

MATS TECHNICAL MEETING  
May 11, 2011

A meeting of the MATS Technical Committee was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> in the conference room of the Planning & Zoning Office. There were 12 voting members present, thereby establishing a quorum. The minutes of the previous meeting were introduced and approved. The first item on the agenda was the adoption of the final UPWP. Greg Floyd stated that the final UPWP did not contain any revisions from the initial draft that was presented. Therefore, a motion was made by Tony Rojas and seconded by Nigel Floyd to adopt the final UPWP which was approved by the committee members. The next item on the agenda was the presentation of the draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ken North reviewed the changes to the TIP document. He presented the road projects and stated there had been changes to the project phases for Jeffersonville Rd. and Forest Hill Rd. The airport and transit projects were also discussed. Jim Thomas stated that the earmarked bike/ped. projects had been taken out of the draft TIP. Subsequently, a motion was made by Ken Sheets and seconded by Bill Causey to adopt the draft TIP that was unanimously approved.

The next item that was discussed was an amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Ken North stated that a new bridge replacement project on SR 49@Norfolk Southern railroad in Jones County had been approved by Georgia D.O.T. The proposed construction date for this project was 2016. After some discussion, a motion was made by Tony Rojas and seconded by Gene Simonds to amend the LRTP and TIP to add this project. The motion was passed unanimously by the members in attendance. Kevin Ellis of Georgia D.O.T. presented the road project status report. He stated the I-75 widening project from Pierce Ave. to Arkwright Rd. was on schedule but a date for the construction of sound barriers had not been set. In regards to Ocmulgee East Blvd., it was stated that this project is currently behind schedule.

Under Old Business, Jack Reed of Georgia D.O.T. commented that the unconstrained project list for H.B. 277 was very lengthy. Therefore, Bill Rountree of GDOT will probably contact some of the MPOs in order to narrow down the list. Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.