

MATS Policy Minutes
February 7, 2018

A meeting of the MATS Policy Committee was held on February 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Bibb County Engineering Annex. There were seven voting members in attendance, thereby establishing a quorum. The meeting agenda and the minutes from the previous meetings were both introduced and approved. Under election of officers, Jim Thomas stated that the Policy Committee needed to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2018. A motion was made by John Swint and seconded by Chuck Howard to approve Mayor Reichert as the Chairman which was approved by the Policy Committee. Subsequently, a motion was made by Frank Patterson and seconded by Al Tillman to appoint Scotty Shepherd as the Vice-Chairman which was also approved. Under Committee Reports, John Swint gave a brief report of the previous CAC meeting and Ken North reviewed the TCC meeting.

The first item on the agenda that was discussed was the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 2019. Mike Greenwald reviewed the UPWP and discussed the 80/20 rule in which federal sources provide 80% of the funding for projects and state & local governments contribute the remaining 20%. He also mentioned that the overall budget for the UPWP had changed from last year. There had been an increase in the FHWA allocation but a decrease in the FTA allocation due to new policies. In addition, the changes in the budget categories from last year demonstrated a shift towards data development & staff training, as well as, assisting MTA with their grant and system planning tasks. The funding for the individual task areas of the UPWP were also reviewed.

In regards to the MTA, the Mayor asked about the current transit system. He inquired about possible transit service to the site of the future Amazon facility on Sardis Church Rd. since this will be a major employer. Craig Ross stated the MTA had received several funding grants in order to study possible new transit routes. In addition, an RFP had been submitted to GDOT for funding to conduct a study of the entire transit route system. Transit service should be examined not only to Amazon but also the new Kohls and Kumho facilities. Mayor Reichert remarked that it should be a priority to help the Transit Authority look at new routes to the south Bibb County area. After additional discussion, a motion was made by Chuck Howard and seconded by John Swint to adopt the final UPWP for FY 2019 that was subsequently approved.

The next item on the agenda was the Project Status Report presented by Georgia DOT. Harland Smith reviewed the report and gave an update of the current status of the road projects. As part of the report, he mentioned the bridge reconstruction project on SR11/SR 49 at Rocky Creek & Tobesofkee Creek is on schedule to be let for the Summer of 2018. There was a discussion involving the amount of bridges that will be involved as part of this project. Dave Fortson mentioned that the project will involve the replacement of a total of eight bridges. It was also stated that a notice to proceed for consultant service for the bridge project along I-16 @ Walnut Creek had been received. Mayor Reichert stated this project should provide accommodation for a planned pedestrian underpass that will be constructed as part of the

Ocmulgee Heritage Trail. Finally, Dave Fortson mentioned that he would be meeting with Georgia DOT officials in the future about tree removal along the Interstate right of way.

There was no Old Business presented to the Policy Committee. However, under New Business, Mayor Reichert discussed the TSPLOST meeting that been held at the Regional Commission office. The TSPLOST item will be on the ballot for the election in May. The estimated revenue for the TSPLOST over a 10 year period will be \$500 million for the eleven county area involved. Each of the counties involved were asked to come up with a list of priority projects. The following were identified as some of the most important road projects for Macon-Bibb County: the Tucker Rd. bridge replacement, the Seventh St. truck route, the Bass Rd. widening over I-75 and the Sardis Church Rd. extension to I-16. As part of the TSPLOST, funding for the Transit Authority would also be available in the amount of \$1 million per year. The Mayor stated that he would like to see how these projects could fit into the MATS program if the TSPLOST passes. It is projected that the TSPLOST will provide \$34.5 million in funding for transportation projects in Macon-Bibb County. Jim Thomas remarked that it would be beneficial for the MPO to inform the public of the upcoming TSPLOST. Finally under New Business, Mike Greenwald mentioned that in the future the Policy Committee will be adopting a new chapter into the LRTP regarding performance measures and approving TIP amendments on the recommendation of Georgia DOT. Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



MATS Policy Chairman

MATS POLICY MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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Those Attending

Representing

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| 1. Jim Thomas | Executive Dir., Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning |
| 2. Kirkland Carden | GDOT Planning Office |
| 3. Mike Greenwald | Macon-Bibb Planning & Zoning Comm. Planning Dir. |
| 4. Robert Reichert* | Mayor, Macon-Bibb Co. |
| 5. Charles Brooks | Macon-Bibb Engineering |
| 6. Ken North | Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Comm. |
| 7. Chuck Howard* | Chairman, Macon Transit Authority |
| 8. Tom McQueen* | Russell McMurry, Georgia D.O.T. Commissioner |
| 9. John Swint* | CAC Chairman |
| 10. Al Tillman* | Macon-Bibb Commission |
| 11. Frank Patterson* | Sam Hart, Macon Water Authority Chairman |
| 12. Harland Smith | Georgia DOT |
| 13. Greg Brown | Macon-Bibb Co. Planning & Zoning Comm. |
| 14. Mitchell Greenway | Stantec |
| 15. David Fortson | Director, Macon-Bibb Engineering |
| 16. Richard Bazemore* | Middle GA Regional Commission |
| 17. Greg Boike | Middle GA Reg. Commission |
| 18. Bob Komlo | CAC |
| 19. Craig Ross | Macon Transit Authority Director |

*Voting Member