



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 8, 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:

Bill Austin (Chair), Maria Smith, Andrew-Gast Bray, Brian Carr, Chase Lindsey (FHWA), Drew Gatlin, Grant Morris (WVDOT), Kara Greathouse, Jeremy Evans, Michael Dougherty

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 1:05 PM. Members and those attending introduced themselves.

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 with corrections; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

3. 2025 TIP Adoption and Amendments

Mr. Austin stated the MPO's updated TIP for the period FY 2025-30 is included in the agenda. This document was advertised to the public in October in accordance with the MPO's Public Involvement Policy (PIP). Since that advertisement the MPO has amended and adjusted the current TIP in accordance with the PIP, at the request of various agencies. A memorandum identifying the changes to the advertised updated TIP is also included in the agenda packet. It is respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend the adoption of the updated TIP and the associated amendments and adjustments identified in the attached memorandum to the Policy Board.

2024 November Amendment

Add New Project

I-79 EXIT 155 RAMPS TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNAL. FFY: 2025. Federal ID: CARB1924001D. Phase: Construction. Type of Work: traffic signal. Funding Source: CRP 50-200K POP. Federal Funding: \$750,000. Total Funding: \$750,000. Location: The intersections of the I-79 Exit 155 ramps and Chaplin Hill Road.

Split Funding Source

CAPERTON TRAIL LIGHTING. FFY: 2026. Federal ID: NRT2018218D. Phase: Construction. Type of Work: install lighting. Location: N/A. Funding Source: NRT. Federal funding: \$239,280. Total funding: \$299,100. Funding Source: CRP 50-200k POP. Federal funding: \$320,000. Total funding: \$400,000.

Mr. Dougherty asked if this motion included both items, and Mr. Austin clarified that these were to be voted on as one item.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to approve the 2025 TIP Adoption and Amendments; seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Safety Performance Measures

Mr. Austin stated that the Safety Performance Management Measures regulation supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and requires State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to set HSIP 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 are 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 in the agenda. The last adopted values were from 2019-2023. The current adopted values for 2020-2024 are shown in the tables below, and are adjusted to reflect the actual performance.

Mr. Carr asked if the numbers were the ones presented to WVAMPO. Staff confirmed they were, and they will verify this before the Policy Board meeting.

Mr. Dougherty asked why the goal for Motorized Fatalities went down. Mr. Austin stated that the actual numbers are higher, so there is a reduction, but the performance measures are sensitive to data. Mr. Gatlin added that there could be an increase of pedestrians, making the number higher. Mr. Gast-Bray agreed that the area could do better in encouraging better numbers. Mr. Austin stated he will address this, and suggested the TTAC pass with a motive to be more aggressive in goals.

Mr. Evans moved to approve the Safety Performance Measures with the motive to be more aggressive in future goals; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Draft 2025 Budget Review

Mr. Austin stated the draft of the FY 2025-26 UPWP was included in the agenda. The draft UPWP proposes a 3% COLA for MPO staff. The primary large projects included in the draft UPWP are the completion of a minor update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and a planning study looking at the feasibility of the Mon Valley Greenspace Coalition's conceptual Greenbelt. The MTP update will be built on the regional travel demand model modifications made for the ongoing Downtown Microsimulation Study and public involvement and corridor evaluations to be made by MPO Staff. Corridors to be evaluated include a portion of Brookhaven Road in the vicinity of WV 7. The Greenbelt Feasibility Study will examine the corridors identified in the Greenbelt Conceptual map and as adopted in the MTP. The Study will focus on evaluating the complete street improvements for the on-road portions of the Conceptual Map. The Study will develop planning level cost estimates and prioritization of preferred on road corridors for implementation. It will also identify the preferred locations for proposed off-road facilities to intersect with on-road segments. Additional studies will be needed to determine the feasibility and alignments for off-road facilities. This Study's Complete Street emphasis should make it eligible for 100% Federal funding.

Mr. Austin asked the board to please review the enclosed documentation and let staff know of any changes to the proposed UPWP they would like to see.

Mr. Gast-Bray discussed how he has been having talks with District 4 about future developments. He asked Mr. Carr/the TTAC for help in coordinating these developments with other upcoming plans and projects.

Ms. Greathouse asked when the update to the MTP will be completed, and Mr. Austin stated it should be completed around the end of the 2025 calendar year.

7. Other Business

Mr. Austin stated the final design for the Smithtown Rd project is being developed. He attended a meeting discussing these details. He also stated the University Collins Ferry roundabout should begin construction around March, and that the projects for Van Voorhis and West Run are moving along.

Mr. Gatlin stated the City of Morgantown got notice in success of the RAISE grant for a multi-modal corridor for Dorsey Ave. They were awarded \$8 million for planning and design, and have a 5-year performance window. The city would like to look into having more travel lanes and side paths that lead into the downtown area. The City of Morgantown has kicked off the rapid response pedestrian safety projects. Mr. Gatlin also noted he was happy to see the Greenbelt was included in the UPWP.

Mr. Carr asked Mr. Gatlin to send the RAISE grant information to him, as WVDOH want to keep track of RAISE grants.

Ms. Smith asked who wrote this grant, and Mr. Gatlin stated he wrote it with Kimley Horn.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.