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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
June 11, 2013
1:30 PM

Members Present

Clement Solomon-WVU, Chris Fletcher-City of Morgantown, Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Richard Wood- Monongalia County, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Bryan Radabaugh-WVDOH, Emiliano Lopez-FHWA, Kevin Burgess-FHWA, Perry Keller-WVDOH, Alanna Slack-WVDOH

Others Present

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Call to Order

Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the Minutes of the May 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. Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Draft Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Austin then introduced the proposed TIP for the TTAC's consideration. Mr. Austin stated that the TIP consists of projects the MPO's Committees had previously reviewed with the exception of the proposed signal at Suburban Lanes. He stated that the initial information he had received on the project indicated that the project would be constructed using State funds but the draft TIP provided by the State requested Federal funding for the Project. Mr. Keller stated that it was his understanding that the project would be constructed using State funds. Mr. Austin noted that he had asked for clarification on this question when he received the list and it was confirmed

that the project would be considered for Federal funding. Mr. Keller stated that he would look into the matter. Mr. Austin then noted that the TIP also includes funding for Mountain Line and PRT improvements. He stated that he believed that the revised format for the Mountain Line TIP should prove satisfactory to FTA. After a short discussion Mr. Austin asked if there were a motion to recommend approval of the TIP to the MPO Policy Board. Mr. Bruffy moved to recommend approval of the TIP to the Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Wood. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

After the discussion of the proposed TIP Mr. Austin introduced the proposed amendments and administrative adjustments to the TIP. He noted that the MPO had not received the proposed changes in time to include them as part of the TIP. He noted that the TIP Amendments are to work on the Rail Trail the improvements to the Rail Trail includes engineering and construction of where Deckers Creek is undercutting the Trail and a project to repave the trail in the vicinity of downtown. Mr. Radabaugh clarified that the undercutting of the Trail is occurring in the Sabraton area. The project limits for the resurfacing project were clarified as being from the Hazel Ruby McQueen pavilion to White Avenue. He noted that the MPO also advertized an administrative adjustment to utilize Federal funds for the proposed new I-79 Interchange. These funds are to be paid back by the TIF District. He noted that Mr. Keller mentioned this possibility at the Policy Board meeting. After a short discussion Mr. Keller moved recommending adoption of the TIP amendment to the MPO Policy Board seconded by Mr. Fletcher. The motion was unanimously approved.

Draft Traffic Count Map

Mr. Austin then introduced the draft 2013 MPO Traffic Count Map. He noted that there was also a sample page for the 2013 Traffic Count Book included in the agenda packet. He stated that these documents are still draft since there are several traffic count locations being reviewed by the traffic count consultant. Several of the traffic count locations with potential problems were discussed.

Format for the Evaluation of the LRTP Corridors and Intersections

Mr. Austin then stated that in the Agenda packet was a sample page of the project summary sheet the MPO is creating for the each of the corridors and intersections identified for evaluation in the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Austin stated that the MPO's committees would be receiving the data sheets along with the evaluation tool reviewed at the previous meeting to assist in prioritizing the Long Range Transportation Plans projects. He noted that there would be two tasks for the Committees, prioritizing the Tier One Projects, and prioritizing the intersections and corridors identified for improvements in Project 38. He stated that this information would assist the District in looking at areas as they move forward with their work program. Mr. Austin noted that the work on the information sheets should be completed in the next two or three weeks and

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that the MPO would be asking the Committee members to perform the prioritization during the month of July when there are no MPO Committee meetings.

Other Business

Mr. Austin asked for other business. Mr. Keller noted that the Division of Highways is planning to have a public meeting on the proposed I-79 Interchange. The meeting is to be held in the Jerry West Lounge of the WVU Coliseum on June 26th from 4 until 7. He noted that the purpose of the meeting is to review the proposed interchange and the cross-section for the adjoining street. He stated that at this time it is anticipated that the cross-section will include sidewalk on one side of the street and a bicycle climbing lane as well as share the road signs on the downhill side of the street.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.