



Macon Area Transportation Study

MINUTES

SUBJECT: MATS Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 2024
TIME: 10:00AM
LOCATION: Macon Terminal Station, 200 Cherry Street, Suite 400 (4th Floor Conference Room), Macon, Georgia 31201

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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		
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		
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</i> GDOT	X			
Jonathan McLoyd, <i>Transit Planning & 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			
Non-Voting Members				
Olivia Lewis, <i>Transportation Planner</i> , FHWA			X	
Michael Williams, <i>Area Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Caitlin Mee, <i>Chairwoman</i> , MATS CAC		X		
Andy Casey, <i>Design Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Sabrina David, <i>Georgia Division Administrator</i> , FHWA		X		
Guests				
Mitchell Greenway, Stantec	X			
John Hayes	X			
Weston Stroud	X			
Ted Hicks, GDOT			X	
Gene Inman			X	
Harland Smith, GDOT, District 3			X	

AGENDA

1. **Called to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 10:12am by Vice-Chairman Ryals. A roll call was conducted by Gregory L. Brown, and a quorum was established. *Online participation does not count towards quorum.*
2. **Adoption of Agenda – Action Item:** A motion was made by G. Boike and seconded by T. Pitrowski to adopt the agenda as presented. **Approved**
3. **Public Comment Period (5 Minutes):** No public comments were provided.
4. **Approval of MATS regular TCC Minutes (January 17, 2024) - Action Item:** A motion was made by C. Brooks and seconded by G. Boike to approve the minutes as presented. **Approved.**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Final Adoption of FY 2025 UPWP-Action Item:** Mike Greenwald provided an overview of the final draft UPWP. The overview covered the UPWP’s Funding, and a breakdown of the federal grants. A motion was made by N. Floyd and seconded by W. Jackson to recommend to MATS Policy Committee approval of the FY 2025 UPWP (including Freight Study Project),





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subject to addressing any outside agency (GDOT, FHWA, FTA) comments, and to direct staff to publish the FY 2025 UPWP on the MATS website and update any and all MATS documents and/or applications where the FY 2024 UPWP is a required component. **Motion passed.**

b. **Project Amendments to 2050 MTP and TIP-Action Items**

- i. Amend MATS 2050 MTP to reflect FY 2024 – 2027 TIP
- ii. Performance Measures
 1. Greenhouse Gas Emission Targets
 2. CY 2024 PM1 Safety Targets

M. Greenwald provided an overview of the above action items. The Performance Measures were originally developed as part of MAP-21 (2012). They have been carried over ever since and are part of the current IJJA (2021). The updated PM1 targets for CY 2024 were distributed by GDOT on September 28, 2023. MATS MPO decided to adopt the state's targets instead of creating their own. A motion was made by G. Boike and seconded by C. Brooks to amend the MATS FY 2024 – 2027 TIP (including System Performance Report) to reflect CY 2024 PM1 – Safety Performance Measure Targets adopted by GDOT, to amend the 2050 MTP Chapter 13 to reflect CY 2024 PM1 – Safety Performance Measure Targets adopted by GDOT and recommend to the Policy Committee for final approval. **Motion passed.**

- iii. **Updated costs for GDOT PI #0013712 (Replace Railroad Bridge over Norfolk Southern RR on Hawkinsville Rd., 1.4 Miles South of Macon):** M. Greenwald reported that the total increase for this project cost is \$3,863,312.74 (+20.79%). For this item, see the “action” taken below under item (iv)(1).

iv. **New Projects**

1. **GDOT PI #0014072 (I-16 Eastbound & Westbound @ Walnut Creek 1 mile East of Macon):** M. Greenwald reported that this is a reinstatement project by GDOT from the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The total cost for the construction phase of this project (FY 2024-2027 TIP) is \$19,636,645.00. A motion was made by N. Floyd and seconded by G. Boike to recommend to MATS Policy Committee to amend MATS FY 2024 – 2027 TIP (including System Performance Report) to reflect increase costs, substituted funding sources, and updated revenue forecasts for PI 0013712 and PI 0014072; and to direct MATS CAC chair to vote in accordance with recommendation at MATS Policy Committee meeting on 5/1/2024. **Motion Passed.**

For the following projects #2-9, M. Greenwald provided an overview on the impact that each project will have on the 2024-2027 TIP and the impact on the MATS 2050 MTP. The adoption of the FY 2024 – 2027 TIP requires re-demonstration of fiscal balancing for the MATS 2050 MTP (23 CFR 450.324(f)(11) and 23 CFR 450.326(i)). All projects in this section require amendments to MATS FY 2024 – 2027 TIP and MATS 2050 MTP because either: They are brand new projects, or the cost increases are over and above what are allowed

to be processed by Administrative Modification (i.e., over 20% increase or over \$2,000,000 adjustment). Additionally, all projects in this section have their 20% match provided with State funds (when applicable). Lastly, all projects in this section are considered Exempt from Air Quality Conformity Analysis by Interagency Coordinating Committee, under 40 CFR 93.126 – Table 2 (i.e., bridge replacement projects). M. Greenwald provided a background on the demonstration of fiscal balancing. The revised fiscal balancing regarding the amendments is +\$117,224,670.16, and the total Transit Fund balance is +\$33,020,776.25.

2. ~~GDOT PI #0018327 (SR 22/US 80 From CR 5503/Canterbury Rd. to I-75 Southbound Ramp)~~ – **Placed on the agenda in error.**
3. GDOT PI #0019088 (SR 11/SR 22/US 129 @ SAND CREEK, Northbound) – CANCELLED
4. GDOT PI #0019933 (I-75 @ Rocky Creek)
5. GDOT PI #0019934 (I-475 Southbound & Northbound @ Tobesofkee Creek 3 Miles South of Macon)
6. GDOT PI #0019935 (I-16 Eastbound & Westbound @ CSX #636057K & Boggy Branch, 1.5 miles East of Macon)
7. GDOT PI #0019936 (I-16 Eastbound & Westbound @ Ocmulgee River Overflow)
8. GDOT PI #0019945 (SR 19/SR 87 Southbound & Northbound @ Walnut Creek)
9. GDOT PI #0020056 (Bondsview Rd. Boatramp)

After the presentation of these projects, a motion was made by C. Brooks, and seconded by N. Floyd to recommend to MATS Policy Committee to amend MATS 2050 MTP to reflect the following updates:

- **Modification of Ch. 6 – Roads and Bridges Projects**
 - Cancellation of GDOT PI #0019088;
 - Addition of GDOT PIs #0019933, #0019934, #0019935, 0019936, #0019945 and #0020056;
 - Revised fiscal balancing to reflect FY 2024 – 2027 TIP, and additional revenues provided by GDOT
- **Modification of Ch. 8 – Fiscal Constraint**
 - Modifications to Tables 8-1 through 8-6, and associated narratives, to reflect new fiscal balancing based on FY 2024 – 2027 TIP
- **Recommend to MATS Policy Committee to amend FY 2024 – 2027 TIP to reflect the following updates:**
 - Cancellation of GDOT PI #0019088;
 - Addition of GDOT PIs #0019933, #0019934, #0019935, 0019936, #0019945 and #0020056
- **Motion Passed**



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Administrative Modification for GDOT PI #0017231: Information Item: M. Greenwald reported that this is a bridge replacement project along SR 11/SR 22/US 129 @ Sand Creek. The impact on the 2024-2027 TIP is \$7,000.00, and the impact on the MATS 2050 MTP is \$7,000.00. **No action was taken on this item.**

- c. **FHWA Notice of Proposed Rule Making – Update to Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) rules to incorporate Safe Systems Approach – Information Item:** M. Greenwald provided a summary of FHWA’s Notice of Proposed Rule Making dated February 21, 2024, to update the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Comments can be submitted on-line at <https://www.regulations.gov> (refer to Docket #FHWA-23-0045) and must be filed on or before April 22, 2024. **No action taken on this item.**

6. Old/Unfinished Business

- a. **Status update on MATS 2050 Freight Plan RFP – Information Item:** M. Greenwald reported that a project kickoff meeting with stakeholders was held on January 31, 2024, and the next stakeholder’s meeting is scheduled for late May 2024. No action taken on this item.
- b. **Status update on Bass Rd. Phase 1 – Information Item:** M. Greenwald reported that MATS staff is attending monthly calls to ensure that the project is being tracked for the purpose of keeping the TIP and MTP updated. No action taken on this item.
- c. **Status update MTA parking/charging area project – Information Item:** M. Greenwald reported that the project continues to be under review at FTA, pending confirmation of compliance with NHPA Sec. 106. MTA is coordinating with GDOT Office of Intermodal to address FTA questions. No action taken on this 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. Harland indicated that projects in Macon-Bibb are doing well. Project Count #1, P.I.# 0014072 (Replacement of Bridges on I-16 at Walnut Creek) is on schedule for late 2024 instead of May 2024; Project Count #2, P.I.#0013712 (SR49 at Norfolk Southern Railroad), LET is moved from early 2024 to mid-2024; and Project Count #3, P.I.#0017121 (Bass Road from Providence Boulevard to New Forsyth Road), there are no updates. No action taken on this agenda item.

8. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 10:00am.

9. **Adjourn:** 11:33am