

MATS TECHNICAL MEETING MINTUES
NOVEMBER 2, 2016

A meeting of the MATS Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) was held on Nov. 2, 2016 in the Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Commission Office. There were 17 voting members present, thereby establishing a quorum. The minutes of the previous meeting were introduced and approved with a minor revision. The first agenda item was the review of amendments to the LRTP and TIP. Mike Greenwald presented the amendments which concerned new bridge replacement projects and revised cost estimates for the I-16/I-75 projects. He stated that there were no changes in the current project network years as a result of the amendments. A motion was made by Nigel Floyd and seconded by John Swint to adopt the amendments for the LRTP and TIP which was approved by the TCC Committee.

The next agenda item presented was the list of projects for the 2040 LRTP Update. Mike Greenwald stated that there were a total of 53 projects on the list which included 10 new projects that had been added. The new projects concerned the construction of auxiliary lanes along the I-75 corridor. The total cost estimate for the projects resulted in a capital surplus of over \$16 million. A motion was made by Dave Fortson and seconded by John Swint to approve the final LRTP project list. The motion was approved by the TCC Committee members except for Alex Morrison who opposed it. Also under the LRTP Update, Brad Belo discussed the goals and objectives. He stated the Policy Committee had discussed the possibility of including passenger rail service as an objective in the LRTP. The Georgia Rail Plan that was adopted in 2015 supported the development of passenger rail service from Atlanta to Macon. Therefore, a decision was made to also include this as an objective in the 2040 LRTP Update.

The next item discussed on the agenda was the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2018. Ken North reviewed the draft document for the UPWP. He remarked that the total funding amount had actually decreased from the previous year due to the change in air quality designation which was now in conformity. The changes in funding for the individual tasks were also discussed for both the FHWA and FTA projects. Subsequently, a motion was made by

Robert Ryals and seconded by Nigel Floyd to approve the draft UPWP which was approved unanimously.

Adam Smith from the district GDOT Office presented the project status report. He stated the status for the Jeffersonville Road project had not changed. In addition, the Forest Hill Rd. project from Wimbish Rd. to Vineville Ave. was anticipated to have local funding available for preliminary engineering by FY 2018.

Under Old Business, Mike Greenwald discussed the status of MPO Consolidation. The USDOT is considering the consolidation of adjacent MPOs and the public comment period for this issue ended on August 26, 2016. The MATS and WRATS Policy Committees both submitted letters opposing consolidation. The USDOT opened up the public comment period back up regarding this matter until October 24, 2016. A decision regarding this issue from USDOT can be announced by January 20, 2017. If consolidation is approved, there will be a two year time period in order to comply. Under New Business, there were no items presented and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.



MATS Project Director

MATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE
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Name	Representing
1. David Fortson*	Director, Macon-Bibb Co. Engineering Dept.
2. Morgan Simmons*	Georgia D.O.T. Planning Office
3. Robert Ryals*	Director, Macon-Bibb Facilities Management
4. Adam Smith*	Georgia D.O.T. Preconstruction Engineer
5. Stephen Adams*	Director, Macon-Bibb Industrial Authority
6. Ken North*	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission
7. Jim Thomas*	MATS Project Director
8. Daniel Dobbins*	Middle GA Regional Comm.
9. Mike Greenwald*	Planning Director, Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning
10. Brad Belo	Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Comm.
11. Nigel Floyd*	Macon-Bibb Traffic Engineer
12. Krystal Stovall-Dixon	Georgia D.O.T.
13. William Eastin	Georgia D.O.T. Planning Office
14. Charles Brooks	Macon-Bibb Co. Engineering Dept.
15. Greg Brown	Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Comm.
16. Tim Pitrowski*	Director, Jones County Zoning
17. Michel Wanna*	Tony Rojas, Macon Water Authority Director
18. Kevin Poss	Macon-Bibb Traffic Management
19. Lauren Schultz*	Judd Drake, Macon-Bibb Attorney
20. Clinton Ford	Georgia D.O.T.
21. John Swint	CAC Chairman
22. Rick Jones*	Director, Macon Transit Authority
23. Alex Morrison*	Director, Macon-Bibb Urban Dev. Authority
24. Eric D'Leon*	Middle GA Airport Manager
25. Wanzina Jackson*	Economic & Community Development Director

*Voting member