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Agenda

MPO Transportation Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Conference Room
MPO Offices
Monongalia County
243 High Street Room 110
Morgantown WV
November 9, 2017
6 PM

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. TIP Amendments
4. Beechurst Avenue Study Status Report
5. Input for the development of the FY 2018-2019 UPWP
6. Ongoing Project Update
7. Other Business
8. Meeting Adjournment



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Memorandum

Date: November 2, 2017
To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members
From: Bill Austin, AICP
Subject: November 9, 2017CAC Meeting Agenda Items

This memorandum is to inform you of the action items for the November 9th CAC Meeting.

TIP Amendments

The West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways has requested the following TIP amendments

FY 2018 Add

-I-68 Replace Pipe in Vicinity of Coopers Rock-Construction Project
NFA22117022D-Total Cost \$400,000, Federal Funds \$0 Second GARVEE Bond Funding

-ADA Compliance Ramps-Various Locations Blacksville, Morgantown, Terra Alta-Construction Project STP192202D-Totals Cost \$96,100, Federal Funds \$76,880

-I-68/CO 857 Replace Bridge at Airport Exit-Project NFA2217036D-Total Cost \$6,300,000, Federal Funds \$0

TIP Adjustments

Move to FY 2018

-CO 857 Greenbag Road Improvement Project-Engineering-Project
STP0857019D Total Cost \$1,000,000 Federal Funds \$800,000

-US 19 Arnettsville Arch Bridge Replacement-Construction-Project
NFA2117028D-Total Cost \$1,867,000 Federal Funding \$0

-US 19-Boyers Avenue/US 19 Intersection Improvements- Engineering Project NHP0019437D, Total Cost \$5,000 Federal Funds \$4,000; Right of Way Project NHP0019438D Total Cost \$1,000 Federal Funds \$800.

-I-79 Mylan Park Bridge Approach-Engineering-Project NHPP00793269D Total Cost \$100,000 Federal Funds \$90,000

-Walnut Street Streetscape Project-Construction-Project TEA2012638D Total Cost \$297,500, Federal Funds \$238,000

-WV 100 Dent Run Intersection Improvement-Construction-Project HSIP0100152D Total Cost \$150,000 Federal Funds \$150,000

-Deckers Creek Trail Resurfacing-Construction-Project NRT2012693D Total Cost \$80,000 Federal Funds \$64,000

-US 119-Mileground Widening Airport Blvd.-Construction-Project STCM0119371D-Total Cost \$8,000,000 Federal Funds \$6,400,000; Additional Funding-\$1,900,000 Federal Funds \$1,440,000.

It is requested that the CAC recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO Policy Board, The TIP Adjustments do not require approval by the MPO Committees.

-Input into the development of the MPO's UPWP-The MPO is soliciting idea's for planning projects Committee members would like to see included in the upcoming work program. Project suggestions can be for work performed in house or potentially consultant work to be funded by the MPO with the appropriate match. MPO staff is capable of performing operational analysis of intersections and corridors, bicycle and pedestrian studies, and small area studies including public outreach. Please be prepared to discuss any work you would like to see included in the upcoming year at this meeting.



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MINUTES

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee
MMMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
August 10, 2017, 6:00 PM

Members Present

Bill Rice, Bill Austin, Charles Renner, Maria Smith, Matt Cross, Christiaan Abildso, Chip Wamsley, Ed Sneckenberger,

Others Present

Heather Britton, Kelli LaNeve member, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Rice called the meeting of CAC to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Rice noted that the minutes of the July meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Abildso moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wamsley. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Designation of Proposed Freight Routes

Mr. Austin noted that in response to the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act passed by Congress last year, the FHWA has been developing a National Highway Freight Network (NHFN). The purpose of this freight network is to qualify freight corridors for additional funding under programs in the FAST Act. West Virginia DOH is developing the WV State Freight network as part of the NHFN, and has asked the MPO to identify local freight network routes. Staff has reviewed the criteria for the designation of these network and previous public comments and is proposing to add WV 43, CR 857 and WV 7 as Critical Urban Freight Corridors, totaling approximately 9 miles in the Morgantown urban area. The maps included in the agenda package shows the proposed freight network in the Morgantown urban area and the overall freight network throughout the state.

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO's TTAC unanimously recommended approval of the proposal to the Policy Board. The MPO's Freight Advisory Committee also recommended approval. The Freight Advisory Committee also recommended that the Morgantown Industrial Park be included as a critical destination in

the network and that the entirety of WV 7 from Beechurst to I-68 be considered in future network designation. Mr. Austin noted that the network routes can be adjusted on an annual basis.

Matt Cross asked about the possibility of increasing the weight limits on interstate highways in the area. Mr. Austin noted that it would be difficult to increase the weight limits on the interstate in this case. Many instances of weight limits increase on interstate in other areas are grandfathered in, based on previous road use conditions. Mr. Renner moved to recommend approval of the proposed critical urban freight network to the MPO's Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Wamsley. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Proposed TIP Process and Meeting Schedule Changes

Mr. Austin noted that the WVDOH has been working with the West Virginia MPO Association to develop a process to expedite the approval of non-controversial and routine projects. These projects can include items such as bridge inspections, emergency repairs, and similar issues. The Association has come to a preliminary agreement for this process, known as "groupable projects." Under this process the DOH would approve projects in certain categories such as bridge inspections, and then notify the MPO to add them to the TIP and to announce the addition of these projects at the next Policy Board meeting.

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO Association and MMMPO Staff have been in agreement with this process for most items except there has been concern about Transportation Alternatives and the pavement management programs. MPO Staff and Policy Board members receive the most public inquiry to projects in these categories. The MPO Association and WVDOH have worked out an agreement on these projects whereby MPOs would provide input into the Transportation Alternatives Program and the maintenance program at the beginning of the project selection process for these and the other programs to be included in "groupable projects" is included in the agenda packet.

The MPO staff recommend to authorize the Executive Director and the Policy Board Chairman to approve the "groupable projects" procedure for use in the TIP upon receiving the final written agreement. The TTAC approved the recommendation and suggest adding an elected official to the committee. The TTAC also expressed concerns on the selection process of maintenance projects and recommended that pedestrian and bicycle project not be included in the groupable project category. Mr. Abildso noted that the proposed TIP process may limit the input of the MPO to some projects of great impact to the community. He suggested that the sub-committee on this issue include a member from the TTAC and a member from the CAC. Chairman Rice noted that there should be a well written agreement between the MPO and the DOH to specify the TIP process.

Mr. Abildso moved a motion to authorize a committee of the MPO to finalize the agreement with the WV DOH on the proposed TIP process. The Committee should include the Chairman of the MPO's Policy Board, the Executive Director, a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and a member of the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. The TIP process should have special emphasis on strong MPO consultation on projects related to Transportation Alternative Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Renner. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Interim Traffic Count Report

Mr. Austin noted that MPO's interim traffic count report for this year were enclosed in the agenda package. Several locations will be recounted to verify their accuracy. The final traffic count report will be prepared after the completion of the annual count program this fall. No action is required on this item.

6. Beechurst Avenue Study Status Report

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO will hold the Steering Committee meeting for this study Tuesday afternoon. Currently, the study team has completed data collection and developed a base model. The Steering Committee will look at several preliminary alternatives. Mr. Austin noted that the MPO has adjusted the schedule of the study is moving forward with a few weeks behind the original schedule.

The Steering Committee met earlier this week. They reviewed basic traffic simulation model and several preliminary alternatives. A technical subcommittee of the study will meet again next week to discuss specifics improvements at major intersections and segments within the corridor.

7. Update on Performance Measure Requirements

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff is working with the state, Mountain Line Transit, and WVU to develop performance measure for PRT and Transit programs. He noted that he went to a training provided by FHWA in Raleigh. Managing performance measure will be one of the major tasks of the MPO.

8. Ongoing Project Update

Mr. Austin noted the WV DOH will complete resurfacing projects on Van Voorhis Rd in the next few months. The Mileground and Cheat Rd intersection at Eastern Hill is scheduled to re-open to the public tomorrow. Mr. Austin noted that he made a presentation to Star City about the project at the University Ave and Collins Ferry intersection. He noted that some parking lots will be eliminated, and some business access adjacent to the intersection will be limited to right-in and right-out.

9. Meeting Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.