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Agenda

Policy Board
City of Morgantown
389 Spruce Street
Morgantown WV
November 19, 2026
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Period
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Committee Reports
    a. Citizens Advisory Committee
    b. Finance
    c. Executive Director
5. 2026 November - TIP Amendments and Administrative Adjustments
6. TAM Targets 2027
7. 2027 Meeting Dates
8. Route 19 Study
9. Other Business
10. Meeting Adjournment

POLICY BOARD MEETING

City of Morgantown
389 Spruce Street
Morgantown, WV
October 15, 2026, 6 PM

Members Present:
Chairperson Russ Rogerson - Morgantown Area Partnership, Board Vice-Chairman Maria Smith-Mountain Line Transit Authority, Board Treasurer Mayor Patricia Lewis, Town of Granville, Mike Kelly – Board of Education, Jeff Arnett – Monongalia County, Ron Justice – West Virginia University, Jenny Selin - City of Morgantown City Council, Steve Blinco - Recorder, Star City, Joe Statler - Blacksville, House of Delegates, Tom Bloom - Monongalia County Commission, Brian Carr -West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways, Mark Downs - City of Morgantown City Council, Bob Lucci - Mayor of Westover, Sean Sikora - Monongalia County Commission

Others Present: Jing Zhang, Jackie Peate

MPO Executive Director: Mark Debald
MPO Interim Director: Andrew Gast-Bray

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 6:00 PM.

Chairman Rogerson introduced Mark Debald, the new MMMPO Executive Director. Mr. Debald gave a brief introduction and stated he was excited to begin his work as the Executive Director.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Selin moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Justice. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

a. Citizens Advisory Committee
Mr. Gast-Bray stated the CAC has moved their meetings to Mondays. There was better attendance, but no quorum. Those present agreed with everything on the agenda. The TTAC met that Tuesday and recommended approval of the agenda items.

Centra-CheckingEnding Balance: $104,337.90								
Date: October 1 - 31								
Date	**Ref No.**	**Payee**	**Memo**	**Payment**	**Deposit**	**Balance**	**Type**	**Account**
10/30/2026	103026	WV Dept of Tax and Revenue	Electronic Transfer	556.00		104,337.90	Check	Salary
10/30/2026	9938	Preston Videography	Video PB October	150.00		104,893.90	Check	Public Notices
10/30/2026	9937	Fringe Benefits Management Company		132.96		105,043.90	Check	Salary
10/30/2026	9936	Centra Bank - Mastercard	APA, Software, Mark Parking Pass	860.44		105,176.86	Check	Computer Software
10/30/2026	6453	ICMA. Retirement Corp	Electronic Transfer	978.02		106,037.30	Check	Salary
10/30/2026	6452	Mark Debald	Electronic Transfer	4,599.58		107,015.32	Check	Salary
10/30/2026	6451	Jacqueline G. Peate	Electronic Transfer	1,900.30		111,614.90	Check	Salary
10/30/2026	6450	Jing Zhang	Electronic Transfer	1,933.74		113,515.20	Check	Salary
10/30/2026	941	IRS	Electronic Transfer	2,608.86		115,448.94	Check	Salary
10/29/2026			JP Salary Reimbrusement		2,016.71	118,057.80	Deposit	Grants:PL Funds
10/29/2026			Sep Reimbursement		17,511.18	116,041.09	Deposit	Grants:PL Funds
10/15/2026	9935	Public Employees Insurance Agency	PEIA	2,486.96		98,529.91	Check	Salary
10/15/2026	9934	Service Plus		188.40		101,016.87	Check	Professional Fees:Accounting
10/15/2026	9933	Public Employees Insurance Agency	RHBT	118.00		101,205.27	Check	Salary
10/15/2026	6449	ICMA. Retirement Corp	Electronic Transfer	978.02		101,323.27	Check	Salary
10/15/2026	6448	Jacqueline G. Peate	Electronic Transfer	1,900.30		102,301.29	Check	Salary
10/15/2026	6447	Jing Zhang	Electronic Transfer	1,933.74		104,201.59	Check	Salary
10/15/2026	941	IRS	Electronic Transfer	1,169.36		106,135.33	Check	Salary
10/02/2026	MGTNFEE	City of Morgantown	MGTNFEE	78.00		107,304.69	Check	Salary

b. Finance

Mayor Lewis stated there was an adjustment to the ending balance for August due to two expenditures being listed that were credit card expenditures. She provided the financial report for the months of August and September. The beginning balance in August was $15,347.38, there were six deposits totaling $114,482.38, with 18 disbursements totaling $18,324.80, leaving the ending balance at $111,504.96. This carried over into September with three deposits totaling $92,492.00, and 19 disbursements totaling $94,456.87, leaving the ending balance at $109,540.09

Mr. Justice moved to approve the Financial Report; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rogerson stated the MMMPO has also paid off its line of credit.

c. Executive Director

Chair Rogerson thanked Mr. Gast-Bray for serving as Interim Executive Director and welcomed Mr. Debald to the MMMPO.

Mr. Gast-Bray thanked the Board for their support and thanked MMMPO Staff for stepping up. He also announced that Ms. Peate passed her AICP exam making her an AICP candidate.

5. Audit Procurement Selection

Ms. Peate stated that the MPO is seeking written proposals to perform our annual audit examination. We emailed three firms with the RFP – BHM, David L Howell CPA, and Perry CPA. The deadline for submittal is 10/16/2026. Once submitted, the applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, Russ Rodgerson, Maria Smith, Patty Lewis. The firm needs to be selected and contract signed by 11/20/2026.

6. MLTA Transit Study

Ms. Peate stated that the MMMPO, in partnership with the Mountain Line Transit Authority (MLTA), sent out an RFP to our on-call consultants to conduct a comprehensive Transit Service Optimization Study. This study will evaluate the performance of MLTA's transit system and develop data-driven recommendations to improve service efficiency, effectiveness, accessibility, and long-term sustainability. The study will include three primary components: (1) optimization of transit routes and services, (2) evaluation of potential locations for an additional transit hub, and (3) planning-level recommendations for improvements to MLTA's Westover Facility. The consultant will also conduct public and stakeholder engagement and prepare a phased implementation plan with planning-level cost estimates and funding recommendations. HDR and Kimley Horn submitted proposals. These were reviewed by the Selection Committee (Maria Smith, Kimberly Fragola, Donnie Ayersman, Jing Zhang, and Jackie Peate), which selected Kimley Horn for the study.

Ms. Smith stated they had several follow-up questions for Kimley Horn that were about the timeline and their public participation process. She stated this study is essential as they will be looking at the efficiency of all the routes with all of the new growth in the community. They will also be looking at an alternative hub and improving their Westover facility.

Commissioner Sikora asked about what a new hub would look like. Ms. Smith stated it could range from a simple right of way where people transfer, or a larger facility with a public private partnership offering a market or coffee shop.

Mr. Blinco asked if the study would include trips to the Pittsburgh Airport. Ms. Smith said yes as they have a bus line to the airport. This will probably remain unchanged as it is an asset to the community.

Mr. Carr asked about the ongoing vanpool project. Ms. Smith said this is still ongoing, but will not be a part of this transit study.

Ms. Selin stated this is such an important study with the difficult terrain Morgantown has.

7. PROTECT Grant

Mr. Gast-Bray stated the MMMPO will be applying for the PROTECT Grant. He thanked the individuals and groups that provided letters of support. The PROTECT Competitive Grant Program provides funding to plan for and make surface transportation more resilient to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions, such as severe storms, flooding, drought, levee and dam failures, wildfire, rockslides, mudslides, sea level rise, extreme weather, including extreme temperatures, and earthquakes. Staff will keep the board updated as this process moves forward.

8. Harmony Grove Adjustment

Chair Rogerson stated the Interchange project has been ongoing with many successful meetings. They are ready to get the design process started, and this will require some action on the MMMPO's behalf.

Mr. Debald outlined a proposed amendment to the fiscally constrained, Tier 1 project list in the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2055 MTP). The amendment would support work on the I-79 Harmony Grove Interchange: a regionally significant project that will further economic development at the Morgantown Industrial Park and improve traffic operations in the area (including access to nearby schools). Specifically, the amendment would add design work for the I-79 Harmony Grove Interchange to the MTP's Tier 1 project list, with a proposed budget of $2.5 million, and defer some construction costs for the Dupont Road Improvement Project.

Amendments to the MTP require us to demonstrate fiscal constraint by identifying new revenue sources or comparable offsets from existing projects Given the lack of new funding, we propose to maintain fiscal constraint by deferring a portion of the construction costs for the existing DuPont Road Improvement Project to help offset the $2.5 million.

The current and previous MTP prioritized the DuPont Road project, in part, to accommodate expected truck traffic traveling to/from the Morgantown Industrial Park. However, the Harmony Grove Interchange project will provide the Industrial Park with a more direct connection to I-79, reducing the need for trucks to use DuPont Road. Additionally, the proposed bridge across the Monongahela River to Grafton Road will provide additional interstate access to the Industrial Park. These two projects should help mitigate the need for trucks to use DuPont Road, addressing the underlying transportation issues that the original DuPont Road project sought to resolve.

In light of these planned improvements, we propose adjusting the original scope and budget for DuPont Road to place greater emphasis on multimodal connectivity, roadway safety, and neighborhood access, rather than focusing on truck access. Accordingly, the DuPont Road budget would be adjusted to $6.3 million, deferring $2.5 million to support the Harmony Grove Interchange. The change would maintain

fiscal constraint for our Tier 1 Project List, without affecting any lower-tiered projects, and still keeping Dupont Road as a Tier 1 project.

Delegate Statler asked if the public comment period would delay the project. Mr. Debald stated this should not significantly delay any work, but they could check with WVDOH. Delegate Statler expressed frustration with how long this project has taken.

Mr. Justice stated he has seen activity at the site, so there is some movement on this project. The Board discussed the overlap of Harmony Grove and the Industrial Park and how both projects will work together.

Mr. Carr stated that Harmony Grove is currently in the TIP, so it does not need to be moved into Tier 1. He stated he does not think an amendment is needed. If it is in the TIP, it is in the STIP. Mr. Carr was asking where this $2.5 million is coming from. Chair Rogerson stated that in order for this to be let, they needed the funds from Tier 1.

Commissioner Bloom stated the cost of the project has increased over the past two years as it has moved forward.

Mr. Justice moved to make a motion to reaffirm to the State that the $2.5 million could be used for Harmony Grove; seconded by Delegate Statler. The motion passed unanimously.

The MMMPO will bring forward more information in the next meeting.

8. Other Business

Mr. Blinco stated he had three items. First, he thanked WVDOH for the temporary lights at Exit 155. Mr. Justice stated he has seen major improvements with these lights. Mr. Kelly added the Monongalia County School Busses are pleased with the lights.

Second, Mr. Blinco asked if anything could immediately be done for Emmet Drive to help with safety and flow of traffic. Mayor Lewis stated work has been ongoing to fix Emmet Drive. She hopes there will be a temporary fix by the end of the month. Mr. Carr stated that any other quick fix would take longer than focusing on reopening the road as other fixes require studies.

Third, he asked if the rocks could be cleared off on the sidewalks Brockway. Mr. Downs stated Brockway in on the city's radar and they are working on upgrading the safety of the road.

Commissioner Bloom stated he talked with Earl Gaskins and they are letting out the project for Spruce Street and Mon Blvd for the projects to be completed next year. He also stated the federal government has given some certainty for moving forward with the Exit 155 project.

Mr. Justice shared a story of two young individuals he had met years ago and their success stories. One is a Research Civil Engineer at FHWA. Mr. Justice stated she would be a great resource for the Policy Board and the MMMPO.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Date: November 2, 2026

To: MMMPO Policy Board, TTAC, and CAC

From: Mark Debald, Executive Director

Subject: Proposed TIP Amendment and Adjustments (November 2026)

This memorandum lists proposed Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the MMMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These changes stem from a request by the WVDOT Division of Highways to prepare the TIP for the start of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027.

Amendments

New Projects/Phases

- BLUE HORIZON BRIDGE NB & SB. Federal ID: NHPP0079184D. FFY: 2029. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $2,160,000; total funding: $2,400,000. Funding source: NHPP
- CHAPLIN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS & FLYOVER & TRAIL CON (PHASE 2) (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: NHPP0079127D. FFY: 2027. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $29,920,000; total funding: $102,000,000. Funding source: MEGA GRANT
- CHAPLIN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS & FLYOVER & TRAIL CON (PHASE 2) (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: NHPP0079127D. FFY: 2029. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $25,400,000; total funding: $25,400,000. Funding source: NHPP
- CHAPLIN HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS & FLYOVER & TRAIL CON (PHASE 2) (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: NHPP0079127D. FFY: 2030. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $26,280,000; total funding: $26,280,000. Funding source: NHPP
- HARMONY GROVE I/C. Federal ID: NHPP0079110D. FFY: 2030. Phase: ROW. Federal funding: $495,000; total funding: $550,000. Funding source: NHPP
- HARMONY GROVE I/C. Federal ID: NHPP0079111D. FFY: 2031. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $20,000,000; total funding: $25,000,000. Funding source: NHPP

Funding Change

- MORGANTOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: STBG2024025D. FFY: 2028. Phase: CON. Federal funding: increase from $7,600,000 to $11,281,690; total

funding: increase from $7,600,000 to $11,281,690. Funding source: STBG FLEX

Schedule Change

- MORGANTOWN INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS ROAD (CONVERT AC). Federal ID: STBG2024025D. FFY: move from 2026 to 2027. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $10,000,000; total funding: $10,000,000. Funding source: STBG FLEX

Administrative Modifications

New Projects/Phases (Groupable)

- BLUE HORIZON BRIDGE NB & SB. Federal ID: NHPP0079148D. FFY: 2027. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $450,000; total funding: $500,000. Funding source: NHPP
- BLUE HORIZON BRIDGE NB & SB. Federal ID: NHPP0079156D. FFY: 2027. Phase: ROW. Federal funding: $9,000; total funding: $10,000. Funding source: NHPP
- JAMES AND VIRGINIA HERRING MEMORIAL BR EB & WB. Federal ID: STBG0068224D. FFY: 2027. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $1,080,000; total funding: $1,200,000. Funding source: NHPP
- JAMES AND VIRGINIA HERRING MEMORIAL BR EB & WB. Federal ID: STBG0068225D. FFY: 2028. Phase: ROW. Federal funding: $9,000; total funding: $10,000. Funding source: NHPP
- JAMES AND VIRGINIA HERRING MEMORIAL BR EB & WB. Federal ID: STBG0068226D. FFY: 2030. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $8,550,000; total funding: $9,500,000. Funding source: NHPP
- MORGANTOWN TRAIL BRIDGE RESTORATION. Federal ID: TAP2025173D. FFY: 2028. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $96,000; total funding: $120,000. Funding source: TAP
- WEST RUN RD DESIGN STUDY. Federal ID: TBD. FFY: 2031. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $560,000; total funding: $700,000. Funding source: STBGFLEX
- WVU EVANSDALE CAMPUS SIDEWALK CONNECTIONS. Federal ID: TAP2025211D. FFY: 2027. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $308,000; total funding: $308,000. Funding source: TAP
- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT. Federal ID: NHPP0007350D. FFY: 2032. Phase: ROW. Federal funding: $100,000; total funding: $80,000. Funding source: HWI-BR
- BULA SLAB. Federal ID: NHPP0007349D. FFY: 2029. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $480,000; total funding: $600,000. Funding source: HWI-BR
- D4 RECALL STRIPING 2030. Federal ID: STBG2030013D. FFY: 2030. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $506,556; total funding: $562,840. Funding source: HSIP
- D4 RECALL STRIPING 2031. Federal ID: STBG2031015D. FFY: 2031. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $506,556; total funding: $562,840. Funding source: STBG FLEX
- D4 ROADWAY STRIPING 2031. Federal ID: STBG2031005D. FFY: 2031. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $3,820,007; total funding: $3,820,007. Funding source: HSIP
- D4 RECALL STRIPING 2032. Federal ID: STBG2032012D. FFY: 2032. Phase: CON. Federal funding:

$506,556; total funding: $562,840. Funding source: HSIP

- FY 29 SF BR INSPECT - D4. Federal ID: NHST2029015D. FFY: 2029. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $480,000; total funding: $600,000. Funding source: STBGFLEX
- FY 29 SF BR INSPECT - D4. Federal ID: NHST2029015D. FFY: 2029. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $480,000; total funding: $600,000. Funding source: STBG-OFF
- FY 30 SF BR INSPECT - D4. Federal ID: TBD. FFY: 2030. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $480,000; total funding: $600,000. Funding source: STBG-OFF
- FY 30 SF BR INSPECT - D4. Federal ID: TBD. FFY: 2030. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $480,000; total funding: $600,000. Funding source: STBG FLEX

Schedule Changes

- CHESTNUT RIDGE PEDESTRIAN MORGANTOWN. Federal ID: HSIP0705022D. FFY: move from 2026 to 2027. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $1,800,000; total funding: $2,000,000. Funding source: NHPP
- I-68 - SABRATON I/C & PIERPONT I/C LIGHTING RENOVATION. Federal ID: NHPP0068219D. FFY: move from 2027 to 2028. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $3,200,000; total funding: $4,000,000. Funding source: NHPP
- MORGANTOWN PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES. Federal ID: HSIP2023023D. FFY: move from 2026 to 2027. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $450,000; total funding: $500,000. Funding source: HSIP
- WALNUT ST PEDESTRIAN MORGANTOWN. Federal ID: HSIP0119579D. FFY: move from 2026 to 2027. Phase: CON. Federal funding: $1,800,000; total funding: $2,000,000. Funding source: STBG FLEX
- WVU CAMPUS CONNECTOR PATH. Federal ID: TAP2021465D. FFY: move from 2026 to 2027. Phase: ENG. Federal funding: $240,000; total funding: $300,000. Funding source: TAP

Please contact me at (304) 291-9571 or mdebald@plantogether.org if you have any questions about these proposed changed. As per our Public Participation Policy, we will hold a 15-day public comment period for the amendments from November 4-18, 2026.

To: Policy Board, TTAC, and CAC

From: Mark Debald, Executive Director

Date: November 2, 2026

Subject: 2027 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets for West Virginia

The MMMPO recently received statewide targets for the WVDOT 2027 Transit Asset Management (TAM) program (please see attached table). The targets, required by federal law, establish measures for the useful life of revenue vehicles, facilities, and support equipment used by public transit agencies. MPOs are required to endorse these targets within 180 days after being established, Accordingly, we will seek Policy Board approval of these targets at its next scheduled meeting.

As background, WVDOT defines SGR (State of Good Repair) as when 'all transportation assets are functioning at their ideal capacity within their design life.' The State's asset management system, AVIS, includes consistent, accurate, and current information on the status of each capital asset covered by the TAM. Each system has a maintenance program to ensure maintenance is performed per manufacturer requirements and intervals, and that no rolling stock is placed in service with an identified safety defect.

Please contact me at (304) 291-9571 or mdebald@plantogether.com if you have any questions about the targets.

WVDOT 2027 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

Category	Class	Performance Measure	2027 Target	2026 Actual	Action	Action Owner	Dependency
Rolling Stock	12 Year/500K Miles	SGR %	**96%**	94%	Continue working with sub grantees to maintain robust maintenance program	WVDOT & Subgrantee	TAM Plan
	10 Year/350K Miles	SGR %	**90%**	89%	Evaluate SGR of trolleys	Subgrantee	
	7 Year/200K Miles	SGR %	**78%**	76%	Evaluate SGR of trolleys and prioritize replacements for "bad" and "poor" rated vehicles	WVDOT & Subgrantee	TAM Plan
	5 Year/150K Miles	SGR %	**75%**	73%	Prioritize replacements for "bad" and "poor" rated vehicles	WVDOT & Subgrantee	TAM Plan
	4 Year/100K Miles	SGR %	**67%**	65%	Prioritize replacements for "bad" and "poor" rated vehicles	WVDOT & Subgrantee	TAM Plan
					Enhance existing asset management tool to include PM reporting	WVDOT	AVIS
					Conduct analysis of fleet maintenance practice for identified systems	WVDOT	WVDOT System Reviews
Facility	Admin, Maintenance,	SGR %	**82%**	80%	Maintain SGR for all facilities	WVDOT	WVDOT System
	Transfer Center	SGR %	**100%**	100%			
Equipment	Support Vehicles	SGR %	**77%**	75%	Support vehicles not in consistent support service are brought into SGR or disposed	WVDOT & Subgrantee	WVDOT System Reviews AVIS
	Maintenance Equip	SGR %	**82%**	80%	Maintain SGR for all equipment		

Memorandum

Date: November 2nd 2026

To: Advisory Committees and Policy Board

From: MPO Staff

Subject: 2027 MMMPO Meeting Dates

2027 MMMPO Meeting Dates

2027	Monday 6-7	Tuesday 1-2	Thursday 6-7
Month	**CAC**	**TTAC**	**Policy Board**
January	1/11/27	1/12/27	1/21/27
March	3/8/27	3/9/27	3/18/27
May	5/10/27	5/11/27	5/20/27
August	8/9/27	8/10/27	8/19/27
October	10/14/27*	10/12/27	10/21/27
November	11/8/27	11/9/27	11/18/27

- CAC meetings are the Monday the week before the Policy Board Meeting.
    - *October CAC is moved due to Columbus Day. Can adjust as needed.
- TTAC meetings are the Tuesday the week before the Policy Board Meeting.
- PB meetings are the third Thursday of the month.