



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 9th, 2024

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), Andrew Gast-Bray, Rickie Yeager, Latina Mayle, Brian Carr, Michael Dougherty, Jason Stinespring, Jeremy Evans, Maria Smith

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 as presented; seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

3. Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Austin noted that each year the MPO needs to adopt performance measures for a variety of items. Enclosed with the Agenda packet a memorandum identifying the proposed Safety Performance Measure targets for this year. 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 is utilized for these targets. Staff respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend the adoption of the proposed Performance Measures to the Policy Board.

Mr. Stinespring moved to recommend approval; seconded by Mr. Yeager.

Mr. Carr re-stated that the main goal is zero fatalities. Mr. Stinespring asked about number of fatalities from previous years, and wanted to know where to find these numbers. Mr. Austin said he can provide the

committee with actual numbers from last year. This information can be added and edited in for the Policy Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Patteson Drive/Maple Drive Pedestrian Study

Mr. Austin noted this study was presented to the TTAC at the November meeting. It has been modified to reflect comments received during the first review. Mr. Zhang stated he added an insert map to focus on Maple Dr. / Mon General Dr. to focus on recommendations for that specific intersection.

Mr. Yeager commented that maps were helpful. Ms. Smith asked about bus shelter recommendations, and Mr. Austin clarified it may not be in the report but MPO will work with Ms. Smith to ID shelter recommendations.

Due to this being an action item that was passed last meeting, there was no voting.

5. Draft 2018-2022 Crash Report

Mr. Austin noted the Committee could find enclosed with the agenda the draft 2018-2022 Crash Report. The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Crash Report for the years 2018-2022 provides a comprehensive analysis of road traffic accidents and their associated trends within our region. This report serves as a resource for understanding patterns and causes, offering insights for both transportation planners and the public alike. By examining the data collected over these five years, the staff aims to promote a safer and more informed approach to urban and regional planning, ultimately working toward the goal of reducing accidents and enhancing road safety for all residents and commuters. Staff would appreciate the TTAC's review of this report. This draft report and draft appendix are available on the MMMPO website. No action is required on this item, as it is an informational item.

6. Draft Unified Planning Work Program Summary

Mr. Austin stated that a memorandum identifying the work proposed for the upcoming Fiscal Year is included in the agenda packet for your information. This information includes a proposed budget which would require the MPO's local contributions to go up by \$2,500 for the City of Morgantown and \$2,500 from Monongalia County. Staff would appreciate any suggestions for work to be included in the Work Program for the upcoming year the TTAC may have. The complete UPWP will be presented for adoption at the March meeting. No action is required on this item, as it is an informational item.

Mr. Yeager asked if Mr. Austin had gotten the paperwork needed to make this request for the increased match to the City of Morgantown. Mr. Austin had not, but will communicate with Mr. Yeager to fill out the paperwork.

7. Other Business

Mr. Austin stated that we have not received approval for funding from WVDOH for the Westover Sidewalks. He also stated that the Cooperate Agreement for the Community Garden is being presented to the Policy Board.

Mr. Austin stated he just sat in on a scoping meeting for the Greenbag Rd Design project and they discussed RAISE grant. Mr. Carr was also at the meeting and stated that this project is split into two parts, the road itself and then a multiuse path. They are still a couple months away from phase 2 when construction will begin, and are still working on getting consultants signed up for the feasibility study. Mr. Carr asked if they will be applying for a RAISE grant for construction, Mr. Austin said yes. Mr. Carr clarified that projects are slow right now due to overflow, but they will be completed, just at a slower rate.

Mr. Austin stated WVDOH will be submitting a RAISE grant for Fairmont Rd in Westover for improvements.

Ms. Smith asked about what portions of Fairmont Rd are being worked on. Mr. Austin said it will be urbanized and adding a sidewalk.

Ms. Smith asked about Kingwood Pike, if there are any projecting in the MTP addressing it. Mr. Austin said it has not currently been prioritized.

Mr. Carr stated that the State Freight Plan was approved by FHWA, and that the annual review has been sent out to the MPOs in the state.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.