



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 6, 2026

This meeting was held virtually on ZOOM and in-person at 243 High St (Court House), Room 026 in downtown Morgantown.

**Members Present:** Bill Austin (Chair), Andrew-Gast Bray, Michael Dougherty, Kimberly Fragola, Kara Greathouse, Kerri Wagner, Jeremy Evans, Latina Mayle, Drew Gatlin

**Others Present:** Jacqueline Peate, Jing Zhang

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### 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.

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

### 3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin stated that the WVDOH is adding new projects to the TIP, as the following:

#### Adding New Projects

SPRUCE ST +4. Federal ID: STBG0119589D, FFY 2026, ENG, Type of Work: Resurfacing, Funding Source: STBG 50-200K POP. Federal Funding: \$28,000. Total Funding: \$35,000.

SPRUCE ST +4. Federal ID: STBG0119590D, FFY 2027, CON, Type of Work: Resurfacing, Funding Source: STBG 50-200K POP. Federal Funding: \$1,200,000 Total Funding: \$1,500,000.

DUG HILL BRIDGE +1. Federal ID: STBG0119590D, FFY 2027, CON, Type of Work: Resurfacing, Funding Source: STBG 50-200K POP. Federal Funding: \$360,000 Total Funding: \$450,000.

Mr. Austin also stated that the Smithtown Road Signal has funding.

Mr. Gatlin commented on the Spruce Street resurfacing. The City of Morgantown has applied for a TAP grant for Spruce Street and it includes reconfiguration of the lanes. He asked Mr. Austin if they should ask for more information on Spruce Street and why there is more funding as \$1 million seems like a lot for resurfacing. Mr. Austin stated he will talk to WVDOH. Mr. Gatlin encouraged coordination for projects during resurfacing as that could be a more efficient means of improvement. Ms. Wagner asked Mr. Carr if he knew why there was an increase in funding. Mr. Dougherty was not sure. Mr. Gatlin stated he would like more information from the state on TIP amendments, including having more representatives from WVDOH at the meetings. The MPO will request further information.

Mr. Dougherty moved to recommend approval of the WVDOH New Projects; seconded by Mr. Gatlin. All approved except Mr. Gatlin who abstained.

Mr. Austin stated that Mountain Line Transit Authority requested the TIP Transit Project for the four Federal Fiscal Years ended September 30, 2029, as the following:

FYY 2026 -2027

	Source	2026		2027	
		Federal	Local	Federal	Local
Operating Assistance(1)	5307 -	\$3,375,864	\$3,375,864	\$3,443,143	\$3,443,143
Federal 5311(f) Intercity (2)	5311	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Operating Assistance (3)	5310	\$98,000	\$24,500	\$98,000	\$24,500
Operating Assistance - Capital (4)	5307	\$250,000	\$62,500	\$250,000	\$62,500
Revenue Rolling Stock Replacement (5)	5339	\$447,362	\$111,841	\$150,000	\$37,500
Revenue Roof Replacement (6)	5339	\$1,400,000	\$350,000		
Bus Rolling Stock replacement (7)	5339	\$500,000	\$340,000		

FYY 2028 -2029

	Source	2028		2029	
		Federal	Local	Federal	Local
Operating Assistance(1)	5307 -	\$3,443,143	\$3,443,143	\$3,443,143	\$3,443,143
Federal 5311(f) Intercity (2)	5311	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Operating Assistance (3)	5310	\$98,000	\$24,500	\$98,000	\$24,500
Operating Assistance - Capital (4)	5307	\$250,000	\$62,500	\$250,000	\$62,500
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Bus Rolling Stock replacement (7)	5339				

- (1) Costs necessary to operate, maintain, and manage a public transportation system. Operating expenses usually include such costs as driver salaries, fuel, and items having a useful life of less than one year.
- (2) Regularly scheduled bus service for the general public that operates with
- (3) Mobility management is a capital project activity that consists of short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public
- (4) 5307 Preventative Maintenance
- (5) For purchase of revenue producing
- (6) For Roof Replacement
- (7) For purchase of revenue producing

Ms. Fragola stated this is all normal for the operating amount, funding for roof and bus replacement. Mr. Gatlin asked about number 2, as it was cut off. She clarified this was to keep the funding for the Grey Line the same.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval of the MLTA TIP Amendments; seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Greenbelt Complete Streets RFQ**

Mr. Austin stated members could find the RFQ for the Greenbelt Complete Streets Study with the agenda. This document has been reviewed by the partners participating in the Greenbelt plan development. The partners include WVU, the WV Land Trust and the City of Morgantown. It is our intention to utilize the MPO's on call consultant contract to implement this study after review by the Policy Board. Mr. Zhang and the Greenbelt group have been meeting once a week to develop this RFQ and conceptual locations for the Greenbelt. This group looked at the whole picture, and figured out the priority areas. The highest priority area is Suncrest and it is in the RFQ. This is the first study area for the whole Greenbelt, as this will be a project taken in many steps. The MPO welcomes any comments on the draft RFQ.

Mr. Gatlin, one of the Greenbelt members, said there was some miscommunication on the budget, as they needed to choose one corridor due to budget limits. The area in the RFQ was chosen due to prominence, and this is a place where the most could be accomplished to kickstart the whole Greenbelt project.

Mr. Gatlin raised a concern on the amount of money being spent on design (30%). He suggested having it at 20%. Mr. Austin agreed, but they are not at that point yet. They will work on this number adjustment or simply leave it out of the RFQ.

Mr. Gast-Bray mentioned adding a section that addresses 'Key Challenges' such as topography, stormwater, and drainage issues. The consultant should be able to show how they will address these specific challenges.

Mr. Gatlin asked who the on-call consultants are. They are Kimley-Horn and AECOM. He stated the City of Morgantown uses Kimley-Horn and that Kimley-Horn does not abide by the WVDOH overhead cap. Mr. Austin will look into this as in their contract it is what the WVDOH overhead cap is. Mr. Dodd stated he thought Kimley-Horn had a specified overhead rate. Mr. Gatlin expressed concern with AECOM as a consultant.

Ms. Greathouse asked if the MPO will use 100% Federal Funds for this. Mr. Austin stated the MPO will use 100% Federal funds for the project.

Mr. Dougherty asked about the bigger picture and if there is a general map or idea. There is and staff will provide him with that information.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval of the RFQ with changed discussed; seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Stewartstown-Point Marion Road Intersection Study**

Mr. Austin stated to find the Study in the agenda detailing the findings of the MPO Synchro model of the subject intersection. The MPO Policy Board has authorized the use of suballocated funds for this project.

A TIP Amendment will be proposed in March for this project. Mr. Zhang has combined model techniques to figure out how to run a model in this complicated intersection.

## **6. Draft 2026 UPWP**

Mr. Austin stated the Draft 2026 UPWP is included in the agenda. Staff welcomes Committee input into work items that should be completed in the upcoming fiscal year. This UPWP is a draft as Mr. Austin is retiring and would like to give the new Executive Director freedom to develop their own projects.

The board congratulated Mr. Austin on his retirement.

Mr. Gatlin moved to recommend approval of the Draft 2026 UPWP; seconded by Mr. Gast-Bray. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Other Business**

Mr. Austin stated the MPO will be hosting the WVAMPO Conference June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place. Mr. Gatlin asked about the agenda. Mr. Austin stated it is in the works and should be published soon.

Mr. Gatlin said he had heard of a WVDOH Research Summit. Ms. Greathouse said it will be in February and they encouraged people to attend. Mr. Gatlin also stated the City of Morgantown is unsure what is going to happen to their RAISE grant for Dorsey. The uncertainty is if the City will be doing this project on their own or working with another entity such as DOH or the MPO. Mr. Greathouse recommended reaching out to the City of Charleston as they have dealt with similar situations.

## **8. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.