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## MINUTES

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee  
MMMPO Conference Room  
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV  
March 7, 2019, 6 PM

### **Members Present**

Bill Rice (Chair), Christiaan Abildso, Maria Smith, Matt Cross, Chip Wamsley

### **Others Present**

Bill Austin, Jing Zhang

### **1. Call to Order**

With a quorum present, Chairman Rice called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Rice noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Abildso noted that a word “transportation” was misspelled as transpiration. Mr. Wamsley moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Smith. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Mr. Austin noted that the Division of Highways has requested three TIP Amendments. They are CO 73 Smithtown Road resurfacing project, WV 7 resurfacing project, and CO 61/02 Pineview Drive/Riddle Ave resurfacing project. A map of the proposed project locations is included in the agenda package. Mr. Abildso noted that the DOH should adopt a more systematic approach to fix roadway problems in the area and provide more information on the status of projects already in the TIP. Mrs. Smith moved to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the MPO’s Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Wamsley. With no further discussion, the motion was approved. Mr. Abildso voted against the motion.

Mr. Austin noted that the Mountain Line Transit Authority has requested that TIP be amended to include an updated funding schedule. The table of the new schedule is included in the agenda package. Mr. Abildso

moved to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Wamsley. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Austin noted that the draft FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is included in the agenda package. The draft UPWP includes continuing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study which should be completed by the fall of 2020. Staff will also work on performance measure, transportation equity group project, a transit study initiated by the Mountain Line Transit Authority.

Mr. Abildso moved to recommend approval of the UPWP as presented to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **5. Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Performance Measures**

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff have drafted an evaluation report for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan performance measures. Mr. Austin noted that the evaluation methods may be improved based on the input from the TTAC and CAC during April. MPO must adopt our performance measures in our Transportation Improvement Program and Metropolitan Transportation Plan at the May meeting. Mr. Austin noted that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Measures is not required for performance measure evaluation. However, projects proposed in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan address traffic congestion issues to various degrees. By including CMAQ measures as a part of the evaluation, the assessment will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the projects impact to the transportation system in the region. Mr. Cross asked if air quality is part of performance measure. Mr. Austin noted that one of performance measures is closely related to air quality. This is an informational item and require no formal committee action at this time.

#### **6. Draft Mountain Line Study RFQ**

Mr. Austin noted that a draft version of the Mountain Line Transit Study Request for Qualifications is included in the agenda package. The MPO participate in the conduct of this Study. It is anticipated that the final version of this RFQ will be reviewed for approval by the MPO's Committees in the May.

#### **7. Update on Status of Bicycle and Pedestrian Study**

Mr. Austin noted that a public meeting was held on February 5 at the Metropolitan Theater on High Street. The meeting was very productive in identifying community interests and opportunities for improvements. The consultant will hold a steering committee meeting next week to discuss identified goals and objectives of the study. Currently, the online mapping platform has received more than 400 comments. More intensive public involvement will be conducted in May.

#### **8. Other Business**

Chairman Rice noted that the DOH will hold STIP meeting in next few weeks. He encouraged community's participation in this event, as it will decide the funding priority of TIP projects in the area.

Mrs. Smith noted that the Mountain Line will enhance its service to the Ramada Inn on Scott Ave.

#### **9. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.