POLICY BOARD MEETING

City of Morgantown
389 Spruce Street
Morgantown, WV
March 19, 2026, 6 PM

Members Present:
Chairman Russ Rogerson - Morgantown Area Partnership, Board Vice-Chairman Maria Smith- Mountain Line Transit Authority, Mike Kelly – Board of Education, Mayor Patricia Lewis - Town of Granville, Mark Downs – City of Morgantown, Tom Bloom - Monongalia County, Jeff Arnett – Monongalia County, Brian Carr, WVDOT – DOH, Ron Justice – West Virginia University, Jenny Selin - City of Morgantown City Council, Joe Abu-Ghannam, City of Morgantown City Council, Sean Sikora, Monongalia County Commission, Joe Statler - Blacksville, House of Delegate

Others Present: Jing Zhang, Jackie Peate

MPO Director: Bill Austin

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Rogerson called the meeting of the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) Policy Board to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Bloom. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

a. Citizens Advisory Committee
Mr. Austin stated the CAC did not meet quorum last meeting.

b. Finance

Mayor Lewis provided the financial report for the months of January and February. The beginning balance in January was $11,102.37, there were 4 deposits totaling $83,855.73, with 20 disbursements totaling $28,042.12, leaving the ending balance at $66,914.98. This carried over into February with the deposits totaling $52,069.79, and the disbursements totaling $59,517.17, leaving the ending balance at $59,467.60.

Mr. Justice moved to approve the Financial Report; seconded by Mr. Abu-Ghannam. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lewis stated there was a 10 cents error that was caught and fixed.

c. Executive Director
Mr. Austin stated staff attended the public meeting for Exit 155. There was a good turnout. The Harmony Grove IJR has been approved and the NEPA will be submitted at the end of April. Construction could begin in 18 months to two years. Mr. Ausitn met with Secretary Rumbaugh in Charleston and thanked DOH and DOT for their work on current projects. There was a good discussion on safety and snow clean ups. The MPO has kicked off the Complete Streets Study for the Greenbelt. Mr. Austin stated Ms. Peate will be attending a Tools AMPO Conference in Kentucky. He has been invited to speak in mid-June on MPO funding for the Regional Council and MPOs at the NARC Conference in Tulsa.

d. Correspondence
Mr. Austin had three letters of Correspondence he reviewed with the board. The first two letters were from WVDOH on projects that had been under discussion. The first one was regarding using the suballocated funds for the Point Marion – Stewartstown intersection. DOH would like to move forward with the Design Study utilizing $1.2 million of the MMMPO suballocated Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds for this stage of development. The second one was regarding engineering and design work on West Run Road. They will be programming a Design Study to be performed over Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 and FFY 2027. WVDOH will work to complete Engineering in FFY 2028, Right of Way (ROW) in FFY 2029 and begin Construction in FFY 2031. Chair Rodgerson covered the final letter. It was from the WVAMPO Board of Directors and thanked Mr. Ausitn for his commitment and time.

5. 2026 March – TIP Amendments and Administrative Adjustments

Mr. Austin stated that the WVDOH is adding new projects to the TIP, as the following:

TIP Amendment

New Project:

WEST RUN RD WIDENING. Federal ID: TBD. FFY: 2028. Type of Work: WIDEN ROAD. Phase: Engineering. Funding Source: STBGFLEX. Federal Funding: $1,600,000. Total Funding: $2,000,000. Location Description: West Run Rd from Van Voorhis Rd intersection to Stewartstown Rd intersection. (This is not a groupable project)

MORGANTOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: STBG2024025D. FFY: 2026. Type of Work: CONST NEW ROAD & BRIDGE. Phase: Construction. Requested Change: STBG-FLEX Funding decreased from $5,200,000 to $1,000,000. (This project is a non-groupable project)

CHAPLIN HILL GATEWAY (PHASE 1) (AUTH AC). Federal ID: NHPP0079156D. FFY: 2026. Type of Work: RECONSTRUCT I/C. Phase: Construction. Funding Source: MEGA GRANT. Federal Funding: $31,000,000. Total Funding: $135,000,000. (This is not a groupable project. The project name was STAR CITY I/C IMPROVEMENT project under the same Federal ID)

CHAPLIN HILL GATEWAY (PHASE 2) (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: NHPP0079156D. FFY: 2027. Type of Work: RECONSTRUCT I/C. Phase: Construction. Funding Source: MEGA GRANT. Federal

Funding: $23,320,000. Total Funding: $23,320,000. (This is not a groupable project. The project name was STAR CITY I/C IMPROVEMENT project under the same Federal ID)
Mr. Austin reviewed the Administrative Adjustments. These do not need action.

Administrative Adjustments

Add New:

WEST RUN RD DESIGN STUDY. Federal ID: TBD. FFY: 2026. Phase: ENG. Type of Work: DESIGN STUDY. Funding Source: STBGFLEX. Federal funding: $560,000. Total funding: $700,000. Location Description: West Run Rd from Van Voorhis Rd intersection to Stewartstown Rd intersection.

Project Removal:

UNIVERSITY AVE +2. Federal ID: STP0055052D. FFY: 2025. Type of Work: DESIGN/BUILD ADA RAMPS. Phase: Construction. Federal funding: $1,274,400. Total funding: $1,593,000.

WEST RUN RD. Federal ID: HSIP0671006D. FFY: 2025. Type of Work: WIDEN ROAD. Phase: Construction. Federal funding: $2,400,000. Total funding: $2,400,000.

SABRATON TO CHEAT LAKE. Federal ID: NHPP0068223D. FFY: 2026. Type of Work: RESURFACING. Phase: Construction. Federal funding: $8,000,000. Total funding: $10,000,000.

SPRUCE ST +4. Federal ID: STBG0119589D. FFY: 2026. Type of Work: RESURFACING. Phase: Engineering. Federal funding: $28,000. Total funding: $35,000.

Project Rename:

SPRUCE ST +5. Federal ID: STBG0119590D. FFY: 2027. Type of Work: RESURFACING. Phase: Construction. Federal funding: $1,200,000. Total funding: $1,500,000. Change: rename SPRUCE ST +4 to SPRUCE ST +5

I-79 CHAPLIN HILL GATEWAY (PHASE 1) (AUTH AC). Federal ID: NHPP0079156D. FFY: 2026. Type of Work: RECONSTRUCT I/C. Phase: CON. Funding Type: EARMARK WV108. Federal funding: $2,000,000. Total funding: $2,000,000. Change: rename STAR CITY I/C IMPROVEMENT to I-79 CHAPLIN HILL GATEWAY.

Funding Change:

HARMONY GROVE I/C. Federal ID: NHPP0079109D. FYY: 2026. Type of Work: CONST NEW I/C. Phase: ENG. Change: Earmark WV 117 funding increases from $1,500,000 to $1,666,667. NHPP funding increases from $1,760,000 to $1,830,000.

DELLSLOW ARCH. Federal ID: HWI0007341D. FYY: 2027. Type of Work: DESIGN STUDY - REPLACEMENT. Phase: ENG. Funding Source: HWI-BR. Change: Federal funding decreases from $440,000 to $240,000. Total funding decreases from $550,000 to $300,000.

US MARINE SERGEANT DAVID PAUL MCCORD MEM BR. Federal ID: HWI0007325D. FYY: 2027. Type of Work: DESIGN STUDY - REPLACEMENT. Phase: ENG. Funding Source: HWI-BR. Federal funding decreases from $400,000 to $160,000. Total funding decreases from $450,000 to $200,000.

FFY Changes:
I-79 Lighting. Federal ID: STBG0079084D. Type of Work Lighting. Phase: Construction. Change: The project moves from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

MORGANTOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD (AC PAYBACK). Federal ID: STBG2024025D. Type of Work: CONST NEW ROAD & BRIDGE. Phase: Construction. Change: The project moves from FY 2029 to FY 2028.

WESTOVER FAIRMONT SIDEWALKS. Federal ID: TAP2023313D. Type of Work: SIDEWALKS. Phase: Engineering. Change: The project moves from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

HOLLAND AVE. Federal ID: NHPP0019610D. Type of Work: RESURFACE. Phase: Construction. Change: The project moves from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

UNIVERSITY AVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS. Federal ID: NHPP0019596D. Type of Work: SIGNALS. Phase: Construction. The project moves from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

The TTAC unanimously recommended to approve these TIP Amendments.

Mr. Justice moved to approve the 2026 March TIP Amendments; seconded by Mr. Abu- Ghannam. The motion passed unanimously.

6. On-Call Consultant RFQ

Mr. Austin stated the On Call Consultant RFQ can be found in the agenda package. The MPO's on call consultant contract ends June 30th. The attached RFQ puts the contract out to bid. It is the same RFQ as used in 2023 except the dates have changed. The TTAC has reviewed the draft RFQ and recommended approval. Mr. Ausitn stated they have been very pleased with the two current firms Kimley-Horn and AECOM.

Commissioner Sikora asked how both firms were used. Mr. Austin stated both firms would present proposals for different projects, and they were chosen based on expertise.

Mr. Downs moved to approve the On-Call Consultant RFQ; seconded by Mr. Abu-Ghannam. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 2026-2027 UPWP

Mr. Austin stated that the funding requested in the draft Unified Planning Work Program is essentially the same as reviewed at the January Policy Board meeting. The only significant difference is that proposed draft included $50,000 as contingency funding for a special project. Since the January meeting Mountain Line has requested that the MPO fund a transit operations study to review route efficiency. The draft UPWP proposes to use the $50,000 in contingency funds for this purpose. This is a placeholder budget as there will be a new Executive Director come July 1st, 2026. The Policy Board will be able to amend the UPWP in the future. The TTAC has reviewed the draft UPWP and recommended approval.

Ms. Selin moved to approve the 2026-2027 UPWP; seconded by Commissioner Bloom. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Other Business

Mr. Downs shared that several members from City of Morgantown City Council attended the National League of Cities in DC. They met with Senator Capito, Senator Justice, and Congressman Moore. Council Members thanked them for their support in transportation and advocated for surface reauthorization, the Basis Act, and Railways Safety Act. They will be going back next week to talk about the Morgantown Airport. Ms. Selin added she felt the political leaders saw how serious Council Members were about the airport extension. She stated the MMMPO came up and they recognize the work being done.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjured at 6:23pm.