



MINUTES
MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
August 6, 2019, 1:30 PM

Members Present

Bill Austin, Andrew Gast-Bray, Brian Carr, John Whitmore, Chris Fletcher, Bill Oliver

Others Present

Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of the TTAC to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes

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

3. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that the West Virginia University Parking and Transportation has requested a TIP Amendment. The amendment is to allocate unspent funds to perform needed maintenance on the system, including circuit TV and HVAC upgrade. Mr. Austin then noted that the WV DOH has required TIP Amendments for the following projects: the CR 45 River Road Slide Repair Project, the Dunkard Ave Sidewalks Project, and the Caperton Trail Lighting.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Fletcher; With no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

4. MPO/Monongalia County Shared Employee

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is working with the County to hire a shared employee to improve the MPO's public outreach and to assist the County and the MPO with working with walk-in customers.

The position has been funded in the MPO's UPWP and the County Planning Department's budget. Mr. Austin noted that a copy of the proposed job description is included in the agenda package.

Mr. Fletcher moved to recommend approval of the proposed job description and the hiring of this position to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Gast-Bray; With no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

5. Mountain Line Transit Study Consultant Selection

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is acting as the contractual agent for the Mountain Line Short to Medium Range Transit Study, which was funded in part of MPO Federal Transportation Planning funds, Federal funds provided by WV DOH, and Mountain Line funds. The MPO received 7 responses to the Request of Qualification for the study. All are qualified. A selection committee was established, which consisted of 2 representatives of WVU, a representative of the City of Morgantown, a representative of WV DOH, and an MPO staff member. The Committee interviewed three firms and selected HDR as the consultant of the study.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval of the proposed job description and the hiring of this position to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Fletcher; With no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

6. Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Study

Mr. Austin noted that the pedestrian and bicycle study consultant has held community meetings to solicit community input on proposed infrastructure improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in the area. The consultant will make a presentation to the MPO's Policy Board on proposed recommendation on pedestrian-bicycle infrastructures.

Mr. Austin noted that the pedestrian safety quick action group is moving forward to implement three projects to improve pedestrian safety in the area.

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.