POLICY BOARD MEETING

City of Morgantown
389 Spruce Street
Morgantown, WV
August 20, 2026, 6 PM

Members Present:
Chairman Russ Rogerson - Morgantown Area Partnership, Board Vice-Chairman Maria Smith- Mountain Line Transit Authority, Mike Kelly – Board of Education, Jeff Arnett – Monongalia County, Ron Justice – West Virginia University, Jenny Selin - City of Morgantown City Council, Joe Abu-Ghannam, City of Morgantown City Council, Steve Blinco - Recorder, Star City, Joe Statler - Blacksville, House of Delegate, Tom Bloom, Monongalia County Commission, Joe Abu-Ghannam, City of Morgantown City Council, Brian Carr, West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways

Others Present: Jing Zhang, Jackie Peate, Colin Frosch

MPO Interim Director: Andrew Gast-Bray

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chairman Rogerson called the meeting of the Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) Policy Board to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Justice. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

a. Citizens Advisory Committee

Andrew Gast-Bray, the Interim Executive Director, gave the report on the CAC. The CAC met but unfortunately did not have quorum. Those present did support the agenda items, although unable to take action. Mr. Gast-Bray stated the CAC will be looking to reschedule their normal meeting day.

b. Finance

Mayor Lewis provided the financial report for the months of May, June, and July. The beginning balance in May was $35,561.95, there was 1 deposit totaling $2,948.76, with 21 disbursements totaling $29,371.34, leaving the ending balance at $9,139.37. This carried over into June with 4 deposits totaling $125,098.98, and 21 disbursements totaling $107,458.52, leaving the ending balance at $26,779.83. This

carried over into July with 1 deposit totaling $5,897.52, and 19 disbursements totaling $18,409.97, leaving the ending balance at $14,267.38.

Delegate Statler moved to approve the Financial Report; seconded by Mr. Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Executive Director

Mr. Gast-Bray stated MPO staff has been in contact with the new Executive Director Mark Debald. He has helpful in reviewing some upcoming projects and has been engaging with staff.

5. 2026 August - TIP Amendments and Administrative Adjustments

The 2026 August TIP Amendments and Administrative Adjustments are included in the agenda package.

Mountain Line Transit Authority requested the TIP Transit Project for the federal fiscal years from 2027 to 2032.

FYY 2027 -2028

		2027		2028	
	Source	**Federal**	**Local**	**Federal**	**Local**
Operating Assistance(1)	5307 -	$3,375,864	$3,375,864	$3,443,143	$3,443,143
Federal 5311(f) Intercity (2)	*5311*	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Operating Assistance (3)	*5310*	$98,000	$24,500	$98,000	$24,500
Operating Assistance - Capital (4)	*5307*	$250,000	$62,500	$250,000	$62,500
Revenue Rolling Stock Replacement (5)	*5339*	$447,362	$111,841	$150,000	$37,500
Revenue Roof Replacement (6)	*5339*	$1,400,000	$350,000		
Bus Rolling Stock replacement (7)	*5339*	$943,296	$340,000		

FYY 2029 -2030

		2029		2030	
	Source	**Federal**	**Local**	**Federal**	**Local**
Operating Assistance(1)	5307 -	$3,443,143	$3,443,143	$3,443,143	$3,443,143
Federal 5311(f) Intercity (2)	*5311*	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Operating Assistance (3)	*5310*	$98,000	$24,500	$98,000	$24,500
Operating Assistance - Capital (4)	*5307*	$250,000	$62,500	$250,000	$62,500

Revenue Rolling Stock Replacement (5)	*5339*	$150,000	$37,500	$150,000	$37,500
Revenue Roof Replacement (6)	*5339*				
Bus Rolling Stock replacement (7)	*5339*				

FYY 2031 -2032

		2029		**2030**	
	Source	**Federal**	**Local**	**Federal**	**Local**
Operating Assistance(1)	5307 -	$3,443,143	$3,443,143	$3,443,143	$3,443,143
Federal 5311(f) Intercity (2)	*5311*	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000	$300,000
Operating Assistance (3)	*5310*	$98,000	$24,500	$98,000	$24,500
Operating Assistance - Capital (4)	*5307*	$250,000	$62,500	$250,000	$62,500
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(1) Costs necessary to operate, maintain, and manage a public transportation system. Operating expenses usually include such costs as driver salaries, fuel, and items having a useful life of less than one year.
(2) Regularly scheduled bus service for the general public that operates with
(3) Mobility management is a capital project activity that consists of short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public
(4) 5307 Preventative Maintenance
(5) For purchase of revenue producing
(6) For Roof Replacement
(7) For purchase of revenue producing

Ms. Smith stated the two main things being updated are the addition of the $152,000 grant for rolling stock and purchasing/replacement of minivans.

Ms. Smith moved to approve of the MLTA TIP Amendments; seconded by Ms. Selin. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Complete Streets Greenbelt Final Study

Colin Frosch gave a presentation on the Compete Streets Greenbelt Final Study. Kimley Horn finalized a preferred concept that includes

- two 10-foot travel lanes with an 8-foot wide shared-use path on one side with 5-foot-wide sidewalk segments on the other where needed to make connections,

- two roundabouts at the intersections of Van Voorhis Road and West Run Road and Riddle Avenue and West Run Road,
- a pedestrian crossing accommodations with corridor-wide safety improvements and traffic calming measures,
- and planned future connections to Greenbelt corridor.

The anticipated cost is approximately $21 million in 2030 dollars. They are recommending implementation with WVDOH as part of their upcoming Design Study for the West Run corridor. Alternatively, a phased approach to implementation could be pursued with short-term as well as longer-term improvements broken out with likely higher overall cost and less efficiency in project-delivery. There was a strong public participation effort, with the public supporting these efforts.

Mr. Abu- Ghannam asked about when it said $21 million in 2030, if it included inflation. Mr. Frosch stated they added a percentage to estimate inflation.

Mr. Kelly asked if the center of the roundabout would allow for trailers and bigger vehicles to drive up on it. Mr. Frosch confirmed it would be a traversable median.

Mr. Blinco stated having grass in these plans can create a larger issue. With no one directly in charge of maintaining it, the grass becomes an eyesore and issue. He suggested having an alternative to grass. Mr. Frosch stated there are many alternatives moving forward. Ms. Selin stated there are low height grass mixes they can use. As this is a feasibility study, the buffer is something that can be determined later in the process, but they will note that grass is a last option. Chair Rodgerson suggested talking with WVDOH to see what new technologies they have.

Mr. Abu-Ghannam moved to accept the report; seconded by Mr. Kelly. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Community Garden Final Update

Ms. Peate gave a presentation reviewing the four community gardens funded by the Community Garden Grant. The Community Garden Grant supported four local community gardens, expanding food production, community engagement, and volunteer opportunities throughout the area. Morgantown Freedom Farmers now maintains three producing gardens with 15 volunteers, providing approximately 30 pounds of produce to Blessing Boxes, Food Not Bombs meals, and neighbors. Chris White's Community Garden expanded its growing space and outreach, attracting 2–3 dozen volunteers and producing a variety of vegetables, herbs, fruit, mushrooms, and eggs, with plans for additional food production, workshops, fruit trees, and beekeeping. The Greenmont Neighborhood Association's 10 raised beds are fully occupied by residents, families, neighborhood groups, and businesses, providing opportunities for gardening, collaboration, and community learning. Scott's Run Settlement House continues to engage volunteers and community members through its garden, distributing fresh produce through its food pantry and other food-access programs, with plans to expand programming through gardening and food preservation classes. There will be a longer more official updated posted to the MMMPO website and sent to WVDOH and FHWA.

Ms. Selin asked if Ms. Peate has been to the sites. At the beginning, the sites were visited, but the gardens have been great at sending pictures. Ms. Selin stated it would be great to go visit the gardens to help continue promoting them.

8. Other Business

Commissioner Bloom stated the temporary lights are blinking at Exit 155 and should be functioning before football season.

Ms. Selin wanted to express thanks for the efforts on Van Voorhis.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.