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## **MINUTES**

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
MMMPO Conference Room  
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV  
January 10, 2017, 1:30 PM

### **Members Present**

Bill Austin, Chandra Inglis-Smith, Chris Fletcher, Rich Wood, Damien Davis, Dave Bruffy, Brian Carr

### **Others Present**

Jing Zhang-MMMPO

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

With the quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

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

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the November meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wood. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. Draft 2017 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff has prepared the draft 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He noted that this is an opportunity for the committee members to comment on the draft UPWP.

Mr. Austin noted that in addition to the normal work program including the annual traffic counts, TIP processing, and other administrative tasks, Staff is proposing to perform two studies during the upcoming year. One project is to prepare a preliminary plan for the improvements to the Beechurst Corridor from 8th Street to the Waterfront development. This Plan will be handed over to WVDOH for the Engineering phase of the project scheduled for 2019. MPO staff will use Synchro to model traffic operation for the Beechurst Ave Study. MPO staff will also work with a professor from WVU to develop a VISSIM traffic simulation for the study.

The other project is an update of the Pedestrian Plan prepared by the Morgantown Pedestrian Board in 2010. The updated plan will include updating the facility inventory, and ensuring community and business connectivity needs are addressed. It will also include validating the goals and objectives of the original plan and reprioritizing new and existing projects based on the revised inventory and projects that have been accomplished since the initial development of the plan.

Mr. Fletcher suggested that the MPO conduct the Beechurst Corridor Study in the first half of the FY 2017-2018, so the Study could collaborate with the ongoing development in the overlay district along the Beechurst Ave corridor. He noted that land use elements should be part of the Study. Mr. Bruffy concurred and noted that the Mountain Line is to improve transit shelters on Beechurst Ave in next few months. Mr. Davis noted that the Beechurst Corridor Study should consider the anticipated improvements on 3<sup>rd</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> St.

#### **4. I-79 Access Study**

Mr. Austin noted that based on the findings of the I-79 Access Study, it has been concluded that the alternatives 6, 10, and 12 provide the greatest regional operation and connectivity improvements. Ultimately, Alternative 12 was the final recommendation of the study and the MTP Update.

He noted that the consultant will hold a public meeting at Mountaineer Station on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the public meeting of MTP Update. Mr. Austin also noted that the WV DOH is to hold a public meeting for the reconstruction project on Mileground from WV 705 roundabout to Donna Ave. The meeting will be at the Morgantown Airport conference in the terminal building from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **6. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.