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## **MINUTES**

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee  
MMMPO Conference Room  
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV  
October 11, 2018, 6 PM

### **Members Present**

Bill Rice (Chair), Ed Sneckenberger, Christiaan Abildso, Chip Wamsley, Maria Smith

### **Others Present**

Lauri Andress-WVU, Sandra Fallon-WVU, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Rice noted that there has been advertised a period for public comment on the Morgantown Industrial Park Access Study at the beginning of the CAC meeting. There being no public comment at 6:22 PM, with a quorum present, Chairman Rice called the meeting to order.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Rice noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Sneckenberger moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wamsley. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. Morgantown Industrial Park Access Study Transportation Plan Amendment**

Mr. Austin noted that the Morgantown Industrial Park Access Study report was included in the agenda package. He noted that the purpose of the study was to determine if there was significant transportation need to enhance access to the site. The study provides a preliminary estimate of future traffic for the areas and recommends that the MPO's Transportation Improvement Plan be amended to include additional access to the Industrial Park with additional study being needed to identify a preferred alternative. Mr. Austin noted that the project will not be amended as a prioritized project and will not compete with other projects currently in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Mrs. Smith noted that there has been an increase of traffic on the DuPont Rd, since the closure of the River Rd between the Westover Bridge and DuPont Rd. She asked if future studies will evaluate only alternatives identified in this study. Mr. Austin noted that future studies are not limited to assessing only the identified options in this study.

Mr. Abildso noted that compared with infrastructure improvements, an easier solution to reduce truck traffic in Morgantown downtown area is to change the law to increase the weight limits on interstate highway. Mr. Austin noted that the truck traffic issue in the Morgantown downtown area is not within the scope of the study.

Mr. Sneckenberger asked if the MPO was aware of the DOH's industrial park study in 2013. Mr. Austin noted MPO staff is aware of the study, which developed seven options. Only one option directly connects to the neighborhood in the River Rd corridor. The A1 alternative in the MPO's access study is based on that option. Mr. Wamsley moved to recommend adoption of the report's recommendation that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan be amended to include additional access to the Morgantown Industrial Park; seconded by Mrs. Smith. The motion approved with Mr. Abildso voting against it.

#### **4. Public Involvement Policy Amendment**

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO's Public Involvement Policy was reviewed as part of Mountain Line Transits triennial review by the Federal Transit Administration. During the conduct of the review it was recommended that the MPO add three items to the Public Involvement Policy. Those items were:

- Specify that public meetings will be held in convenient locations and at convenient times for the public.
- Specify that the public involvement activities would include the use of graphic presentations.
- Specify that the MPO will periodically review the policy to ensure that the policy is adequate.

Mrs. Smith noted that as of the second item, it should be visualization presentation instead of graphic presentations. Mr. Austin noted that he will correct it before presenting it to the Policy Board next week. Mr. Abildso moved to recommend approval of the proposed Public Involvement Policy Amendment; seconded by Mr. Wamsley.

#### **5. Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan UPWP Amendment**

Mr. Austin noted that a full scope of work for the bicycle and pedestrian plan is included in the agenda packet. He noted that the City of Morgantown, WVU, Monongalia County, and Westover participated in the consultant selection process and have agreed to fund the Study. Each entity has had an opportunity to review the Scope of Work for the project. The consulting team initially proposed to perform the Study for \$290,000. MPO Staff worked to cut the price to \$265,606, as required by the FHWA and DOH. The work for the project will be conducted over two fiscal years.

Mr. Sneckenberger noted that the contract does not specify a time for final deliverables. Mr. Austin noted that the contract specifies deliverables throughout the planning process and the final deliverables is identified are final recommendations for this study. Mr. Abildso moved to recommend amending the FY 2018-19 UPWP to include \$265,606 for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study, seconded by Mr. Wamsley.

#### **6. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **8. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.