



Macon Area Transportation Study

MINUTES

SUBJECT: MATS Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes (**Special Called**)
DATE: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
TIME: 10:00AM
LOCATION: Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, 200 Cherry Street, Suite 300 (3rd Floor Conference Room, Macon Terminal Station), Macon, Georgia 31201

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84837626834?pwd=cTBzbVVWQWRLWlFQK29LSE1GVdVMUT09>

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



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Name	Present	Absent	On-Line	Representative
Jacqueline Williams, <i>Transportation Planner</i> GDOT		X		
Jonathan McLoyd, <i>Transit Planning & Dev.</i> , GDOT		X		
Adam Smith, <i>Preconstruction Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Laura Mathis, <i>Executive Director</i> , MGRC		X		Alexander Smith (Proxy) In-Person
Greg Boike, <i>Government Services</i> , MGRC		X		
Ron Shipman, <i>Director</i> , Macon Water Authority		X		
Non-Voting Members				
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		
Guests				
Harland Smith, <i>GDOT, District 3</i>			X	
John Hayes, <i>Macon-Bibb County Engineering</i>	X			
Mitchell Greenway, <i>Stantec</i>			X	
Margaret Peth, <i>MBPZ, MATS</i>	X			

AGENDA

1. **Roll Call/Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Chairman Ruggieri. Roll call was conducted by Greg Brown, and a quorum was established. Online participation does not count towards quorum.
2. **Adoption of Agenda – Action Item:** The agenda was adopted, by consent, as presented.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Authorizing Resolution for Annual 5303 Grant – Action Item:** Margaret Peth provided an overview of the 5303 Grant Application. Each year, MATS must file with GDOT Office of Intermodal for grant funding, allocated under 49 CFR 5303 (aka “Sec. 5303 Funding”). Because MATS is an MPO under 200k population, MATS funding is controlled by GDOT Office of Intermodal. Sec. 5303 funds are a “formula” (*as opposed to “discretionary”*) grant. Reimbursement requests are filed quarterly and any balance of funds remaining are left with GDOT/returned to FTA. MATS Transit Planning Budget for FY 2025 is \$121,782.50 “80/10/10 Rule”. (**Federal:** \$97,426.00; **State:** \$12,178.25; **Local:** \$12,178.25; **Total:** \$121,782.50. After the overview and relevant discussion, a motion was made by Charles Brooks, and seconded by Adrianna Beavers to (1). *Authorize MATS Executive Director to*





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sign all required application materials; (2). Direct staff to submit Sec. 5303 application for FY 2025 funds to GDOT Office of Intermodal; and (3). Return to MATS Committees during October/November meeting cycle with full briefing on draft MATS FY 2025 UPWP. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Adoption of Final Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document – FY 2024-2027 & Amendment to the MATS Air Quality Conformity Determination (CDR) Report – Action Items:** Michael Greenwald provided an overview of the final draft FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document and Amendment to the MATS Air Quality Conformity Determination (CDR) Report. The overview included a fiscal analysis of Proposed FY 2024-2027 TIP. Projects consisting of Discretionary Highway Projects, Lump Sum Projects, Transit Capital & Operations, and Airport Capital Improvements, total \$228,003,245. The overview also covered the impact of proposed FY 2024-2027 TIP Projects; and existing projects continued in the FY 2024-2027 TIP. The Draft FY 2024 – 2027 TIP was circulated to Interagency Coordinating Committee (IAC) between July 19 and August 21, 2023. In addition, the Draft FY 2024 – 2027 TIP and Draft 2050 AQCD were circulated for public comment August 4, 2023 – September 5, 2023. No public comments received on either FY 2024–2027 TIP or 2050 AQCD. After the overview and relevant discussion, a motion was made by Charles Brooks, and seconded by Alex Smith to (1). *Recommend to MATS Policy Committee to adopt revised MATS 2024 – 2027 TIP and Amended 2050 AQCD, as presented;* and (2). *Authorize MATS TCC Chair to vote in favor of proposed amendments at MATS Policy Committee Special Call meeting on 28 September 2023.* Motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Item:

- a. **Anticipated Forthcoming Amendments to MATS FY 2024-2027 TIP Document: Informational Item:** Mike Greenwald informed the committee about potential upcoming amendments to the FY 2024-2027 TIP to include a parking area expansion for Macon Transit Authority (MTA); Improvements along I-75 from Arkwright Rd to I-475/I-75 split in Monroe County; and proposed improvements on Bass Rd. from Providence to New Forsyth Road.

5. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00am.

6. **Adjourn:** 10:35am