

Proposed Amendments to
MATS FY 2024 - 2027 TIP:
Update to Macon-Bibb County
Transit Authority Sec. 5307
Sub-recipient Contract

Proposed Date for Adoption:
2/4/2026

CAPITAL SCHEDULE FOR MACON-BIBB COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Section 5307

STIP #		T007057	T008412	T008413	T008414	
DESCRIPTION	Unit Cost	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	TOTAL
Purchase 30 ft. Replacement Bus	\$900,000	\$1,800,000				\$1,800,000
Mobile Cameras			\$9,750			\$9,750
Terminal Station Maintenance & Renovation				\$200,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
Bus Maitneance Parts & Supplies for Fleet		\$150,000		\$275,000	\$300,000	\$725,000
Replace & Refurbis Bus Shelters & Benches				\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
New Service Vehicles (1)	\$80,000	\$80,000				\$80,000
Office Equipment & Furniture				\$20,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
Purchase Paratransity Bus (Less than 30 ft-Conversion from Diesel to Electric				\$500,000	\$800,000	\$1,300,000
Preventive Maintenance			\$400,000			\$400,000
Lease ADP Hardware (Annual Upkeep)		\$63,000	\$19,320	\$85,000	\$70,000	\$237,320
Acquire ADP Software (Annual License)		\$36,000	\$61,152	\$65,000	\$50,000	\$212,152
Purchase Radios		\$16,000	\$18,500	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$154,500
Support Equipment - Fareboxes		\$54,000		\$20,000	\$30,000	\$104,000
GPS Tablets With Kits (50)	\$20,000	\$20,000		\$19,000	\$20,000	\$59,000
Training Simulator		\$125,000				\$125,000
Rehab and Renovate Bus Yards & Shops				\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
Acquire ADP Hardware (New Dispatch System)		\$600,000				\$600,000
Acquire ADP Software (TripSpark)		\$810,000				\$810,000
Acquire ADP Software (TripSpark recurring)			\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$150,000
Signage			\$6,500			\$6,500
Planning Assistance - Route consulting				\$200,000		\$200,000
PROJECT COST		\$3,754,000	\$555,222	\$1,704,000	\$1,585,000	\$7,598,222
FEDERAL COST		\$3,003,200	\$444,178	\$1,363,200	\$1,268,000	\$6,078,578
STATE COST		\$375,400	\$55,522	\$170,400	\$158,500	\$759,822
LOCAL COST		\$375,400	\$55,522	\$170,400	\$158,500	\$759,822
DOT DISTRICT # 3			CONG. DIST.	2 & 8	RC	MG

Planning Assistance Funding for Transportation and Transit consultants

The Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority is preparing a “Request for Proposals” for a management consultant study for a review of existing routes, a statistical sample of the ridership on the service provided, employee customer service training etc. to improve the quality of transit service provided. This study by a selected provider should take about one year to complete.

The transit planning consulting services for Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority will be tasked to complete an assessment of existing conditions and operations, complete a needs assessment for service expansion and identify the feasibility, opportunities, and service options for a consolidation or streamlining of services. The work tasks outlined below will be completed to ensure a comprehensive assessment and understanding of the transit service and options for future service. At a minimum, the study area will encompass the current MTA service area. The consultant will coordinate with staff at the onset of the project to determine final study boundaries.

SPECIFIC TASKS:

Work shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Assessment of Existing Conditions (including Identification of Relevant Stakeholder Groups)
- Coordination with Other Relevant Regional Plans
- Determination of Latent Demand for Transit
- Identification of New Service Delivery Options/Opportunities to Adopt Best Practices

Based on the results of the existing and future conditions and latent demand assessments, the Consultant will develop an array of delivery and funding options that meet the identified service needs. This effort will include the following elements: Analysis to determine appropriate services

- a. Identification of service gaps and duplications
- b. Identification of delivery models
- c. Identification of service delivery options/types of service

Financial impacts of identified delivery models:

- i. Costs
- ii. Revenues
- iii. Funding and funding options through the 2050 horizon year
- iv. Required partnerships
- v. Organizational requirements
- vi. Sustainability of delivery model

Based on the results of the assessments and analyses, the consultant will identify the most feasible, efficient and effective service delivery option, including all related service, financial and organizational elements. These final recommendations will incorporate the most appropriate approach to address existing, future and latent demand and the structure and infrastructure needed to meet the transit needs within the area, and methods to address any service gaps and duplications.

MTA intends to evaluate proposals and award a contract after conducting discussions with offerors whose proposals have been determined to be within the competitive range.

IAC Consultation E-mail Thread:
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2/4/2026

RE: Request for IAC Consultation--MATS MPO--TIP Amendment for Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority

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Hi Mike,

This ***is an exempt project***. EPA has no further comments. My apologies on the miscommunication earlier this morning.

Thank you,
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Good afternoon Weston,

Please help me clarify EPA's position below.

You said: "...we are concurring this **is not** an exempt project." (Emphasis Added)

Your statement suggests it is US EPA's position this amendment (i.e., a supplement to Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority's 5307 Capital contract for FY 2027 for a Planning contract, to review their routes and operations) requires a new full air quality model be run. Is that what your office intends to say?

Or is this a typo, where you *meant* to say that you agree with MATS staff interpretation that the proposed amendment **is Exempt** under 23 CFR 771.118(c)(4), as an activity covered under the Categorical Exclusion rules?

Apologies for being picky, I just want the IAC log to be accurate. Thanks again for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Mike Greenwald

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Morning Mike,

EPA does not have any questions at this time and we are concurring this is not an exempt project.

Thank you,
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Good afternoon,

Georgia Department of Transportation concurs.

Jacqueline R. Williams

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Good afternoon IAC members,

In accordance with the MATS Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for IAC Consultation, MATS MPO is submitting the attached proposed amendments for review and concurrence.

These Amendments are anticipated to be released for a 15 day public comment period (pursuant to the requirements set forth in the MATS Public Participation Plan:

https://www.maconmpo.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/MATS_PublicParticipationPlan_20211013-FINAL.pdf, pg. 13) on **January 14, 2026**.

In accordance with the MATS SOP for IAC Consultation, MATS MPO staff hereby states:

- **The proposed project IS Exempt for air quality analysis for Ozone.** - The proposed amendment involves contracting for *consulting services for the Macon-Bibb County Transit System, involving assessment of existing conditions and recommendations for transit service improvements and expansions*.

Pursuant to guidance from FHWA and EPA after *South Coast II* court decision (882 F.3d 1138), no new air quality modeling is required, unless a new project is added, or existing project modified in such a way, that it changes the latest planning assumptions (40 CFR 93.110).

MATS was found to be conforming with the 1997 8-Hour NAAQS for Ozone during the original model run (dated 4/26/2016; .065 ppm). The latest design value (i.e., model run result) for the MATS region maintains and improves upon that original conformity finding (as per posting on the U.S. EPA website:

<https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/gbtcw.html>). The Macon Area design value is **0.063** ppm. This design value is well below both the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS (**0.084** ppm) and the 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS (**0.075** ppm).

The proposed project meets criteria for classification of Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.118(c)(4), which does not affect the planning assumptions requirement under 40 CFR 93.110. Therefore, ***this project should not trigger need for new air quality modeling.***

- **The proposed plan update meets fiscal constraint requirements of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, as required under 23 CFR 450.324(11)** - MATS MPO continues to maintain the required fiscal balance required under 23 CFR 450.326. The proposed project affects the Transit funding portfolio, under the FTA 5307 Capital Grant program. The Highway funding portfolio remains unchanged.
- **The proposed plan update has been evaluated against the most recent planning assumptions, pursuant to 40 CFR 93.110. Because the latest applicable conformity determination for the MATS region does not identify any required Transportation Control Measures (TCMs), none have been applied in the evaluation of the proposed project update;**
- **Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.109(c), the proposed plan updates do not create the requirement for a regional emissions analysis.** MATS latest conformity review with a regional emissions analysis was determined on 4/27/2016 by U.S. EPA Region IV, wherein the MPO region was found to be in conformity with applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standards.”

Please send any comments or questions to the entire recipient list for this message by **January 12, 2026**. In accordance with the procedures specified in the MATS Standard Operating Procedures for IAC Consultation, if MATS does not receive comments by the close of this comment period, MATS will presume there are no objections from the non-responding agencies and proceed through the remainder of the TIP and/or MTP amendment process.

While we understand this is a quick turn around time for comments, please bear in mind:

- MATS staff was not directly notified by the IAC partner (i.e., GDOT Office of Intermodal's **new** staff contact for Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority) whose request initiated the need for IAC consultation;
- When MATS staff was notified of this request (12/30/2025), we were already completing preparations for the January/February 2026 Regular Committee meeting cycle;
- IAC was notified as soon as the proposed project amendment could be processed by MATS staff and summarized for IAC;
- The proposed project amendment appears to be of a type that is categorically identified as Exempt from Air Quality Analysis
- Delaying the requested amendment may delay the release of the contract, and push back the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority project start date.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Yours truly,

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