

MORGANTOWN MONONGALIA MPO
Minutes
June 21, 2012
Morgantown City Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Giambrone, Bill Byrne, Jim Manilla, Perry Keller, Joe Fisher, David Buffy, Patty Lewis, Asel Kennedy, Wes Nugent, Joe Statler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Kelly, Janice Goodwin, Eldon Callen

MPO Director: Bill Austin

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson David Bruffy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

3. Membership: Chairperson Bruffy noted that the a letter asking that Mr. Joe Statler be allowed to represent Blacksville to the MPO Policy Board from Mayor Lemley had been included in the Agenda Packet. Mr. Bruffy noted that the recently approved revision to the By Laws allows an unelected citizen to represent a Town in an ex-officio capacity. Commissioner Kennedy moved to accept Mr. Statler as Blacksville's ex-officio representative to the MPO Policy Board. Commissioner Kennedy's motion was seconded by Mayor Manilla. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Giambrone moved to approve the Minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Byrne. The minutes were approved as presented.

5. FINANCE REPORT AND AUDIT: Complete finance reports for March, April and May were included in the Board's monthly meeting packet. MPO Treasurer Mayor Lewis stated March had a beginning balance of \$16,805.18. One deposit made in the amount of \$43,449.78 and disbursements were \$37,366.83, leaving an ending balance of \$22,888.13. April disbursements were \$14,786.56 and the deposit for the month was \$30,918.25 leaving a balance of \$39,019.82. May disbursements were \$41,319.43 the May deposit was \$13,333.18 leaving a balance of \$11,033.57. Mayor Lewis moved to approve the Finance Report; seconded by Councilman Nugent. With no discussion the motion unanimously passed. Mayor Lewis also noted that the Audit for Fiscal Year 2011 had been included in the Agenda Packet and that there were no negative findings in the audit. Mr. Bruffy asked if the audit needed to be approved. Mr. Austin stated that if the Policy Board found the audit satisfactory the Board should accept it. Mayor Lewis moved acceptance of the Audit, seconded by Mr. Fisher. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Austin reported:

a. Long Range Transportation Plan Update (Mr. Statler arrived.) Mr. Austin stated that the Regional Visioning process for the LRTP Update and the

Comprehensive Plan updates has been essentially completed. The next step in the process is the development of the individual plans. The Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee will meeting on June 28th for a daylong session to develop the alternatives that should be considered in the plan. He asked that the Policy Board Members please plan to attend this meeting if they are available.

b. Staff Issues. Mr. Austin noted that Ms. Williams is on family medical leave and will be unavailable for some time. The TDM efforts will be relatively dormant until her return. Mr. Austin also reported that he would be discussing proposed Complete Streets legislation with a legislative committee co-chaired by Senator Beach later this month.

c. Ongoing TIF. Mr. Austin asked Commissioner Kennedy if he would please outline the proposed Tax Increment Financing Project. Commissioner Kennedy stated that this project has the potential to impact Monongalia County well into the future. The project would include the construction of a new baseball stadium for the University as well as extensive commercial development. The key issue in the project is the potential for building and additional interchange with I-79 between the Westover Interchange and the current interchange. Commissioner Kennedy stated that the Commission will be holding a public meeting on the TIF on June 27th at the Courthouse. Mr. Bruffy asked Commissioner Kennedy to explain the financing to the Policy Board. Commissioner Kennedy stated that the TIF District could include both a sales tax element and a property tax element. The exact borders of the district have not been determined.

7. TIP AMENDMENT: Request for an Amendment of the Transportation Improvement program, as follows:

FFY 2012

1) WV 7 Resurface and reconstruct from the Wetzel County Line to the junction with CO 7/4 a distance of 2.6 miles State Project S331-7-0.00; Federal Project NH0007(241)D
Total Cost \$1,500,000-State Funds \$300,000; Federal Funds \$1,200,000
Obligation Date 6/28/2012

In addition to the proposed TIP Amendment the MPO's Projects within the TIP are being adjusted as follows:

FFY 2012

1) I-68 Signing Replace and enhance signs from I-79 to Maryland State Line State Project U331 68 00001 00 Federal Project NHG0068133D Total Cost \$2,500,000 Federal Funds \$2,500,000
Move Project to FY 2013 Obligation Date 12/28/2012

Mr. Statler asked if the need to resurface and reconstruct WV 7 came from damage by trucks associated with natural gas. Mr. Keller stated that the cause fo the damage had not been determined. Commissioner Kennedy move to approve TIP as presented; seconded by Mr. Byrne. With no further discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE LRTP UPDATE BUDGET: Mr. Bruffy noted that at the last meeting the Policy Board had asked for more information on the costs associated with the proposed LRTP Update Budget Amendment. Mr. Bruffy noted that the requested information had been included in the agenda packet. Mr. Austin noted that the proposed increase in the budget is less than the actual cost noted in the consultants proposed increase. He also noted that the consultant had originally requested that the budget be increased by \$10,000. He explained to the consultants that some of this work should have been budgeted for in the original contract and the consultants agreed to seek the \$7,500 proposed in the agenda rather than the \$10,000 they originally requested. Mr. Austin stated that the MPO would use existing cash reserves to cover this amendment and there would be no additional request for match from the localities. After a short discussion Mr. Keller moved the budget amendment seconded by Mr. Nugent. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Bruffy called for Other Business. There being no other business Mr. Keller moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Giambrone.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.