



MINUTES

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
November 14, 2019, 6:00 PM

Members Present

Bill Rice, Ed Sneckenberger, Maria Smith, Chip Wamsley, Heather Britton

Others Present

Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Rice, the Chairman, called the meeting of the CAC to order at 6:10 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Rice noted that the CAC did not have a quorum in the last meeting and no meeting minutes for that meeting are required for approval. Meeting notes of the previous meeting were presented to the committee for review.

3. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that the WVDOH requested TIP Amendments, which include adding River Road Slide Repairs to FY 2020 TIP and deleting US 19 Beechurst Avenue-Campus Drive Intersection Project from FY 2020 TIP. The DOH has requested that a large number of projects be moved by Administrative Adjustment for the FY 2020. Two major projects to be adjusted are Van Voorhis Road GO Bound Project and Greenbag Road GO Bond Project.

Mr. Rice noted that the River Road Slide Repairs project is comprehensive improvement to the River Road from DuPont Rd to Westover Bridge. It will help to prevent slides at this section of River Rd in the future. Mr. Rice noted that the project location in the TIP map is not accurate. Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff will change the TIP map to show the correct scope of this project.

Mr. Rice asked about the specific improvement for the project on Beechurst Ave. Mr. Austin noted that it will spot improvements at key intersections along that corridor, including the Campus Dr intersection and the Fayette St intersection.

Mr. Sneckenberger asked about the reconfiguration at the intersection of Beechurst Ave and Campus Dr. Mr. Austin noted that the DOH will work with the City of Morgantown to relocate 1st street and to convert the intersection of Campus Dr to Beechurst Ave into a regular T intersection.

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

4. HSIP Performance Measures

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is required to update the Highway Safety Improvement Program Goals each year. The FHWA has adopted a vision of zero deaths and serious injuries on the national transportation network as part of FHWA's Strategic Plan. MPO staff is commending that the MPO adopt the State of West Virginia's HSIP 2019 goals with the understanding that these goals are to work toward the vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries on the State's and the nation's transportation network. The State of West Virginia's goals for 2019 are included in the agenda package.

Besides the State's performance measure, MPO staff is developing its own measures including metrics and targets. MPO staff will come up with recommendations on the local performance measures early next spring.

Mrs. Maria moved to recommend adoption of the of the USDOT's zero fatalities and zero serious injuries vision and the State of West Virginia's 2020 HSIP Goals as one step closer to achieving the vision; seconded by Mrs. Britton. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

5. Adoption of Bicycle and Pedestrian Study

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO has been working on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study for the past year. The Study has been vetted through a series of public meetings and presentations and is very comprehensive in its scope of work. Mr. Austin noted that included in the agenda package are Study's Executive Summary and the prioritized list of projects by mode.

Mr. Wamsley moved to recommend adoption of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mrs. Britton. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

6. 2020 MPO Calendar

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO's draft 2020 meeting calendar is included in the agenda package. Mrs. Smith moved to recommend an adoption of the 2020 MPO Calendar to the MPO Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Walmsley. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

7. Update on Mountain Line Transit Study

Mr. Austin noted that the consultant will hold a kick-off meeting of the steering committee next week. Mayor Kawecki and Councilperson Selin are on the committee for the Study. The study is expected to moving forward in the next year.

8. Requests for 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff is preparing a draft work program to present to the MPO Policy Board in January. Mr. Austin asked committee members for any work on transportation planning projects that the members' agency would like the MPO to perform in the upcoming year.

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff will be preparing for the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. The update will integrate the outcomes from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Study and the Medium-range Transit Study for the Mountain Line Transit. The update will focus on bringing the MPO's travel demand model up-to-date in order to identify or reconfirm highway improvement projects. It will also have emphasis extensive public involvement. The update is required to be completed by the Spring of 2022, and the update process is expected to take 18 months. Mr. Sneckenberger suggested that MPO staff attend more community and neighborhood meetings to discuss transportation issues as a part of the annual work program.

Mr. Austin noted that the TTAC suggested that the MPO collaborate with other agencies in updating the plans in this region, including comprehensive plans for the county and municipalities in the area.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.