

MATS Technical Committee Minutes  
January 20, 2016

A meeting of the MATS Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) was held on January 20, 2016 at the office of the Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Commission. There were thirteen voting members in attendance, thereby establishing a quorum. The minutes of the previous meeting were introduced and approved. Under election of officers, a motion was made by Nigel Floyd and seconded by Cam Yearty to appoint David Fortson as the Vice-Chairman of the TCC that was approved by Technical Committee members. The first item on the agenda were the revisions to the MATS by-laws. Ken North reviewed the revisions and stated the meeting time and the quorum amount for the CAC had been changed. Subsequently, a motion was made by Cam Yearty and seconded by Nigel Floyd to adopt the revisions to the by-laws that was approved. Under the MATS Participation Plan, there had been changes made to the document as suggested by Georgia D.O.T. and the amendment process for the TIP had been updated. A motion was made by Nigel Floyd and seconded by Cam Yearty to adopt these changes that was approved.

Mike Greenwald discussed the next item which was the Conformity Determination Report (CDR). The CDR had been updated as a result of certain amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and as a result of the adoption of a new mobile air quality model. The CDR would be subject to a public review period and a special called meeting of the Policy Committee would be held to approve the CDR. Krystal Harris of GDOT remarked that the CDR should address any comments from FHWA but the Policy Committee can approve the CDR without the initial approval of the TCC. Anne Marie Day commented that the CDR would also require IAC approval and any changes to the TIP should be consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mike Greenwald also discussed the amendments to the TIP which included changes to certain road projects as well as a new transit project. Ken North stated that the transit project consisted of the purchase of five electric buses by the Transit Authority under the low or no emissions vehicle deployment program (LoNo). There were some concerns expressed about the addition of this transit project in the TIP. Eileen Schwartz Washington of the GDOT Intermodal Office explained that the LoNo transit project had to be programmed into the TIP as part of the requirements of the federal grant application. After further discussion, a motion was made by Cam Yearty to approve the TIP amendments with the contingency that the LRTP will be amended upon approval of the CDR. The motion was seconded by Nigel Floyd and was then approved by the Technical Committee.

The next item discussed was the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) by Ken North. He stated that there had been some revisions made to the draft UPWP in regards to the work tasks for FY 2017. In particular, some of the priorities for FY 2017 were included in the document in regards to work on the update of the LRTP. In addition, a copy of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Macon MPO was also included in the appendix.

Ann Marie Day stated that a reference to the new transportation bill should also be included in the UPWP. Subsequently, a motion was made to adopt the UPWP with the proposed change that was then approved by the TCC.

A presentation on the Middle Georgia Regional Airport was made by Doug Faour. He commented that the airport has a significant impact on the local economy. Currently, the airport has plans to extend the runway which will help to maintain the current tenants as well as attract new business. Unfortunately, the trend towards the use of larger airplanes and a pilot shortage has negatively impacted a lot of regional airports. However, there is a market for air service in this particular area. Jack Reed of Georgia D.O.T. presented the project status report. He reviewed the status of the various sections of the Jeffersonville Rd. project. The sections of Jeffersonville Rd. from Emery Rd. to Walnut Creek & Recreation Rd. are scheduled to be let on July 2016. In addition, the I-16 project from I-75 to SR 87 including the interchange is scheduled to be let in the fall. Under Old Business, there was no update available for the Seventh St. project although David Fortson had been reviewing the concept. There was no New Business presented; therefore, the meeting was adjourned.



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MATS Project Director

MATS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE  
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Name	Representing
1. Reginald McClendon*	Judd Drake, Macon-Bibb Attorney
2. Stan Price	BWSC Engineers
3. Robert Ryals*	Director, Macon-Bibb Facilities Management
4. Jack Reed*	Adam Smith, Georgia D.O.T.
5. Alex Morrison*	Director, Macon-Bibb Urban Dev. Authority
6. Ken North*	Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Commission
7. Jim Thomas*	MATS Project Director
8. Cam Yearty*	Middle GA Regional Comm.
9. Mike Greenwald*	Planning Director, Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning
10. Doug Faour*	Manager, Middle GA Regional Airport
11. Nigel Floyd*	Macon-Bibb Traffic Engineer
12. Krystal Stovall-Dixon	Georgia D.O.T.
13. Krystal Harris*	Georgia D.O.T. Planning Office
14. Ann-Marie Day	FHWA
15. Brad Belo	Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Comm.
16. Mary Lou Ezell	CAC
17. Greg Brown	Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Comm.
18. Kevin Poss	Macon-Bibb Facilities Management
19. Michel Wanna*	Tony Rojas, Macon Water Authority Director
20. Eileen Schwartz-Washington*	Nancy Cobb, GDOT Intermodal Office
21. John Swint	CAC

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