



CITIZENS ADVISORY MEETING

March 10, 2022

This meeting was held virtually on  
<https://morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin>

**Members Present:**

Matt Cross, Heather Britton, Ed Sneckenberger, Kelli LaNeve, Chip Wamsley, Tom Zeni

**Others Present:** Bill Austin, Jessica Moberly, Timothy Tresohlavy, Mike Rutkowski, Jing Zhang

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**1. Call to Order**

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the CAC meeting was held virtually. The phone number and web address to access the teleconference were publicized.

With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of the CAC to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes for the January meeting were erroneously transmitted to the committee. The minutes will be submitted to the committee for adoption in the next meeting.

**3. TIP Amendments**

Mr. Austin noted that the WV DOH and WVU have requested TIP Amendments. The DOH requested increase of fundings for I-79 Bridge Rehabilitation with federal funds from \$40,139,040 to \$63,270,000. The increase is due to a more accurate estimation on the project cost at the engineering phase of the project.

Mr. Wamsley moved to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to the MPO's Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Zeni. Without discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Austin noted that West Virginia University requested to utilize the funds totaling \$1,674,325.00 for SGR activities that will improve and maintain PRT vehicles, stations, and guideway infrastructure.

Mr. Cross moved to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to the MPO's Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Sneckenberger. Without discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

#### 4. 2023 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Austin noted that the draft Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2022-2023 is included in the agenda package. The Policy Board requested the MPO look at additional cost of living allowance pay increases over and above the 3 percent originally proposed. The draft document enclosed includes tables for 3%, 4% and 5% cost of living allowances for MPO staff. None of these proposed pay increases necessitate a significant increase in the budget as presented in January. To keep the total budget the same the MPO is proposing a decrease of \$4,000 in the *Consulting Services* line item and approximately \$1,000 decrease in *Travel Expenses*. Other than this very little has changed in the document.

Mr. Sneckenberger moved to recommend approval of UPWP for FY 2022-2023 to the MPO's Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Wamsley. Without discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

#### 5. Transportation Plan Update Status Report

Mr. Rutkowski did a presentation about the status of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update.

Mr. Zeni noted that some of the proposed improvements may have long term cost-saving benefits. He suggested using local crash data to evaluate the safety of roundabouts. Mr. Austin agreed and noted that MPO staff could look into the historical crash data on the Mileground roundabout.

Mr. Sneckenberger inquired about the vote on prioritization and how the evaluation scores were calculated. Mr. Austin noted the vote is based on result of public survey converted into percentage. The consultant scores the projects using the criteria decided by the steering committee.

Mr. Sneckenberger asked what factors were used to set project phases. Mr. Austin noted that it is based on geographic locations.

Mr. Sneckenberger noted that Van Voorhis Road has been mistakenly labelled as a major arterial on page 36. Mr. Austin noted that the error will be corrected.

Mr. Austin noted that the Steering Committee will meet before the Policy Board meeting next week to discuss the draft document for release to the public.

#### 6. Update on Transit Study

Mr. Austin noted that Mountain Line Transit has been working with the Morgantown Parking Authority and WVU to develop a consolidated fare system for the region. Currently, the team has completed the technical assessment, including identifying potential vendors and funding opportunities.

#### 7. Other Business

No other business.

#### 9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.