

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:** 01.10.2024

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

		Absent / Present
NAME	REPRESENTING	
Jeffrey C. Ruggieri	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Absent
Mike Greenwald	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Gregory L. Brown	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Margaret Peth	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission	Present
Elizabeth Hardin	CAC/Commission District 1	Present
VACANT	CAC/Commission District 2	VACANT
VACANT	CAC/Commission District 3	VACANT
Dean Dummitt	CAC/Commission District 4	Present
Tedra Huston	CAC/Commission District 5	Present
Johnathan Guin	CAC/Commission District 6	Present
Alphonzo Sanders	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
VACANT	CAC/Monroe County Representative (<i>Dist. 3</i>)	VACANT
VACANT	CAC/AARP Volunteer	VACANT
Rachel Umana	CAC/Bike-Pedestrian Representative	Present
VACANT	CAC/Board of Education Transportation Division	VACANT
VACANT	CAC/Disabled Population Representative	VACANT
Deborah Garcia	CAC/Disabled Transportation User	Present
Caitlin Mee	CAC/Environmental Representative	Present
VACANT	CAC/League of Women Voters	VACANT
Dianna Cooper	CAC/Macon Housing Authority	Present (Via Zoom)
Jada Robinson	CAC/Transit User	Absent
VISITORS		
Laura Corley		Visitor
Susan Cable		Visitor
AGENDA Items and Minutes		
1	Called to Order: Chairperson Umana opened the meeting at 6:06 pm; Roll Call was conducted. A quorum was established.	
2	<p>Election of Officers – Action Item: Staff gave a brief presentation outlining what would be required from the Chairperson and Vice Chair. Chairperson Umana opened the floor for nominations for chairperson for 2024. Lee Martin nominated Caitlin Mee, seconded by Dean Dummit. Chairperson Umana closed the floor for nominations and called for a vote. CAC members voted unanimously to elect Caitlin Mee to serve as chairperson for 2024.</p> <p>The newly elected Chairperson Mee opened the floor for nominations for vice chairperson. Rachel Umana nominated Dean Dummitt to serve as vice chairperson, second by Elizabeth Hardin. Chairperson Mee Closed the floor for nominations. Dean Dummitt was elected as the vice chairperson for 2024 by unanimous vote.</p>	

	Chairperson Mee also listed the seats on the CAC vacant at the time of the meeting.
3	<p>Adoption of Agenda – Action Item: The agenda was adopted with the following changes:</p> <p>a. Staff requested an additional agenda item (information item) be added to discuss upcoming agenda items for later meetings in the year. This item was added as a new business item (5c) Dean Dummit made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Elizabeth Hardin.</p>
4	<p>Public Comment Period (5 Minutes): Ms. Susan Cable provided a public comment speaking to CAC members about the importance of road design in improving road safety. Ms. Cable urged CAC members to carefully consider agenda items.</p>
5	<p>Approval of MATS previous regular CAC Minutes (October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting) – Action Item: Rachel Umana made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dean Dummit. Minutes were approved as presented.</p>
6	<p>New Business:</p> <p>a. Introduction of New CAC Board Members & Information for New Members: Staff provided an opportunity for new members of the board to introduce themselves.</p> <p>b. CAC Board Member Orientation: Staff informed board members that they were working on materials to provide more information about the committee and that CAC members could schedule a time to meet to discuss any questions one on one with staff.</p> <p>c. Forthcoming Amendments & Agenda Items: Staff provided a presentation on forthcoming agenda items in the 2024 calendar year including budget amendments for ongoing projects and changes in greenhouse gas emissions reporting/requirements.</p>
7	<p>Old/Unfinished Business:</p> <p>a. Identification of a Preferred Vendor for MATS 2050 Freight Plan – Information Item: Staff informed CAC members that Gresham Smith was selected as the consultant to conduct the 2050 Freight Plan. Staff informed the CAC that then Chairperson Umana did attend the 11/01/2023 Policy committee and voted against selecting Gresham Smith as the consultant as determined at the 10/12/2023 CAC meeting. Gresham Smith was chosen as the vendor as the majority of Policy Committee members voted to approve their selection.</p>
8	<p>Review of GDOT Project Status Report – Agenda Item: Staff presented a project status report from GDOT’s Area 3 office.</p>
9	<p>News & Information: Staff presented information on the upcoming 2024 meeting calendar and informed CAC that the next meeting’s location had not been established due to the pending move to the new government offices at the former Macon Mall.</p> <p>Lee Martin provided information about ongoing concerns on Georgia Avenue ad Monroe Street</p>
10	<p>Next Meeting Date - Agenda Item: (April 10, 2024), 6:00pm</p>
11	<p>Adjourn: Chairperson Mee adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM</p>