

MATS TECHNICAL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2011

A meeting of the MATS Technical Committee was held on March 9, 2011 in the Planning & Zoning Commission Office conference room. There were nine voting members present, thereby establishing a quorum. The minutes of the previous meeting were introduced and approved. The first agenda item was the discussion of House Bill 277. Jim Thomas stated that a list of projects had been prepared for H. B. 277 to present to the MATS Committees. The final unconstrained list must be completed by March 30th to submit to the Georgia Regional Commission. The unconstrained list will then be narrowed down by Georgia D.O.T. as part of the review process. Don Tussing discussed the list of projects and stated that the earmarked projects on the list have been rescinded. He also discussed the projects submitted by County Engineering, the TEA projects and the safe routes to school projects. It was stated that the Houston Rd. project from Sardis Church Rd. to S. Walden Rd. may have to be reevaluated since the traffic counts aren't high enough. Ken Sheets commented that the traffic counts will be high enough when the Sardis Church Rd. connector is completed.

As part of the project list, Mayor Reichert had requested a regional transit plan and a light rail study also be included. Laura Mathis stated that the unconstrained list can include planning studies but this shouldn't be a major part of the list. Ken Sheets commented the list should also include the multi-use trail project on Tucker Rd. from Ayres Rd. to the Foster Rd. bridge. Don Tussing stated that this project would be added to the unconstrained list. He also stated that the Transit Authority will eliminate the Warner Robins route from the list. In addition, the Second St. and South Downtown Connector projects are listed separately because the South Downtown project was never finalized. After further discussion, it was stated the project list would be forwarded on to the Policy Committee.

There were no CAC comments or Old/New Business presented at the meeting. Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.