

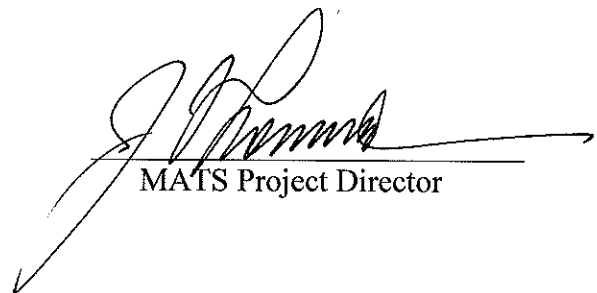
MATS Technical Meeting  
July 20, 2016

A meeting of the MATS Technical Committee was held on July 20, 2016 at the Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Office. There were 16 voting members present, thereby establishing a quorum. The minutes from the previous meeting were introduced and approved. The first item discussed on the agenda was the 2040 LRTP Goals & Objectives. Brad Belo reviewed the Goals & Objectives and commented that performance measures are a new concept that have been introduced in the LRTP. He discussed the regional goals and the attempt to consolidate these goals with the national and MATS goals. He also reviewed the individual goals for the MATS 2040 LRTP and their related objectives and performance measures. Rick Jones from the MTA inquired about the availability of funding for future projects such as transit. Currently, funding is not available for some important transit services.

The next item discussed as part of the 2040 LRTP update were the revenue estimates by Mike Greenwald. He reviewed the amount of revenues estimated for the highway capital and maintenance programs based on revenue patterns from the last 10 years. The estimates presented were for both a straight average and rolling average with 1% and 2% inflation rates. This information was the same that was presented to the CAC which preferred the straight average estimates with the 2% inflation rate. Alex Morrison remarked that the rolling average alternative would make more sense and Mike Greenwald also recommended it with the 2% inflation rate. However, Jim Thomas stated the LRTP project list would have to be shortened because the revenue estimate would be less with the rolling average. Tim Pitrowski inquired if future funding would be jeopardized as a result of using the lower estimates and it was explained that it would not be. Morgan Simmons commented that the TCC needed to make a recommendation in regards to the revenue estimation method. A motion was then made by Nigel Floyd to choose the rolling average method with the 2% inflation rate; however, the motion failed due to the lack of a second. Subsequently, a motion was made by Dave Fortson to choose the straight average method with the 2% inflation rate which was then seconded by Rick Jones. The motion was then approved by the members of the Technical Committee.

The Project Status Report was the next item that was discussed on the agenda. Jack Reed reviewed the status of the various road projects. He mentioned that Phases 1-3 of the I-16/I-75 project are scheduled for letting in the fall/winter of 2016. It was also mentioned that the Jeffersonville Rd. project was behind schedule due to utility conflicts. The new bridge replacement projects were also presented which are currently in long range in terms of construction. Jim Thomas also mentioned that funding for the earmark projects from GDOT have been redirected to the I-16/I-75 projects so those projects will be taken off of the long range project list.

Under New Business, Mike Greenwald discussed the proposed new rule from the U.S. Dept. of Transportation (DOT) that could affect the Macon and Warner Robins MPOs. According to the U.S. DOT, there must be consolidation between adjacent MPOs if they can't demonstrate their urbanized areas are of sufficient size to warrant separate MPOs. If the MPOs remain separate, there still must be coordination in the production of the TIP and LRTP. However, Daniel Dobbins stated that if there are separate Metropolitan Planning Areas that exist then no merger is required which could apply in this case. Jim Thomas stated that local officials are against any consolidation and the comment period is open until August 26<sup>th</sup>. Morgan Simmons commented that Georgia D.O.T. does not have a formal position on this matter but it is a good idea to keep people informed about this. Mike Greenwald stated that if there is consolidation there will be no anticipated increase in funding as a result of the merger. Finally, Greg Brown reviewed the public outreach schedule for the 2040 LRTP. Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was then 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*	Tom McQueen, Georgia D.O.T. Planning Office
3. Robert Ryals*	Director, Macon-Bibb Facilities Management
4. Jack Reed*	Adam Smith, Georgia D.O.T.
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 Comm.
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 Johnson	Macon-Bibb Fire Dept.
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. Opie Bowen*	Judd Drake, Macon-Bibb Attorney
20. Brenda Thomas*	Chief, Macon-Bibb Fire Dept.
21. Jason Smith	Macon-Bibb Facilities Management
22. Rick Jones*	Director, Macon Transit Authority
23. Alex Morrison*	Director, Macon-Bibb Urban Dev. Authority

\*Voting member