



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12th, 2024

This meeting was held virtually at
<https://morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin>
and in-person at 243 High St (Court House), Room 026 in downtown
Morgantown.

Members Present:

Bill Austin (Chair), Andrew Gast-Bray, Rickie Yeager, Brian Carr, Michael Dougherty, Kara Greathouse, Maria Smith, Damien Davis, Latina Mayle, Jason Stinespring, Jeremy Evans

Others Present: Jacqueline Peate, Jing Zhang

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 1:01 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda package. Mr. Yeager moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Dougherty. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

3. 2024 March - TIP Amendments and Administrative Adjustments

Mr. Austin stated that the TIP Amendments were as follows:

West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways (WV DOH) has requested the following TIP amendments:

- West Run Road (GO BOND 4): Total cost increase, Federal ID change. Federal ID: STP0671010D. Construction. FY2024. Improve intersection. Federal Funds: \$1,958,674, Total Funds: \$19,586,739
- Morgantown Industrial Park Access Rd: Move the ROW phase to state funded. Federal ID: STBG2023313D. Right-of-way. FY2024. Construct new road and bridge. Federal Funds: \$0, Total Funds: \$2,500,000

Mr. Dougherty moved to approve the Amendments requested; seconded by Mr. Gast-Bray. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mountain Line Transit Authority (MLTA) has requested the following TIP amendments:

- Revenue Rolling Stock Replacement 5339 (for purchase of revenue producing vehicles)

- FY 2024: Adjust federal funding from \$403,808 to \$212,455, Local funding from \$100,952 to \$53,114.
- FY 2025: Adjust federal funding from \$153,000 to \$453,486, Local funding from \$38,250 to \$113,372.
- FY 2026: Adjust federal funding from \$153,000 to \$150,000, Local funding from \$38,250 to \$37,500.
- FY 2027: Adjust federal funding from \$153,000 to \$150,000, Local funding from \$38,250 to \$37,500.

Mr. Yeager moved to recommend the Amendments requested; seconded by Mr. Dougherty.

Ms. Smith stated this reflects what Mountain Line is seeing currently.

With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ausitn stated the Administrative Adjustments were as follows:

- Exit 152 NB and SB Ramps (AC PAYBACK). Construction phase. Federal ID: HSIP0119502D. - funding decrease
- Burrough St (AC PAYBACK). Construction phase. Federal ID: STP0592002D. – funding increase
- Rubble Run I-Bean. Engineering phase. Federal ID: STBG0071165D.- funding increase
- Dellslow Arch. Engineering phase. Federal ID: STBG0007341D - moved to 2025 and funding increase
- Smithtown W-Bean ROW. Federal ID: STBG0073098D - funding changes to \$0 for both state and federal funds

The following projects will be removed from the MMMPO TIP Highway Project Table, because their funds have been obligated:

- Smithtown Rd Traffic Signal. Construction phase. Federal ID: HSIP0119502D.
- Smithtown Rd Traffic Signal. Row of Way phase. Federal ID: HSIP0119501D.
- Dunkard Ave Sidewalks Phase V. Construction phase. Federal ID: TAP2018216D.
- US 119 Morgantown Lighting. Construction phase. Federal ID: NHPP0119493D.
- Interstate 68 Overpass. Row of Way phase. Federal ID: NHPP0119513D.
- Greenbag Rd (GO BOND 4). Construction phase. Federal ID: NFA2317022D.

These were informational items.

4. Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Austin stated the draft UPWP is for the next year. Staff has been working with the City of Morgantown about a feasibility study for a pedestrian bridge across Don Knotts. Staff is also working with MLT for new bus stops and shelters. The MMMPO will be wrapping up the Downtown Microsimulation Study. The budget is proposing a 5% cost of living allowance for staff. There will also be funding available for consultants.

Mr. Yeager moved to recommended approval of the Draft Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Ms. Smith. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Draft 2018-2022 Crash Report

Mr. Zhang introduced the Crash Report for the years 2018-2022. It provides a comprehensive analysis of road traffic accidents and their associated trends within our region. By examining the data collected over these five years, staff aims to promote a safer and more informed approach to urban and regional planning, ultimately working toward the goal of reducing accidents and enhancing road safety for all residents and commuters. The report provides a detailed examination of the crash data, including trends and potential contributing factors. The purpose of this crash report is to comprehensively document regional crash trends, crash locations, and crash types, identify areas of concern for planning purposes, as well as propose potential engineering countermeasures aimed at enhancing safety within these identified areas, and raise public awareness regarding frequent crash hotspots, particularly highlighting the prevalent types of crashes occurring in specific locations. There are maps in the appendix providing demographic data. Mr. Zhang reviewed over 10,000 records to create this report.

Ms. Smith asked if this was DOH data and Mr. Zhang clarified that it is DOH data. Ms. Smith also asked how this data will be used. Mr. Austin stated it will be used as justification for projects and to identify areas of improvement.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend adoption to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Yeager. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Draft Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan

Staff stated that this document provides a comprehensive overview of electric vehicles in the context of Monongalia County, offering insights into crucial aspects of the implementation of this technology. The background section covers essential topics such as EV education, charging infrastructure, strategic location selections, and federal standards. Serving as an informative foundation, this document is a valuable resource for those seeking a holistic understanding of EVs. The analysis segment delves into the current status of EVs and charging ports in Monongalia County, presenting data on existing infrastructure while forecasting future needs. Additionally, it identifies potential locations for new charging ports to meet the rising demand for electric mobility. In a commitment to inclusive planning, the document underscores the incorporation of public input, positioning it as a collaborative resource for ongoing research or project development within the Monongalia County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO). The appendix includes funding opportunities for rural and urban charging stations for MPOs and Localities. This is currently an informational item, and staff is looking for feedback from TTAC members.

TTAC members wanted the funding tables, and these will be made available to them. Mr. Carr has forwarded this to other DOH members for further feedback. Mr. Daughtery stated it would be interesting to look into the vehicle registrations for a bigger picture. Ms. Smith asked if staff has reached out to malls in the area, and Mr. Austin said that phase has not started yet. Mr. Gast-Bray suggested putting signs in areas to direct individuals to charging stations. Ms. Smith asked about different types of charging options, such as solar. Mr. Austin clarified staff has just looked at the type of charging they provide. Mr. Gast-

Bray suggested adding buffers around where chargers are located/will be located to analyze the coverage area.

7. Community Garden Project Update

Ms. Peate provided an update on the Community Garden Project. She stated the application are currently open. One has been submitted, but it is incomplete. Staff has communicated with WVU, but that led to a dead end as they wanted to use funds for staffing instead of supplies. The deadline is March 18th, but will most likely be extended. The Steering Committee members have been selected and are Bill Austin and Andrew Gast-Bray from the MPO, and Rickie Yeager and Katherine Millete from the City of Morgantown. Ms. Peate stated she has run an ad on Facebook for this project, and reached out to the Neighborhood Associations of Morgantown. These gardens do not have to specifically in the City of Morgantown. Mr. Stinespring expressed interest for Westover.

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.