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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
November 12, 2013
1:30 PM

Members Present

Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Terry Hough-City of Morgantown, Richard Wood-Monongalia County, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Irv Shuetzner-Monongalia County Board of Education, Elwood Penn-WVDOH, Brian Carr-WVDOH, Donald Williams-WVDOH, Elwood Penn-WVDOH, Clement Solomon-WVU, Jackie Marhefka-Morgantown Airport, Kevin Burgess-FHWA

Others Present

Jing Zhang-MMMPO

Call to Order

Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM. He noted that two attendees had not met Mr. Penn and Mr. Carr, at the meeting and he requested that the TTAC members introduce themselves so everyone would know each other.

Approval of the Minutes

After the introductions Mr. Austin noted that the Minutes of the October meeting had been included in the agenda packet. He asked for any corrections the Committee members might have to the Minutes. There being no corrections Mr. Austin then called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Ms. Hough moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Shuetzner. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin introduced the proposed amendments to the TIP. Mr. Austin stated that there were several amendments proposed to the TIP by Mountain Line. Mr. Austin stated that these

amendments are proposed to reflect the new funding categories established under the MAP-21 transportation bill. He stated that the Section 5317 and 5316 Funding categories had been eliminated under MAP-21. He noted that the State had divided up the unspent funds between the State's transit agencies and that Mountain Line was requesting that the Section 5317 funds for FY 2014 be increased by \$25,800 to reflect this additional funding. He also noted that Mountain Line was requesting that the funding for these categories in FY's 2015 through 2017 be eliminated from the TIP to reflect the MAP-21 legislation. Mr. Austin said that the State has not determined if Mountain Line would be eligible for replacement funding utilizing Section 5307 Funds and therefore they were requesting the TIP Amendment.

After a short discussion Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the proposed TIP amendments to the MPO Policy Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hough. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mileground Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Report

Mr. Austin then noted that the TTAC had been provided with copies of the recently completed MPO Mileground Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Report. Mr. Austin also noted that MPO Staff had provided a revised page 5 of the report showing the estimated total daily pedestrian traffic on the facility. He stated that the estimate was developed by calculating the percentage of total average annual daily vehicular traffic for the periods counted and assuming that the pedestrian traffic counted for that period is the same percentage of the total traffic. Mr. Austin stated that this methodology was discussed with members of the Pedestrian Board. The TTAC discussed this methodology and after a short discussion Mr. Clement recommended that the pedestrian traffic estimate be adjusted to reflect the actual daily counts relationship to the average annual daily traffic. The group agreed this would improve the methodology and Staff agreed to bring the report with this revision back to the Committee at the January meeting.

Items for Inclusion in the FY 2014-2015 Work Program

Mr. Austin noted that he had included a list of items for the MPO Staff to work on in the 2014-2015 Work Program. The items included preparation of studies for intersections and corridors included in LRTP Project 38, develop a plan for the improvement of Green Bag Road, collection of additional pedestrian data and the preparation of a study on the proper location of the third bridge across the Monongahela. After a short discussion the TTAC there was a consensus that this was appropriate work for the upcoming year.

Mr. Williams noted that his office had just released information on the Strategic Highway Research Program 2 Products release. He stated that the Program offers grants in the \$250,000 range for projects in the initiative. He stated that the Freight Planning initiatives and the economic impact analysis initiative might offer the most useful programs for MPO's. Mr. Austin noted that he had just received the information and that he would provide the TTAC members with a link to the SHRP 2 website for their information.

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Calendar for 2014

Mr. Austin noted that the calendar for 2014 had been included in the Agenda packet. He noted that the August TTAC meeting date was incorrect in the calendar sent in the packet. A correct version was distributed at the meeting. The TTAC made no comment on the proposed calendar

Update on Downtown Operations Study and Vanpool Program

Mr. Austin informed the TTAC that he had been in contact with Mr. Kenney of DOH and it appears that there will be a draft of the Downtown Operations Study available for review at the March meeting. He also noted that the MPO Staff has been working with Ms. LaNeve Mountain Lines Mobility Coordinator and that there are billboards up promoting the Vanpool program. He stated that there will be additional promotion of the program moving forward.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.