



Macon Area Transportation Study

MINUTES

SUBJECT: MATS Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 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

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Board members must attend in-person to count towards quorum and/or vote on action items

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





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Name	Present	Absent	On-Line	Representative
Jacqueline Williams, <i>Transportation Planner GDOT</i>	X			
Jonathan McLoyd, <i>Transit Planning & Dev., GDOT</i>		X		
Adam Smith, <i>Preconstruction Engineer, GDOT</i>		X		
Laura Mathis, <i>Exec. Director, MGRC</i>		X		
Greg Boike, <i>Government Services, MGRC</i>	X			
Ron Shipman, <i>Director, Macon Water Authority</i>		X		
Non-Voting Members				
Olivia Lewis, <i>Transportation Planner, FHWA</i>		X		
Michael Williams, <i>Area Engineer, GDOT</i>		X		
Rachel Umana, <i>Chairwoman, MATS CAC</i>		X		
Andy Casey, <i>Design Engineer, GDOT</i>		X		
Sabrina David, <i>Georgia Division Administrator, FHWA</i>		X		
Guests				
Mitchell Greenway, <i>Stantec</i>	X			
Dan Rhoades	X			
Kimberly Grayson	X			
Harland Smith, <i>GDOT, District 3</i>			X	
Margaret Peth, <i>MBPZ, MATS</i>	X			
Brandon North			X	
Julia Billings			X	
Ann Leary			X	

AGENDA

- Roll Call/Called to Order:** Roll call was conducted by Gregory L. Brown, and a quorum was established. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Chairman Ruggieri. Online participation does not count towards quorum.
- Adoption of Agenda – Action Item:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
- Public Comment Period (5 Minutes):** There were no public comments.
- Approval of MATS regular TCC Minutes (July 19, 2023) & Special Call Meeting minutes (September 27, 2023) - Action Item:** A motion was made by G. Boike and seconded by N. Floyd to approve both sets of minutes as presented. **Approved.**





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5. New Business

- a. **Adoption of FY 2025 draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Action Item:** Mike Greenwald provided an overview of the draft FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program. The overview covered the 80/20 rule pertaining to the funding allocation by Federal, State, and Local governments. The Federal government only funds projects and activities at 80% level; State & local governments need to contribute the remaining 20%. Mike noted that the draft document reflects only the Sec. 5303 values for FY 2025, as the draft document is necessary for completing the 5303 grant application. The PL funds and Sec. 5303 funding application are due on different cycles. The total FY 2025 Budget pertaining to FTA work tasks is \$121,782.50. The final UPWP for FY 2025 (including PL Funds contracts) will be presented before June 30, 2024, for final adoption by MATS Policy Committee. After discussion, a motion was made by R. Ryals, and seconded by G. Boike to (1). Approve the draft FY 2025 UPWP, and (2). Direct staff to submit Draft FY 2025 UPWP to MATS Policy Committee at the November 1, 2023, meeting for *(Approval of preliminary draft, and Authorization to include draft in MATS 5303 FY 2025 funding request)*. **Motion passed.**
- b. **Recommendations for Consultant for MATS 2050 Freight Study - Action Item:** Mike Greenwald reported that the consultant's scope of work will deal primarily with conducting a needs assessment, land use inventory, performing an analysis of the EJ40 impact, identifying specific projects dealing with Freight Movement, and recommending new projects to be considered. The timeframe to have the consultants on board is around the beginning of 2024 through June 30, 2025. The RFP was released on August 4, 2023, and three applications were received *(one (1) application was discarded because the applicant did not provide proof of SAM.gov registration)*. The review committee consisted of a representative from the following entities: Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, 21st Century Partnership, Middle GA Regional Airport, Middle GA Regional Commission, and MATS MPO. The recommended consultant is Gresham Smith with over 14 years of experience. They have experience in the Macon area and have produced projects such as the Aerotropolis Freight Cluster Plan, and the Alabama Statewide Freight Plan Update. After discussion, a motion was made by R. Ryals, and seconded by N. Floyd to authorize MATS TCC Chair *(or duly appointed representative)* to vote at the MATS Policy Committee meeting on November 1, 2023, in favor of awarding Gresham Smith the contract for the MATS MPO 2050 Freight Plan. **Motion passed.**
- c. **Amendment to the FY 2024-2025 TIP and 2050 MTP – Information Item**
 - i. **PM1 Safety Targets for CY 2024:** Mike Greenwald reported on the Statewide Safety Performance Measures for CY 2024 that will be discussed in February 2024.
 - ii. **I-75 Resurfacing Project:** Mike Greenwald provided information on GDOT Project M006228 – I-75 from Arkwright Rd. to I-475/I-75 split in Monroe County: \$90.5 million (+/-). It was indicated that this is a maintenance project.



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Additionally, M. Greenwald provided an update on Sec. 5307 funding for Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority that entails the proposed Parking Area Expansion: \$4 million (+/-). Mike also spoke briefly about GDOT Project 0017121 – Bass Rd. from Providence to New Forsyth - Final Amount TBD. There was no action taken on this agenda item.

- d. **GDOT Carbon Reduction Strategy (CRS) – Information Item:** Representatives from Modern Mobility Partners provided a presentation regarding the subject. The presentation covered *stakeholder and public engagement outreach; an overview of CRS (Purpose and How to Use; Summary of Content; and Strategies and Evaluation Metrics); and finally, the Schedule and Next Steps on how to provide feedback*. **Public engagement** will be via the GDOT website, and there will be a 2-week period for receipt of comments (**by October 30**). The document will then be available for a 30-day period on the website (**through November 15**). There was no action taken on this agenda item.

6. Old/Unfinished Business

- a. **Update on Website Survey Results: MATS MaconMPO – Information Item:** Margaret Peth indicated that the timeline for website updates is still being developed. Based on the results of the survey, the responses indicate the MPO should: (1). Provide greater clarity on what MATS does as an agency; (2). Provide a calendar feature to provide information on upcoming regular/special call meetings; (3). Provide more information about ongoing and proposed projects; and (4). Provide more information about the MPO/GDOT/Macon-Bibb County and how residents can determine who owns which roads. There was no action taken on this agenda item.
 - b. **Update on Annual Title VI Reporting FY 2023-2024 – Information Item:** Margaret Peth reported that MATS MPO Title VI Reporting was completed and submitted to GDOT on Wednesday 09/13/2023. Since the submittal, we have received any recommendations or questions from GDOT or FTA. There was no action taken on this agenda item.
7. **Review of GDOT Project Status Report – Agenda Item:** Harland Smith provided an overview of projects within the MATS area that are scheduled for LET, and projects that are currently under construction. There was no action taken on this agenda item.
 8. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 10:00am.
 9. **Adjourn:** 10:59am

Other MATS Meeting:

MATS Policy Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 9:30am

