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MPO Citizens Advisory Committee
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
Nov 10, 2016, 6:45 PM

Members Present

Bill Rice (Chairman), Matthew Cross, Kyle Hough, Maria Smith, Ed Sneckenberger, Bill Austin

Others Present

Heather Britton, Christopher Britton, Bill Sorenson, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

1. Call to Order

Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Mr. Rice welcomed Kyle Hough, the new Citizens Advisory Committee member representing the Monongalia County Commission. Attending CAC members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Rice noted that the minutes of the October meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mrs. Smith moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Sneckenberger. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that the DOH requested removal of two projects. One is the I-68 Exit 7 Ramp Widening project and the other is CO 73 (Smithtown Road) Resurfacing project. The DOH requested adding four projects for TIP Amendments. They are Deckers Creek Trail design and construction, WV 100 Granville Bertha Hill Slide Correction Project, and Mon River Trail Maintenance Equipment Purchase. Mr. Sneckenberger moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Hough. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Austin then noted that there are administrative adjustments on the MPO's TIP, which include Beechurst/Campus Drive Intersection Realignment, Mileground Widening (Center Section Construction), Westover-Dunkard Avenue Sidewalks. The administrative adjustment requires no action from the committee.

4. Draft 2017 MPO Committee Calendar

Mr. Austin noted that the draft 2017 MPO Committee Calendar is included in the meeting package for review. Chairman Rice moved to recommend approval of the Committee Calendar to the MPO's Policy Board. The motion approved by acclamation.

5. Input for 2017-18 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff is in the process of developing the FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program. He then asked the committee for recommendations of any study or work that staff can provide during the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Austin noted that there is one informal request from the Pedestrian Board to conduct an update on the pedestrian plan for the area. The update will incorporate Westover-Granville Pedestrian study completed in FY2015-2016.

Chairman Rice noted that in the last CAC meeting Charles Renner suggested a project to extend the climbing lane on I-79 between the I-79/I-68 interchange and the Westover Exit. He asked how that project can move forward. Mr. Austin noted that he will contact DOH to discuss the appropriateness of that project, ensuring it is consistent with DOH's statewide freight plan. Mr. Cross expressed his appreciation to MPO staff for assisting the pedestrian safety board updating the pedestrian plan.

6. Other Business

Chairman Rice applauded the collaboration between the MUB and the DOH on the Van Voorhis project and he encouraged more such collaboration in this area. Mr. Cross expressed he has concerns on the pedestrian safety near the WVU new park structure on the Willowdale Rd.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.