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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
May 17, 2016
1:30 PM

Members Present

Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Chris Fletcher-City of Morgantown, Scott Wright-MUB
Chandra Inglis Smith-FHWA, Brian Carr-WV DOH, Dave Bruffy-MLTA, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Rich
Wood-Monongalia County Planning, Clement Solomon-WVU

Members Absent

Ron Snyder, James Meadows, Donny Williams, Fouad Shoukry

Others Present

John Whitmore-City of Morgantown, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

1. Call to Order

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the March meeting were included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Bruffy moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that WV DOH proposed to delete the WV 705 Patteson Drive +1 and to add a resurfacing project on US 119 from Stewartstown Rd to Bakers Ridge Rd. Mr. Carr noted that the District engineer identified that the scope of this project is no longer valid according to current traffic condition and right-of-way is limited in that intersection area. Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Draft Title VI Plan

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff has drafted the attached draft Title VI Plan using the Hagerstown Eastern Panhandle MPO's Plan as a model. This Plan was released to the public after the last Policy Board meeting. To date we have received no comments on the draft Plan. Mr. Fletcher moved to recommend approval of draft Title VI Plan to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Draft University Avenue Complete Street Study

Mr. Austin noted that the draft final report of University Ave Complete Street Study is included in the agenda package for review. Mr. Fletcher noted that the illustrations in the Loop area presented in this report is only a concept. It is not what the City has committed to. The City has serious concerns about the proposed realignment on Falling Run Road and York Street. There are significant challenges to implement this alternative. Mr. Carr asked about the status of the TIGER grant recently submitted for implementing projects recommended in the Study. Mr. Austin noted that the grant application requested for \$10 million with \$5 million local match. The Loop area was not included in the grant application. Mr. Fletcher moved to recommend approval of the draft study report to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Draft Westover Granville Pedestrian Study

Mr. Austin noted that the Westover-Granville Pedestrian Plan was conducted in house by MPO staff. It recommends 14 projects to improve the walkability in Westover and Granville. Mr. Austin appreciated the MLTA for facilitating MPO's public outreach efforts.

Mr. Fletcher suggested that regarding the Project 6 recommended in this study, it may be more cost-effective to install sidewalks on Emmett Dr, which has been used by pedestrians traveling between the University Towncenter and Star City. Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff will make further effort to assess this option. Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the draft study report to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Update on Ongoing Projects

Mr. Austin noted that the I-79 Access Study has developed draft recommendations for internal review. The MPO staff will meet with DOH staff and the consultant to discuss preliminary recommendations for this study. A stakeholder meeting and a public meeting will be held in June.

Mr. Carr noted that based on the input from the community and the MPO's Policy Board, the DOH decided to implement a construction plan that will close the intersection of Mileground Rd and Cheat Rd for about 3 weeks for construction. Mr. Carr noted that the construction will take place during the summer of 2017 when the school is not in session. The DOH is coordinating with various entities in this region on this issue, including the school districts, WVU, hospitals, and emergency agencies. The DOH is also communicating with FAA to address some environmental issues.

Mr. Wright noted that the MUB will begin to work on the Van Voorhis Project in a week. After the drainage part of the project is done, the DOH will work on the roadway part of the project. Mr. Bruffy expressed his appreciation that the Transit Levy was passed. The levy will provide funding for extending evening service, expanding service area, and purchasing equipment.

9. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business. The meeting adjourned at 2: 19 PM.