



TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

June 8, 2021

This meeting was held virtually on
<https://morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin>

Members Present:

Bill Austin (Chair), Maria Smith, Kevin Sullivan, Drew Gatlin, Michael Dougherty, Andrew Gast-Bray

Others Present: Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the TTAC meeting was held in person with teleconference options. 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 1:46 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Austin noted that there is an error on meeting date that needs to be corrected. Mrs. Smith noted that Dave Bruffy was not in the May meeting as noted in the minutes. Mrs. Smith moved to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Dougherty. With no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

3. WV 7-Mineral Avenue Preliminary Report

Mr. Austin noted that a preliminary report for the WV 7 – Mineral Avenue data collection is included in the agenda package. This report presents the results of staff's recent data effort on the subject intersection. The initial investigation does not identify the need for a traffic signal at the intersection, however it does identify that there are significant pedestrian volumes at the location. Staff is recommending that this data collection be repeated this fall when it is anticipated that traffic will be returning to patterns more resembling pre-pandemic levels.

Mr. Gatlin noted that there was a bicycle crash in the intersection area in 2018. The crash should be included in the final report.

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO's policy board members have pointed out that it is difficult to make left turns from neighborhood in Sabraton into WV 7. The speed of traffic flow on WV 7 has been increased because of the improvement at the WV 7 and Greenbag Rd intersection.

This is an informational item. It requires no action from the Committee.

4. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Austin noted that the consultant team had held initial meetings with stakeholders to discuss expectation for the project. The consultants are setting up the project website and collecting data from the MPO and the Mountain Line Transit. The public involvement will start in this fall when WVU is in session.

Mr. Austin noted that the goals and objectives of the currently Metropolitan Transportation Plan are included in the agenda package. Mr. Austin encouraged committee members reviewing them before the process begins.

Mr. Dougherty noted that the Goal #7 of increasing work telecommuting and virtual lectures could be challenging because of the pandemic. Many students might prefer to attend class in person after the pandemic.

Mr. Austin agreed and noted that the goal also including adjusting class time and locations to reduce the demand for motor vehicle travel. WVU has been making process on that goal in the past years.

5. Mountain Line Transit Study Update

Mrs. Smith noted that the Mountain Line is working on a study to develop a universal transit and parking payment system for the region, which will include Mountain Line Transit, City of Morgantown Parking Authority, WVU parking and PRT. Mrs. Smith noted that the study is an extension of the Strategic Transit Plan which was recently adopted. The Federal Transit Administration will feature it as a nationwide innovative research project.

6. Other Business

Mr. Dougherty noted that Westover has chosen the Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic of the WVU Law School as the consultant to update its Comprehensive Plan. The Clinic will begin to outline the project schedule very soon. Mr. Austin noted that MPO has a good working relationship with the land use law clinic. He is looking forward working with them.

Mr. Gatlin noted that WVU recently hired a new coordinator for outdoor recreation infrastructure, including non-road transportation network. Mr. Austin noted that he has been in contact with the new coordinator about the MTP update.

8. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.