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Agenda

MPO Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Conference Room
MPO Offices
Monongalia County
243 High Street Room 110
Morgantown WV
November 9, 2016
1:30 PM

1. Call To Order
2. TTAC/Regional Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting
3. Call to Order for Regular TTAC Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes
5. TIP Amendments
6. Draft 2017 MPO Committee Calendar
7. Input for 2017-18 Unified Planning Work Program
8. Other Business
9. Meeting Adjournment



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Memorandum

Date: November 3, 2016

To: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Members

From: Bill Austin, AICP

Subject: November 9, TTAC Meeting Agenda Items

This memorandum is to inform you of items to be discussed as part of the November 8th TTAC Meeting.

-Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Adjustments and Amendments:

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

The West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways has requested the following Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

FY 2016 Remove:

-I-68 Pierpont Road EB Exit 7 Ramp Widening-Right of Way FY Project NHPP 0068170D Total Cost \$1,000 Federal Funds \$900

-CO 73 (Smithtown Road) Resurfacing From CR 55 to MP 4.4-Project STP0073085D-Total Cost \$240,000 Federal Funds \$192,000

FY 2017 Add:

Please visit the MPO website planttogether.org for administrative adjustments to the TIP requested by the Division of Highways.

-Deckers Creek Trail-Design Trail-Project NRT2015245DTC Total Cost \$45,725 Federal Funds \$45,725

-Deckers Creek Trail-Construct Trail-Project NRT2015246DTC Total Cost \$121,175 Federal Funds \$96,940

-WV 100 Granville Bertha Hill Slide Correction Project STP00100154D-Total Cost \$625,000 Federal Funds \$500,000

FY 2018 ADD

-Mon River Trail Maintenance Equipment Purchase-Project NRT2015294D Total Cost \$60,000
Federal Funds-\$48,000

The Division of Highways has requested the following Administrative Adjustments. These items do not require any action by the MPO's Committee's.

Administrative Adjustments

Move to FY 2018

-Beechurst/Campus Drive Intersection Realignment-Engineering-Total Cost \$30,000 delayed by financial constraints (Previously 2016)

-Mileground Widening (Center Section)-Construction-Total Cost \$7,600,000 delayed by Design Division Staffing Issues (Previously 2017)

-Westover-Dunkard Avenue Sidewalks-Construction-Total Cost \$495,000 delayed by financial constraints (Previously 2016)

Move to FY 2019

-Beechurst/Campus Drive Intersection Realignment-Construction-Total Cost \$530,000 delayed by financial constraints (Previously 2016)

-University Avenue/Collins Ferry Road Intersection Improvement-Right of Way and Construction Total Cost \$3,200,000 delayed by financial constraints (Previously FY 2018)

-Walnut Street Streetscape Project-Total Cost \$297,500 delayed by financial constraints (Previously 2016)

In addition to the adjustments to the major projects noted above the Division of Highways has previously discussed with the MPO adjustment of the following projects:

-Arnettville Arch Bridge-Project ACST0019425D Add \$1,493,600 Federal funds total project cost remains the same

-I-68 Resurfacing-Sabraton to I-79-Project NHPP068165D Move to FY 2017

-River Road Dupont Avenue Intersection Improvement-Projects STP0045073D and STP0045074D Move to FY 2017

-Draft 2017 MPO Committee Meeting Calendar

Please review the draft calendar provided as part of the Agenda Packet. We would like to recommend adoption of the calendar to the Policy Board at their November meeting.

-Input on FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program

MPO staff is in the process of developing the FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program. We are currently asking for recommendations for any study or work that staff can provide during the upcoming fiscal year. We have had one informal request from the Pedestrian Board that we consider updating the area's Pedestrian Plan. This work would include adding the recently completed Westover Granville Pedestrian Study to the Plan that has already been developed. We would appreciate comments on this proposal as well as any suggestions you or your agency may make for studies to improve transportation in our area.

Morgantown Monongalia MPO TIP Amendments/Adjustment Map (November, 2016)



FY 2016 Remove:

- ① I-68 Pierpont Road EB Exit 7 Ramp Widening-Right of Way; total Cost \$1,000 Federal Funds \$900
- ② CO 73 (Smithtown Road) Resurfacing From CR 55 to MP 4.4; total Cost \$240,000 Federal Funds \$192,000

FY 2017 Add:

- ③ WV 100 Granville Bertha Hill Slide Correction; total Cost \$625,000 Federal Funds \$500,000

Draft 2017 MPO Committee Meeting Schedule

MPO Policy Board

**Unless noted otherwise meetings begin at 6 pm
at Morgantown City Hall**

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Thursday, June 15, 2017

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Technical Advisory Committee

**Unless noted otherwise meetings begin
at 1:30 at the MPO's Offices**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Citizens Advisory Committee

**Unless noted otherwise meetings begin
at 6 pm at the MPO's offices**

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Thursday, October 12, 2017

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Policy Advisory Committee

Meeting Locations and time TBD

Monday, January 9, 2017

Monday, October 16, 2017



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MINUTES

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
Oct 11, 2016
1:30 PM

Members Present

Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Dave Bruffy-MLTA, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Rich Wood-Monongalia County Planning, Chris Fletcher-City of Morgantown, Clement Solomon-WVU, Brian Carr-WV DOH

Members Absent

Ron Snyder, James Meadows, Donny Williams, Scott Wright, Chandra Inglis Smith, , Arlie Forman, Fouad Shoukry-WV DOH

Others Present

Whitmore, John-City of Morgantown, Heather Britton, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

1. Call to Order

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes

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

Mr. Fletcher noted a mistake in the minutes. The “minutes of March” should be corrected as the “minutes of August. Mr. Fletcher then moved to approve the minutes with the correction; seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. TIP Adjustment Informational Item

Mr. Austin introduced the items that the Division of Highways requested for TIP Adjustments. Mr. Wood asked the location of the Foundry Street Linkage Trail project. Mr. Davis noted that it is near the new Sheetz gas station at the University Ave/Foundry St intersection. Mr. Austin noted that this is an informational item only and no action was taken on these adjustments. Mr. Austin then noted that the Policy Board will review the TIP Amendments that the DOH requested in August, since the August Amendments had not been appropriately included in the agenda of the August Policy Board.

4. I-79 Access Study Update

Mr. Austin noted the consultants for the I-79 Access Study Update project will hold a public meeting at the Mountaineer Station from 4 pm to 7 pm today. 14 alternatives and a evaluation matrix will be presented to the public. Mr. Austin then introduced the alternatives that were identified as most desirable. Mr. Austin then noted that those alternatives will significantly improve the transportation network in the area. They also include some cost-effective projects that have a low impact on the neighborhoods.

Mr. Carr noted that this study is daunting task in term of the potential cost of the projects that the study is to recommend. Mr. Carr then noted that the proposed improvements should be seen as long term solutions to the transportation problems in this region. Mr. Austin noted that the study documents the process of developing the projects of significant impact and is preparing for the purpose and need statements required by the NEPA process. Mr. Wood noted that the study has explored various possibilities to improve the transportation system in the area. The process has been comprehensive and deliberate. Mr. Bruffy concurred and also noted that the evaluation process was thorough.

Mr. Austin noted that the Study is expected to be wrapped up in January and it will be considered for adoption as a part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update.

5. Update on Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Mr. Zhang noted that the MPO has received 564 completed surveys by Oct 4. The MPO staff has prepared a memo documenting the results of preliminary analysis on the survey statistics. The survey will be closed by November 1. At that time, MPO staff will conduct a full analysis. A public meeting will be held at the Marilla Park from 4 pm to 7 pm on Oct 26th, 2016.

Mr. Austin noted that it is very encouraging to have so many survey responses from the community. Mr. Solomon suggested sending him a link for the online survey, so he can share it through a WVU twitter account. Mr. Fletcher noted that it will also be helpful to re-cycle this information on city's social media. Mr. Austin noted that the newly adopted FAST Act has emphasis on freight planning and the MPO is seeking input from the freight industry as well. Mr. Fletcher noted that he may forward some contacts of the truck companies the the area.

6. Project Update WV DOH

Mr. Carr noted that the district operation engineer was not able to attend this meeting and he does not have any specific update on a particular project. Mr. Carr noted that it will be helpful that he could learn from the committee on what project the committee is interested. So he can find more information about those projects in advance.

Mr. Austin noted that he saw Mr. Shoukry at the state planning conference and was informed of the status of two projects. The DOH is looking for addition funding for the TWLTL project on Mon Blvd. For the intersection improvement project at Dents Run Blvd and WV 100, the DOH intends to realign the WV 100 towards to southeast corner of the intersection area to minimize right-of-way purchase.

7. Other Business

Mr. Davis asked about the traffic count tubes that have been placed on the streets in the Morgantown downtown area. Mr. Austin noted that it may be collecting data for the downtown signal system upgrade.

Mr. Austin noted that he has prepared a letter commending Mr. Shoukry for left-turn project on the I-68 Exit 7 EB ramp.

Mr. Davis noted that the City has submitted the Intent to Apply of TAP grant for two projects. They are a sidewalk project on Collin Ferry Rd from Aspen St to the New Suncrest primary School and a pedestrian signal crossing project on US 119 near Aldi. Mr. Austin noted that this project is of high priority in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mr. Austin noted that Morgantown Bicycle Board had submitted a TAP grant application for a multipath project on the north side of WV 705 from the Mileground roundabout to Stewartstown Rd. The DOH management has contacted him about this project. DOH was under the impression that a sidewalk at that section of WV 705 was to be built as a part of the last phase of the Mileground Reconstruction project. Mr. Austin noted that he informed them that the sidewalk was not included in the scope of work of the last phase of the Mileground project.

Mr. Fletcher noted that based on a decision made by the WV Supreme Court, VFW Property Redevelopment can proceed. The city won't release building permit of any kind unless WV DOH approves the access plan for that development.

Mr. Austin noted that he had learned that the TIGER grant application for Greenbag Rd was rated as highly recommended and had reached the final stage of the selection process. Unfortunately, the Greenbag Rd application was not selected for funding at this time.

9. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business. The meeting adjourned at 2: 22 PM.