

SPECIAL CALLED MATS POLICY MEETING MINUTES  
May 3, 2017

A quorum of a special called MATS Policy Committee met starting at 9:35 a.m. on May 3, 2017 at the Macon-Bibb Co. Engineering Annex. Mayor Reichert chaired the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes (action item)**

Mayor Reichert presented the March 1, 2017 Policy Committee meeting minutes.

***Motion Approved:*** The Policy Committee approved the minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting.

**Committee Reports (information only)**

CAC report – J. Swint, CAC Chair, reported that the CAC recommended approval of the 2014-2017 TIP amendments and the 2040 LRTP Update as presented. District 2 position is still vacant.

TCC report – M. Greewald, MPO Technical Director, reported that the TCC recommended approval of the 2014-2017 TIP amendments and the 2040 LRTP Update as presented.

**Public Input (information only)**

None.

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Amendments (action item)**

M. Greewald, MPO Technical Director, outlined two TIP amendments that required approval. Both amendments reflect cost increases to the projects. Both projects are related to the widening of Jeffersonville Road. The following projects are being amended as follows:

- Project #342080 (Jeffersonville Rd. expansion) increase from \$4.5 million to \$9.3 million
- Project #351090 (Jeffersonville Rd. expansion) increase from \$1.9 million to \$4.4 million

***Motion Approved:*** The Policy Committee approved the amendments to the 2014-2017 TIP as presented. (1<sup>st</sup>: S. Shepherd; 2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Hart).

**2040 LRTP Updates (action item)**

M. Greewald, MPO Technical Director, briefly outlined the final edits to the draft of the 2040 LRTP Update that were made in response to state and federal reviewers. Only one public comment was received during the public comment period. None of the changes are thought to adversely impact the budget or project prioritization included in the 2040 LRTP Update. The following changes were made to the 2040 LRTP Update since the March 1, 2017 Policy meeting:

- Public Transit chapter updated to reflect new information included in the FY 2018-2022 Transit Facilities Plan;
- Freight chapter amended to include information related to the Macon airport;
- An Operations and Management Program chapter was added; and,
- A new Fiscal Analysis Chapter was added.

**Motion Approved:** The Policy Committee approved the final version of the 2040 LRTP Update, with ability of MATS staff to continue making any edits as needed, so long as such edits do not alter any analysis, policy decisions, or project prioritization previously reached by MATS Policy Committee. (1<sup>st</sup>: J. Swint; 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Ross).

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business – (information only)**

M. Greewald, MPO Technical Director, briefly outlined upcoming MATS activities, including:

- As needed amendments to the newly updated LRTP;
- Approval of a 2018-2021 TIP;
- Overhaul of Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan
- Development of FY 2019 UPWP.

J. Thomas, Executive Director, Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning, shared a request by Navicent to present information about proposed changes to the roads around the hospital campus. Although these roads are almost entirely locally owned and controlled, the Policy Committee felt the presentation would be informative and approved its inclusion at a future meeting.

M. Greewald, MPO Technical Director, provided an update on the FHWA/FTA proposed rule related to MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform. Congress has voted to repeal the rule. Final approval of the repeal is expected within the next few weeks.

There being no further discussion, the meeting concluded at approximately 10:05 a.m.



MATS Policy Chairman

**Attendance****Committee Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Voting Status</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Robert Reichert	Mayor	Voting	Present
Scotty Shepherd	Macon-Bibb Commission	Voting	Present
Chris Weidner	Chairman, Jones Co. Commission	Voting	Present
John Swint	Chairman, CAC	Voting	Present
Craig Ross	Chairman, Macon Transit Authority	Voting	Present
Butch Hall, <i>rep. by Greg Boike</i>	Chairman, Middle Georgia Regional Commission	Voting	Present
Russell McMurry, <i>rep. by William Eastin</i>	Commissioner, Georgia Dept. of Transportation	Voting	Present
Mallory Jones	Macon-Bibb Commission	Voting	Present
Sam Hart	Chairman, Macon Water Authority	Voting	Present
David Fortson	Macon-Bibb Co. Engineering	Non-Voting	Present
Jim Thomas	Executive Director, Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning	Non-Voting	Present

**Non-Committee Members in Attendance**

Greg Brown – Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning  
Don Tussing – Citizen  
Nigel Floyd – Macon –Bibb Traffic Engineering  
Brad Belo– Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning  
Kirkland Carden – Georgia DOT

Clinton Ford – Georgia DOT  
Michel Wanna – Macon Water Auth.  
Charles Brooks – Macon-Bibb Engineering  
Charles Howard – Macon Transit Authority  
Ken North – Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning