



# Macon Area Transportation Study

## MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** MATS Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
**TIME:** 10:00AM  
**LOCATION:** Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, (Macon Mall), 3661 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite MB104, Macon, Georgia 31206

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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
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
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 &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		
Dean Dummitt, <i>Chair</i> , MATS CAC		X		
Andy Casey, <i>Design Engineer</i> , GDOT		X		
Sabrina David, <i>Georgia Division Administrator</i> , FHWA		X		
<b>Guests</b>				
Robert Barrett, MBPZ IT	X			
Mitchell Greenway, Stantec	X			
Tri Vo, Macon-Bibb Traffic Engineering	X			
Harland Smith, GDOT, District 3			X	
M. Huntington			X	

## AGENDA

1. **Called to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by Chairman Ruggieri. 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 N. Floyd and seconded by G. Boike to adopt the agenda as presented. **Approved**
3. **Public Comment Period (5 Minutes):** No public comments were provided.
4. **Approval of regular MATS TCC Minutes (April 17, 2024) - Action Item:** A motion was made by G. Boike and seconded by N. Floyd to approve the minutes as presented. **Approved.**
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Amendment-GDOT PI #0020213:** Gregory L. Brown reported that GDOT Project Identification #0020213 is a bridge replacement project over Norfolk Southern Railroad on Hawkinsville Road, between Liberty Church Road and Griffin Road. It's a new project





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that needs to be added to both the TIP and MTP. The total project cost that's going into the 2050 MTP is 22 million (\$22,650,000) that lists the specific activities that will happen between 2024-2027 MATS TIP. The preliminary engineering phase is scheduled for FY 2025 at a cost of \$1,400,000.00, and the Right-of-Way phase in FY 2027 will cost \$750,000. The funding source is from the National Highway Performance Program that is received by the State. For this project, there is no impact on the Macon-Bibb County budget, this project is the responsibility of the State because the project is located on a state route or a portion of the U.S. Highway system. The Federal Government will match the project up to 80%, and the remaining 20% will be left up to the State and Local Government. The project is considered Exempt from Air Quality Conformity Analysis by Interagency Coordinating Committee, under 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 93.126-Table 2. This is an extra administrative step to ensure that we are not backsliding on our Ozone requirements for air quality. Because the project is basically repairing an existing bridge and not expanding any capacity, it's not going to generate additional new traffic which is why it's considered exempt from air quality. In terms of increased revenues, GDOT is going to allow (MATS) to add the revenues to the MATS TIP and MTP documents.

- b. Amendment-GDOT PI #0020345:** Gregory L. Brown reported that Project Identification #0020345 is the Electric vehicle charging station along I-16 between Bibb and Twiggs Counties. It's a \$425,000 project with the construction phase in FY 2025, sponsored by the State. The funding source is NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) Program, which is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that passed a few years ago. The project is considered exempt from Air Quality Conformity Analysis because the project does not meet the definition under 40 CFR 93.101. For this project, the Federal Government and State will be funding the bulk of this \$425,000 project.
- c. Amendment-Macon-Bibb County Pleasant Hill Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant:** Gregory L. Brown reported that this project does have a local match requirement. Macon-Bibb County applied directly to the U.S. DOT and was awarded \$600,000 through the Neighborhood Access and Equity Program. Because this is a federal transportation grant under Title 23, the project must be in MATS TIP document. Macon-Bibb County is responsible for \$100,000 as a local match. The Pleasant Hill Reconnecting Communities project is considered exempt from Air quality conformity analysis, and the project does not impact either the TIP or MTP fiscal balancing, because it's being administered as an administrative step.
- d. Amendment-Federal Lands Project List for GA:** Gregory L. Brown reported that in February 2024, FHWA distributed a list of federal lands, identifying projects for the State to be funded under the FLAP program (Federal Lands Access Program). In May 2024, Macon-Bibb Engineering asked for GDOT PI #0020056 (which is a 1.06 mile stretch of Bondsvie Road with access to 800 acres of Wildlife Refuge Land) to be amended into the MATS and TIP Documents. However, on July 8, 2024, FHWA and GDOT requested that the entire statewide list be reflected in the FY 2024-2027 TIP. Because this involves new



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projects in our area, it needs to be processed as an amendment. Adding this list does not create any fiscal impact in the MATS area.

In terms of Fiscal Balancing Amendments, regarding the Roads & Bridges projects, the revised Fiscal Balance remains the same at \$117,224,670.16.

After the presentation of the amendments, a motion was made by N. Floyd and seconded by G. Boike to recommend to MATS Policy Committee to amend MATS 2050 MTP to reflect the following updates:

- Modification of Ch. 6 – Roads and Bridges Projects
  - Addition of GDOT PI #0020213
  - Addition of GDOT PI #0020345
  - 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:

- Addition of GDOT PI #0020213
- Addition of GDOT PI #0020345
- Addition of Macon-Bibb County Reconnecting Communities Grant for Pleasant Hill Neighborhood
- Addition of Federal Lands Project List for GA

**Motion passed.**

### 6. Old/Unfinished Business

- Status update on MATS 2050 Freight Plan RFP – Information Item:** G. Brown reported that a stakeholder meeting was held on May 29, 2024. The consultants are analyzing existing conditions regarding the road network, rail, airports, and land use patterns. The project's website can be accessed through [maconmpo.com](http://maconmpo.com) website. Gresham Smith is planning to give a full presentation of the Freight Plan Study to the MATS Policy Committee on 8/7/2024. If you're interested, you can view the presentation by attending the MATS Policy Committee meeting, either online or in-person. No action taken on this agenda item.
- Status update on Bass Rd. Phase 1 – Information Item:** G. Brown 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. On June 5, 2024, the Value Engineering Study was submitted to GDOT. The value engineering study is when the project manager sends the project out for an independent review to make sure that the cost associated with the various phases are still in line with the project's scope. That process requires GDOT to hire a consultant to perform a study, prior to finalizing a budget. Once this is done, the value engineering study process will take approximately 6 months from the date of consultant receiving their Notice to Proceed. At



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this time, the value engineering study is anticipated to be completed around June 2025. No action taken on this agenda item.

- c. **Status update MTA parking/charging area project – Information Item:** G. Brown reported that MTA is currently examining ways to utilize the property. 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. Harland indicated that projects in Macon-Bibb are doing well. **Project Count #1**, P.I.# 311400 (*I-75 from I-16 to CR 478/Pierce Avenue Phase VI*) is scheduled for LET (Mid 2025); **Project Count #5**, P.I.# 0014896 (Bridge Replacement Bass Road over Norfolk Southern) is 20% complete with a completion date of Mid 2025; **Project Count #6**, P.I.# 0012701 (Phase V I-16 from I-75 to Walnut Creek) is 66% complete with a completion date of Mid 2026; **Project Count #9**, P.I.# 0009960 (SR 22 at Knoxville Road) is 95% complete; **Project Count #13**, P.I.#0013921 (I-475 at Tucker Road) is 10% complete with a completion date of Early 2027. No action taken on this agenda item.
8. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 10:00am.
9. **Adjourn:** 10:43am