



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 7, 2025

This meeting was held virtually on ZOOM and in-person at 243 High St (Court House), Room 026 in downtown Morgantown.

Members Present: Bill Austin (Chair), Andrew-Gast Bray, Michael Dougherty, Maris Smith, Kimberly Fragola, Kelli LeNeve, Kara Greathouse, Jeremy Evans, Brian Carr

Others Present: Jacqueline Peate, Jing Zhang

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 1:01 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; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Point Marion – Stewartstown Intersection Study

Mr. Austin noted that a CAC member had stated this intersection was failing, so Mr. Zhang conducted a study to observe the intersection. Mr. Zhang stated that MPO staff conducted initial field observations on September 16 and 17, focusing on peak hours, queues, and general conditions in the intersection area. MPO staff did a follow-up traffic count and evaluation on September 30, focusing on traffic delay, movement pattern and signal timing. The intersection functions as a critical link within the eastern portion of the MPO's urban area. During peak periods, operational deficiencies are evident, driven primarily by school-related traffic, constrained intersection capacity, and geometric limitations. Analysis indicates that three of the four approaches (excluding Farm View Road) are currently operating at LOS F during peak periods, an indication of significant delay. The intersection is controlled by an actuated signal system, which adjusts phase timing in response to traffic volumes. This control strategy has enhanced overall capacity and mitigated congestion to some extent; however, peak-hour volumes exceed the operational limits of signal control. MPO staff recommend a detailed engineering study to evaluate feasible intersection improvement alternatives, first using designs identified in the 2022-2050 MTP.

Mr. Austin stated this is not an action item. This intersection is very complex and these are preliminary findings. This intersection is in Tier 1 of the current MTP, but it is struggling so much staff did the study to add emphasis that this area needs work. Mr. Dougherty agreed this was a complex intersection and that it needs help.

Ms. Smith stated she will also investigate this intersection and work with Mr. Zhang on solutions.

4. 2025 – 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Development

Mr. Austin stated the 2055 MTP Draft is included in the agenda packet. This is being released for public comment, and the MPO hopes to adopt it at the November Policy Board meeting. The update is a minor update to add a few projects and validate the existing plan. Some minor things are missing, but an Appendix will be added to include all information. It will also include an updated Regional Travel Demand Model update.

Mr. Doughtery asked if there would be time sensitive shut downs of Grumbein's Island, such as opening it for the summer. Mr. Austin stated there is discussion of this, and the idea of keeping it open for transit. He also told the board there will be a workshop on October 14th that Kimley Horn will be conducting to answer further questions about this study.

Ms. LeNeve asked about the surveys and if the MPO could make a QR code for the draft MTP itself. Staff will look into this.

5. Greenbelt Update

Mr. Zhang stated he is working with the Monongalia County Greenspace Coalition in an effort to bring the City of Morgantown, WVU, and the Coalition together to develop the Greenbelt. The main funding for the Greenbelt connector study comes from FHWA Complete Streets funding. This will help fund access points to the Greenbelt itself. Mr. Zhang is identifying these access points in the corridor. Staff is hoping to send out an RFQ in January or February of 2026. This group is meeting every Wednesday morning and will start to reach out to shareholders such as MRTC, BOPARC, and MLTA soon.

Ms. Smith asked if there was a plan online. Mr. Zhang said there is not one publicly available on the MPO's website, but the Greenspace Coalition may have something on their website.

6. Community Garden Update

Ms. Peate told the board the Community Garden Grant recipients have been in contact with her and are in the process of spending the rest of their funds. Recipients must spend their funds by the end of November. Ms. Peate will be continuing to stay in contact with the recipients and monitor the garden's progress.

7. Other Business

No Other Business.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.