



## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 13, 2025

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:** Christian Ablidso, Wallace Venable, Matt Ridgway, Heather Morgan, Tom Zeni, Matthew Cross

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

### 1. Call to Order

The CAC meeting was held virtually and in person. The phone number and web address to access the teleconference were publicized. With a quorum present, Mr. Ablidso called the meeting of the CAC to order at approximately 6:02 PM.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ablidso noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda package. Mr. Venable moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Zeni. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. 2025 - 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Austin stated that included in the agenda are staff recommendations for the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project prioritization. The prioritization of the MTP's Projects is one of the most vital tasks of the MTP Update. It is respectfully requested that the MPO's Committee review these recommendations and recommend their adoption as part of the 2055 MTP. There is also a memorandum that identifies the public outreach process utilized to update the MPMPO 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and to provide the MPO Committee's with a representative sampling of comments on the proposed 2055 MTP. Mr. Austin mentioned the WVU Student Government sent a support letter with some recommendations.

Mr. Ablidso asked for clarification on the sub-allocated funds. Mr. Austin stated these funds were given to the MPO to be allocated to local projects. The MPO will be moving the Stewartstown and Point Marion Rd project to suballocated funds. Staff is requesting approval for this change. Mr. Ablidso also asked about the North/South Connector. Mr. Zhang stated this is a desire line for pedestrian connectivity from the Suncrest Town Center area to the Evansdale Medical Center area.

Mr. Venable moved to recommend approval of the 2025 – 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; seconded by Mr. Zeni. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. 2025 Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Austin stated that the Safety Performance Management Measures regulation supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) which requires State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to set targets for 5 safety performance measures (Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries, Serious Injuries, and Non-Motorist Combined Fatalities and Serious Injuries). According to 23 CFR § 490.209, MPOs must establish safety performance targets within 180 days of the State DOT establishing and reporting targets in the State HSIP annual report. Part of the MPOs federal funds is utilized for these targets. The Safety Performance Measures include Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries, Serious

Injuries, and Non-Motorist Combined Fatalities and Serious Injuries for both annual and five-year target goals. They are shown below in individual tables.

The last adopted values were from 2020-2024. The current adopted values for 2021-2025 are shown in the tables below, and they have been adjusted to reflect the actual performance of the system since that time.

Mr. Abildso stated he would like to see absolute goals. Mr. Venable stated the language of 'interim target' was appropriate as the goal should always be zero, but targets must start somewhere.

Ms. Morgan moved to recommend approval of the 2025 Safety Performance Targets; seconded by Mr. Venable. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. 2026 Meeting Dates

Mr. Austin stated there is a Memorandum in the Agenda that informs the Advisory Committees of the 2026 Meeting Dates. The May TTAC meeting has been moved to Monday May 11th 2026 due to Primary Election Day. The June meetings have been cancelled.

Members requested Google Calendar Invites and a email with the list of dates. Staff will send these out at the beginning of the year.

#### 6. Draft UPWP Development

Mr. Austin stated he is in the process of creating the 2026 UPWP. He asked the board for recommendations of projects or tasks for staff for the upcoming year. Mr. Austin will have a draft ready by the January meetings.

Mr. Abildso asked for Staff to observe and do a safety study for the area near Mon General where a school may be put in. Mr. Austin noted that the area Mr. Abildso referenced is part of the State's VRU project.

Mr. Ridgway asked where West Run will come into the UPWP as there is a lot of development happening near/on West Run Rd. Mr. Austin stated the Point Marion / Stewartstown section is being held up by utility issues, and that some area have TIP funding such as the Stewartstown / Riddle area for 2030.

Mr. Venable suggested looking at University High School as there is a lot of pedestrian activity.

#### **7. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**

Mr. Austin stated that DOH has programmed and obligated projects for last year for our area. This document was included in the agenda. There were no questions by the committee.

#### **7. Other Business**

Mr. Austin announced that the MPO will be hosting the WVAMPO conference in June of 2026 at the Waterfront Marriot hotel. He will be stepping down from his position as Chair of WVAMPO at end of year. Mr. Austin reported things are going well with WVAMPO and he hopes the best for them moving forward.

Mr. Cross suggested Staff look at the signal near the Waterfront Marriot hotel. The timing is off and there is an issue with the green turn arrow.

Mr. Ridgway asked about the new signals at Chestnut Ridge and Patterson. There is no left turn signal form Burrough St. He asked if this was intentional. Mr. Cross agreed this was an issue. Mr. Austin will follow up with WVDOH.

#### **8. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.