



MMMPO 2026 Winter Newsletter

2026 MPO COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Next MPO Policy Board

Thursday, March 19th, 2026
Time: 6pm

Next Citizens Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 1th, 2026
Time: 6pm

Next Technical Advisory Committee

Monday, March 10th, 2026
Time: 1pm

Policy Advisory Committee

Meets 2nd Monday of the Month at 9 AM as Morgantown Area Partnership Transportation Committee

How to attend

Check our website, plantogether.org, for the location of the August Policy Board Meeting. The meeting is also broadcasted live on our YouTube channel.

Meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee are held at the MPO's conference room at 243 High Street, Morgantown. The meetings are accessible virtually on Zoom. Stayed tuned to our website for the updated links.

MMMPO ANNOUNCEMENTS: • Public Meeting Notice for I-79 Exit 155 Chaplin Hill Road



WESTERN MONONGALIA GATEWAYS PROJECT

Phase 1: Star City Interchange Improvements

State Project:
U331-79-154.50 00
Federal Project:
NHPP-0079 (156)D



As a project stakeholder, you are cordially invited to join us for an

Informational Workshop Public Meeting

Phase 1 of the Western Monongalia County Gateways initiative includes improvements to Interstate 79 and Chaplin Hill Road. The project will reconfigure the interchange, replace aging bridges, construct a two-lane flyover for westbound traffic leaving Morgantown, and improve Chaplin Hill Road in the area adjacent to Exit 155 into a multi-lane boulevard style roadway.

Monday
March 9
2026
4-7 p.m.

Mon County Center

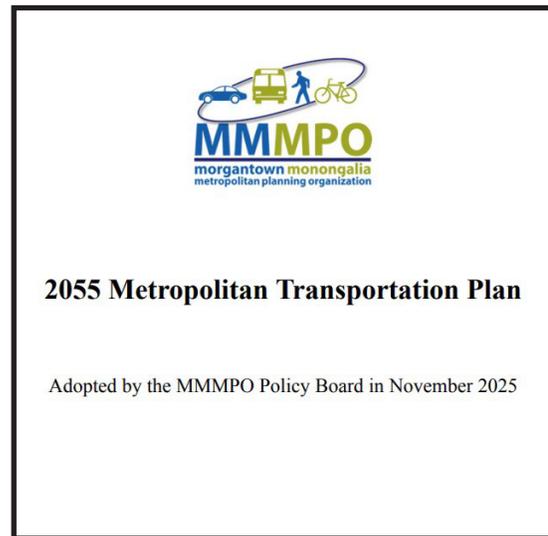
270 Mylan Park Lane
Morgantown, WV 26501



This meeting is being held as an open house type format. No formal presentation will be made. Visit go.wv.gov/dotcomment for project information and the opportunity to comment on the project. The public meeting comment period ends on **April 9, 2026**.

MPO UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The MPO recently went through the process to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The 2055 MTP includes projects that reflect the transportation facility needs in the community. The specific goals of the update were to validate existing projects by ensuring that projects listed in the MTP remain relevant and feasible, integrating new needs by incorporating new projects identified through recent MPO studies, staff recommendations, and evolving community needs, and refine prioritization by reviewing and confirming project prioritization strategies and tier classifications to reflect current funding realities. Check out the updated MTP on our website- <https://www.plantgether.org/>



- **Want to report road repairs that are needed? Below is contact information for Monongalia County:**

Citizen's Request For Assistance - Marion and Monongalia Counties
Chelsea Holyfield: 304-326-0102, chelsea.r.holyfield@wv.gov

- **Our MPO Policy Board Meetings are recorded on our YouTube Channel:**
[@morgantownmonongaliampo5733](#)

- **MPO Social Media: Stay Connected!**

Facebook- Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Instagram- [@morgantownmonongaliampo](#)

YouTube- [@morgantownmonongaliampo5733](#)

LinkedIn- Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization

X- [@MonongaliaMpo](#)



PARTNER AGENCY: CITY OF MORGANTOWN- PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD



The Pedestrian Safety Board meets at 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month on virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams. They discuss how to promote and encourage a pedestrian-friendly environment in the City of Morgantown. The Chair is Matthew Cross. If you would like to get involved, email the board at pedestriansafetyboard@morgantownwv.gov

Website Link: <https://www.morgantownwv.gov/297/Pedestrian-Safety-Board>

PARTNER AGENCY: MOUNTAIN LINE



Mountain Line Transit Authority is the public transportation operator serving Monongalia County, West Virginia, including Morgantown and the campus of West Virginia University. Keep up with Mountain Line Transit Authority and their updates on their various social media sites! See the list below.

Facebook: @ Mountain Line Transit Authority

Instagram: @ mountainlinetransit

Linked-In: @ Mountain Line Transit Authority

X: @ MLticker

Website Link: <https://www.busride.org/>

PARTNER AGENCY: MON RIVER TRAILS CONSERVANCY

Since 1991, the non-profit Mon River Trails Conservancy continues its work to construct, manage, and maintain the Mon River and Deckers Creek Rail-Trails for walking, running, cycling, and cross-country skiing. Keep up with the Mon River Trails Conservancy and their updates on their various social media sites! See the list below.



Facebook: @ Mon River Trails Conservancy

Instagram: @ monrivertrails

X: @ monrailtrails

Website Link: <https://montrails.org/>

PARTNER AGENCY : CITY OF MORGANTOWN

Keep up with the City of Morgantown and their updates on their various social media sites! See the list below.

Facebook: @ City of Morgantown - City Hall

Instagram: @ cityofmorgantown

Linked-In: @ City of Morgantown

Youtube: @ CityofMorgantown

Website Link: <https://www.morgantownwv.gov/>



ABOUT THE MMMPO

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) was established in 2003 to be the areas transportation planning agency. Any urban area with a population greater than 50,000 citizens is required by Federal Legislation to form a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The two main functions of an MPO are developing a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and ensuring that the use of federal funds for transportation projects aligns with the goals of the MTP.

Policy Board Officers:

Russ Rogerson (Non-Voting)
Morgantown Area Partnership
Board Chairman

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Board Vice-Chairman

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Granville
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Sean Sikora

City of Morgantown City Council:

Joe Abu-Ghannam
Mark Downs
Jennifer Selin

Mon County Board of Education- Michael Kelly

Joe Statler, Blacksville

West Virginia University- Ron Justice

Star City- Steve Blinco, Recorder

City of Westover- Mayor Bob Lucci

West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways- Brian Carr

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the MMMPO strives to provide equal access to all members of the public at our public meetings and hearings. If you require mobility assistance, sign language interpretation, or interpretation in a foreign language, please contact us at least 4 business days prior to the scheduled meeting or hearing. Our contact information is as follows:

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304-291-9671

The MMMPO is committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate and be heard at our public meetings and hearings.

Our Partners

