

**Morgantown Monongalia MPO
Minutes
October 18, 2012
City of Morgantown
Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Bruffy, Joe Statler, Asel Kennedy, Patty Lewis, Mike Kelly, Anthony Giambrone, Joe Fisher, Perry Keller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eldon Callen, Bill Byrne, Wes Nugent, Jim Manilla

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Bruffy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public wished to speak.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (A quorum is now present) Mr. Kelly moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Kennedy. With no discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

IV. FINANCE REPORT (June and July 2012)

Mrs. Lewis reported a beginning balance for June of \$11,032.67; two deposits made totaling \$33,813.25; expenditures of \$39,328.06 leaving a balance of \$5,507.85.

July's beginning balance was \$5,507.85; two deposits made totaling \$36,500; expenditures of \$13,251.58 leaving an ending balance of \$28,766.28. Mr. Kennedy moved to approve the Financial Report as given; seconded by Mr. Giambrone. With no discussion, the motion unanimously passed.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Downtown Traffic Operation Study Status. Mr. Austin reported the City of Morgantown requested the DOH perform a study of downtown traffic. A significant amount of data collection was done for the Study, including an origin and destination study of where traffic enters and exits downtown. Marshall University (Rahall Institute) and WVU are working together; alternatives are being modeled. This information will be presented to the MPO Policy Board at the January 2013 meeting.

2. LRTP Update Status: The Regional Visioning Process has been completed. Suggestions and alternatives for the LRTP were given by the Transportation Advisory Group. The consultants will be coming back with a fully constrained plan, with three potential tiers. The consulting team will have a preliminary review of the draft Plan for a Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on November 15th. The regular Policy Board meeting scheduled that day will be cancelled in the hope that the Policy Board Members will be available to review the draft Plan. Mr. Kennedy asked if the draft Plan will be written at that time or will there be an opportunity to change it. Mr. Austin stated that the TAG will be given a list of the projects proposed for the Plan and asked to provide their comments, this will allow the TAG to adjust the Plan appropriately.

3. Mileground Project Update: Mr. Austin asked Mr. Keller to update the Board on the Mileground Project. Mr. Keller stated that the project should go out to bid shortly and that in the event the Project is not complete in time for the opening of the new school DOH is prepared to work to make the existing construction driveway work acceptably until the Project is completed.

4. Van Pool Status: Mr. Austin stated that this project is temporarily on hold until after the adoption of the updated Long Range Transportation Plan. He stated that he has been working with a consultant to develop an RFP for private firms to implement van pooling in the area. He anticipates bringing the RFP before the Board in January.

5. Signalization and Downtown Project Update: Mr. Austin noted that DOH's consultant, Dr. Nichols, is scheduled to make a presentation on the Downtown Operations Study at the Policy Board's January meeting. He will be asked to be prepared to discuss the Signalization Project as well.

6. MPO Operations: Mr. Austin reminded the Board that the Policy Board will need to address the election of offices and the Executive Directors at this is the time of year. More information will be forthcoming on these issues.

V. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

1. MountainLine Transit TIP. Mr. Austin noted that the State and Mountain Line have asked the MPO to amend the TIP to include the purchase of three buses and additional funding in the upcoming years. Mr. Bruffy explained that with the adoption of the new Transportation Authorization Bill that JARC (Job Access Reverse Commute) funds and other funding categories which are not included in the new legislation would revert to FTA if they are not spent. He stated that Mountain Line was receiving these funds

to purchase needed equipment in a timely manner rather than returning the funds to the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. Kennedy clarified that no local funds would be used for this purpose. Mr. Bruffy confirmed Mr. Kennedy's assertion. After a short discussion Mr. Kennedy moved the TIP amendment for MountainLine Transit be approved; seconded by Mr. Keller. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

2. Highway Related Transportation Improvement Program Amendments Mr. Austin then noted that the Division of Highways had requested that the Policy Board amend the TIP to include five highway projects: Resurface US 119 (Grafton Road), Resurface US 119/13 (Gladesville Road), drainage improvements and associated improvements County Road 53 (Fort Martin Road), and two separate projects for the right of way acquisition and construction of intersection improvements at the intersection of US 100 and Dents Run Road (CO 43). Mr. Statler inquired if the repairs to Fort Martin Road were related to coal trucks. Mr. Keller could not confirm the reason for this improvement. After a short discussion Mr. Kelly moved approval of the motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.