



## TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 7th, 2023

This meeting was held virtually at  
<https://morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin>  
and in-person at 243 High St (Court House), Room 026 in downtown  
Morgantown.

### Members Present:

Bill Austin (Chair), Andrew Gast-Bray, Maria Smith, Kara Greathouse, Brian Carr, Jeremy Evans (left at 1:03), Michael Dougherty, Drew Gatlin, Jason Stinespring, Latina Mayle

**Others Present:** Jacqueline Peate, Jing Zhang

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### 1. Call to Order

The TTAC meeting was held virtually and in person. The phone number and web address to access the teleconference were publicized. With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of the TTAC to order at 1:00 PM.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda package. Mr. Gast-Bray moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

### 3. Transportation Improvement Program Adoption

Mr. Austin noted the draft 2023-2028 TIP was included in the agenda packet. This document has been advertised in accordance with the MPO's Public Involvement Policy. To date we have not received any comments from the public on this document. It is respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend the adoption of this document.

Mr. Gatlin asked for clarification on an acronym, and staff clarified that they are listed on page 7 in the Glossary section.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval; seconded by Ms. Smith. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### 4. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin stated that the West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways has requested the following TIP Amendments since the development of the draft TIP. The proposed amendments are:

FY 2023-2024

Harmony Grove Interchange

Federal ID: NHPP0079109D. Engineering. FY2024. Construction new interchange. Funding Source: HNPP. Federal Funds: \$3,330,000; Total funds: \$3,700,000.

FY 2024-2025

Harmony Grove Interchange

Federal ID: NHPP0079110D. Right of Way. FY2025. Construction new interchange. Funding Source: HNPP. Federal Funds: \$495,000; total funds: \$550,000.

FY 2025-2026

Harmony Grove Interchange

Federal ID: NHPP0079111D. Construction. FY2026. Construction new interchange. Funding Source: HNPP. Federal Funds: \$22,500,000; total funds: \$25,000,000.

Mr. Austin stated that it is respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend approval of the proposed TIP Amendments.

Ms. Smith asked if this will move the project for Harmony Grove any quicker, Mr. Austin was unsure.

Mr. Dougherty moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments; seconded by Ms. Smith. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Transit Asset Management Targets

Mr. Austin stated that a memorandum was included with the agenda showing the 2024 Transit Asset Management Targets (TAM) Targets for West Virginia. Transit Asset Management (TAM), is a model that uses the condition of assets to guide the optimal prioritization of funding at transit agencies to keep transit networks in a State of Good Repair (SGR). WVDOT defines SGR (State of Good Repair) as a system meeting the following criteria: All assets are functioning at their ideal capacity within their design life. The state's asset management system, AVIS, includes consistent, accurate and relatively current information on the status of each capital asset covered by the TAM. Each system has a maintenance program to ensure maintenance is performed per manufacturer requirements and intervals. No rolling stock assets are placed in revenue service with identified safety defects. Mr. Austin also clarified these are state wide goals. The MMMPO is being asked to adopt the 2024 Target Goals, and respectfully requests that the TTAC recommend approval of the TAM Targets.

Ms. Smith from Mountain Line said her agency approved of these targets.

Ms. Smith moved to recommend approval of the TAM Targets; seconded by Mr. Gast-Bray. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Draft Patteson Drive/Maple Drive Pedestrian Study

Staff stated that the purpose of this study is to document pedestrian traffic and identify potential pedestrian safety issues in the WV 705 and Maple Dr/Mon General Dr/Willowdale Rd intersection area. Additionally, the study makes preliminary recommendations based on those findings in the study area. The study was initiated in response to a request from a member of the MPO's Citizens Advisory

Committee (CAC) who had noticed safety concerns related to pedestrians crossing WV 705 near the Maple Drive intersection. Staff is encouraging feedback from the advisory committees.

Ms. Smith asked about crash location and if staff can clarify vehicle pedestrian crashes.

Mr. Gatlin asked about our data sources and was hesitant to move this project along, but after discussion Staff and Mr. Gatlin were confident in the data.

Ms. Smith moved to approve recommendation of the Draft Patteson Drive/Maple Drive Pedestrian Study; seconded by Mr. Gast-Bray.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **7. 2024 Meeting Calendar**

Mr. Austin presented the proposed 2024 Meeting Calendar. It is requested that the CAC recommend adoption of these meeting dates to the Policy Board.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval; seconded by Ms. Smith.

Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **8. Other Business**

Mr. Carr discussed the new TIP Star City interchange and mentioned the obligation date needs updated.

Mr. Austin stated he followed up with traffic engineers at DOH about the sub-allocated projects that need approval. He is still waiting on the commitment from DOH to approve, before the MPO commits money to these projects.

### **9. Meeting Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 1:30.