</i> , MGRC		X		
Ron Shipman, <i>Director</i> , Macon Water Authority		X		
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>				
Olivia Lewis, <i>Transportation Planner</i> , FHWA		X		
Michael Williams, <i>Area Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Rachel Umana, <i>Chairman</i> , MATS CAC		X		
Andy Casey, <i>Design Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Sabrina David, <i>Georgia Division Administrator</i> , FHWA		X		
<b>Guests</b>				
Harland Smith, <i>GDOT, District 3</i>			X	
John Hayes, <i>Macon-Bibb County Engineering</i>	X			
Kevin Poss, <i>Macon-Bibb County Facilities Management</i>	X			
Margaret Peth, <i>MBPZ, MATS</i>	X			
Conner Poe, <i>Norfolk Southern</i>			X	
Dean Nelson, <i>Middle Georgia Regional Commission</i>			X	
Ted Hicks, <i>GDOT, Office of Planning</i>			X	

## AGENDA

- Roll Call/Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:13am by Chairman Ruggieri. Roll call was conducted by Greg Brown, and a quorum was established. Online participation does not count towards quorum.
- Adoption of Agenda – Action Item:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
- Introduction of New Staff and/or Committee Members – Agenda Item:** Staff member Margaret Peth was introduced to the committee.
- Public Comment Period (5 Minutes):** There were no public members in attendance.
- Approval of MATS previous regular TCC Minutes (April 19, 2023) – Action Item:** A motion was made by R. Ryals and seconded by N. Floyd to approve the minutes as presented. Approved.
- New Business**





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- a. **Update on Draft Transportation Improvement Program (FY 2024-2027) - Agenda Item:** Mike Greenwald provided an overview of the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2024-2027. The overview covered the Fiscal Analysis of Proposed FY 2024-2027 TIP, totaling \$259,785,838; Impact of Proposed FY 2024-2027 TIP Projects; and Existing Projects Continued in FY 2024-2027 TIP, specifically to Project Identification #'s (#0013712-SR 11/SR 49/US 41 @NS, #0013921-I-475 @ Tucker Road-Bridge Replacement, #0016130-SR 18/Ocmulgee River, 13 miles East of Forsyth-Bridge Replacement, #0017121-CR 742/Bass Road from Providence Blvd. to New Forsyth Road, #0017221-SR 247 @ Echeconnee Creek & Overflows Bridge Replacement, #0017230-SR 11/SR 22/US 129 SB & NB @ Rock Creek, and #0017231-SR 11/SR 22/US 129 @ Sand Creek Bridge Replacement. Additionally, the following safety projects were mentioned:

Specific Safety Projects:

- PI 0018327 – Eisenhower Pkwy from Canterbury Rd. to I-75 SB Ramp
- PI 0015686 – Roundabout at Houston Ave/Broadway/Pio Nono Ave Intersection
- PI 0015692 – Roundabout at Bass Rd./Riverside Dr.

During general discussion, it was mentioned that Bass Road is currently in the TIP, and Forest Hill Road will be included at a future date. The draft FY 2024-2027 TIP will go through a 30-day public review period, simultaneously with IAC. A motion was made by R. Ryals and seconded by N. Floyd to recommend the draft document for circulation for public comment. **Motion passed.**

- b. **Update on Annual Title VI Reporting (FY 2023-2024) – Agenda Item:** Margaret Peth provided a brief overview of the annual reporting for Title VI. As a recipient of GDOT funding, MATS MPO staff must submit an annual report to GDOT outlining our Title VI policies and notifying the agency of any complaints. Staff are currently assembling documents and communicating with partner agencies to ensure reporting requirements are met. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

### 7. Old/Unfinished Business

- a. **Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) for Freight Plan Study – Agenda Item:** Mike Greenwald an overview of the Proposed Freight Study. The study estimated at a cost of \$250,000 would be performed by a consultant. The scope of work will include Development of a Stakeholder Group; Conducting a Freight Needs Assessment and Analysis; Conducting a Land Use Assessment; Economic Development Market Analysis; Environmental and Community Impact Analysis; Developing Project Recommendations; and the Final Report. The Freight Study timeline will run from July 2023-June 2025. A motion was made by N. Floyd and seconded by R. Ryals to approve the draft for MATS Freight Plan Study, and direct staff to submit draft Freight Plan to MATS Policy Committee for final approval. **Motion passed.**



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8. **Review of GDOT Project Status Report – Agenda Item:** Harland Smith provided an overview of projects with the MATS area that are scheduled for LET, and projects that are currently under construction. There was no action taken on this agenda item.
9. **Website Update: MATS MaconMPO – Agenda Item:** MATS staff will be updating the MPO's website. In the process of doing so, a survey will be developed to gather input from the public. There was no action taken on this agenda item.
10. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00am. Additional meeting dates anticipated in September 2023, to accomplish the following:
  - Approve FY 2024 – 2027 TIP
  - Selection of Consultant for MATS MPO Freight Study
11. **Adjourn:** 10:47am

**Other MATS Meeting:**

MATS Policy Committee Meeting, Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 9:30am