



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 12, 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), Maria Smith, Andrew-Gast Bray, Brian Carr, Jason Stinespring, Micheal Davis, Drew Gatlin

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 1:07 PM. Members and those attending introduced themselves. Mr. Gast-Bray had to take a phone call until 1:16pm, so Jacqueline Peate (a part-time MCPC employee) sat in for him for the Approval of Minutes. He returned for the 2024 November TIP Amendments.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda package. Ms. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes with corrections; seconded by Mr. Gatlin. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

3. 2024 November TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin reviewed the November TIP Amendments and Adjustments.

Amendment

Add New Project

I-79 EXIT 155 RAMPS TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNAL. FFY: 2025. Federal ID: CARB1924001D. Phase: Construction. Type of Work: traffic signal. Funding Source: CRP 50-200K POP. Federal Funding: \$750,000. Total Funding: \$750,000. Location: The intersections of the I-79 Exit 155 ramps and Chaplin Hill Road. The interchange updates are still planning to be implemented, these temporary lights are being added currently to improve safety for the community as the interchange project progresses.

Split Funding Source

CAPERTON TRAIL LIGHTING. FFY: 2026. Federal ID: NRT2018218D. Phase: Construction. Type of Work: install lighting. Location: N/A.

- Funding Source: NRT. Federal funding: \$239,280. Total funding: \$299,100.
- Funding Source: CRP 50-200k POP. Federal funding: \$320,000. Total funding: \$400,000.

Ms. Smith asked about the timeline for the temporary traffic signals for Exit 155. Mr. Carr said the design will be in house (WVDOH) and should be completed by the end of January or February 2025. The lights should then be completed within eight months of receiving the award.

Ms. Smith moved to recommend approval of the 2024 November TIP Amendments; seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Austin also reviewed the administrative adjustments for the month of November.

Administrative Adjustment

Split Funding Source

I-79 LIGHTING. FFY: 2025. Federal ID: STBG0079084D. Phase: Construction. Type of Work: Lighting. Location: I-79 from Exit 148 (I-68 Interchange) to Exit 152 (Westover/Fairmont Rd)

- Funding Source: STBG-FLEX. Federal funding: \$4,750,000. Total funding: \$7,500,000
- Funding Source: HSIP: Federal funding: \$2,000,000. Total funding: \$2,000,000

FFY Change

WALNUT STREET BRIDGE. Federal ID: NHPP0007383D. Phase: Construction. Type of Work: Bridge Repair. BRIDGE REPAIR. Location: Walnut St between Spruce St Brockway Ave. Action: Move from FFY 2025 to FFY 2028

Project Deletion

D4 RDWAY DEPARTURE (districtwide). FFY: 2025. Federal ID: HSIP2023046D. Phase: Construction. Type of work: Signing; delineators. Funding source: HSIP. Federal funding: \$855,000. Total funding: \$950,000. Location: N/A

4. 2025 TAM Targets for West Virginia

The attached Memorandum informs the Advisory Committee members of WVDOT's proposed 2025 TAM Targets for West Virginia. The MPO adopts these targets for MLTA. Ms. Smith stated this is a standard annual process. WVDOT defines SGR (State of Good Repair) as a system meeting the following criteria: All assets are functioning at their ideal capacity within their design life. The state's asset management system, AVIS, includes consistent, accurate and relatively current information on the status of each capital asset covered by the TAM. Each system has a maintenance program to ensure maintenance is performed per manufacturer requirements and intervals. No rolling stock assets are placed in revenue service with identified safety defects. The Targets are presented in the table in the agenda. The Targets are presented in the table below. Data from 2023 and 2024 can be seen on the right side of the table, with the 2025 targets on the end. The MMMPO hopes to adopt these targets for the upcoming year. It is respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend approval of the proposed targets.

Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval of the 2025 TAM Targets for West Virginia; seconded by Mr. Gatlin. The motion passed unanimously.

5. 2025 MPO Meeting Dates

Mr. Austin noted that the dates proposed for the MPO's Committee meetings, in 2025, were included in the agenda. The only change to the MPO's meeting schedule is removing the June meetings due to summer holidays and moving the November TTAC to a day earlier due to Veteran's Day. It is requested that the TTAC recommend adoption of these meeting dates to the Policy Board.

Ms. Smith asked if six meetings are enough to meet requirements for the Policy Board. Mr. Austin stated they are well over the required number of meetings. Mr. Dougherty asked if going three months between meetings will cause issues, and Mr. Austin clarified they can always call a special meeting if needed. Mr. Carr stated he attends other MPO Policy Board meetings, and this is similar to other MPO schedules. He also asked if this needs to be changed in the bylaws, and Mr. Austin stated that meeting dates are not listed in their bylaws.

Ms. Smith moved to recommend approval of the 2025 MPO Meeting Dates; seconded by Mr. Gast-Bray. The motion passed unanimously.

6. FY 2025-2026 UPWP

Mr. Austin stated that MPO Staff is seeking input from the MPO's Committee's into the development of next fiscal year's work program. Currently staff is proposing to perform an in-house minor update of the urban area's Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This work will be accomplished using the regional travel demand model as updated to reflect the results of the Downtown Micro-simulation study. Staff would appreciate any idea's the Committee's may have for additional work.

Mr. Austin stated he received encouragement from FHWA to include a Complete Streets Program in the UPWP, so that will be considered. There would be a 100% match. Normal reimbursement is 80% Federal and 10% State. The draft UPWP will be presented at the January Policy Board meeting. Mr. Carr noted that for MPOs, the DOH has to set up a separate project for Complete Streets, meaning they would submit two invoices. Mr. Austin stated he understood this process and will work with WVDOH when the time comes.

Mr. Gatlin asked about the University Pedestrian Study, and Mr. Austin stated it is in the current UPWP.

7. Other Business

Mr. Austin stated he attended the District 4 Open House and he was the only local person. He had productive conversations with DOH members there. He was able to talk to district construction engineer about the Collins Ferry Roundabout, and this project has been let. They have selected a consultant for this, and the first activity could be in the Spring of the coming year. The West Run project is going well and on time. Mr. Austin will follow up with Greenbag Rd, and the Van Voorhis projects is working on getting permits from the power company.

Mr. Gatlin asked about the Walnut Street Repair, and how the construction has been pushed back to 2028. Mr. Carr stated he has no information on it, but will ask.

Mr. Carr asked about the PM1 and PM2 measures. Mr. Austin stated they will be presented in the January meetings.

Mr. Austin asked Mr. Carr about the Westover RAISE grant project. Mr. Carr stated that they are still in the agreement process.

Mr. Gatlin stated the City of Morgantown received a Project of Merit for Dorsey Avenue to Greenbag Rd for design. The budget was \$8 million. This will be automatically resubmitted, as it scored high enough but was not chosen. He stated he would appreciate any coordination and recommendations moving forward. Mr. Carr will review the application and see how he can help moving forward.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.