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## **MINUTES**

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
MMMPO Conference Room  
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV  
Nov 7, 2017, 3 PM

### **Members Present**

Bill Austin, Rich Wood, Dave Bruffy, Chris Fletcher, Damien Davis

### **Others Present**

John Whitmore-City of Morgantown, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

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

With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of the TTAC to order at 3:00 PM.

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

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the August meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Bruffy moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wood. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **3. TIP Amendments**

Mr. Austin noted that the WV DOH requested that the MPO amend the TIP. The amendments include: the I-68 pipe replacement project in vicinity of Coopers Rock; the ADA ramps compliance project at various locations in Blacksville, Morgantown, and Terra Alta; and the I-68/CO 857 bridge replacement project near the Airport Exit. Mr Fletcher raised concerns on the criteria of selecting bridges for replacement in the area. Mr Wood noted that many other bridges in the area appear to be in worse condition than the I-68/CO 857 Bridge. Mr. Bruffy noted that it will be helpful to know if a future project with a similar scope of the I-68/CO 857 bridge replacement project will be classified as a groupable project by the WV DOH.

Mr. Bruffy moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO's Policy Board with a request of clarification from the WV DOH about the criteria used in the bridge selection process; seconded by Mr. Wood. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Austin then introduced several administrative adjustment items under TIP amendments, including CO 857 Greenbag Road Improvement Project, US 19 Arnettsville Arch Bridge Replacement and WV 100 Dent Run Intersection Improvement. These are informational items and require no action from the committee.

#### **4. Beechurst Avenue Study Status Report**

Mr. Austin noted that the Beechurst Ave Study has moved into the alternative evaluation stage. The Study Steering Committee is considering a wide range of alternatives, including four lane alternatives from 8<sup>th</sup> St to Fayette St and converting Walnut Street from a one-way street to a two-way street. Mr. Bruffy noted that the change on Walnut Street will require a reconsideration of the operational alternatives on Chestnut St and Pleasant St. Mr. Davis noted that the lane-width on Walnut St will be an issue, considering the existing on-street parking lots and the high volume of truck traffic. Mr. Austin noted that this is an informational item and requires no action from the committee. He then noted that the study steering committee would be meeting immediately after the TTAC meeting.

#### **5. Input for the development of the FY 2018-2019 UPWP**

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is soliciting ideas for planning projects for the FY 2018-2019 UPWP. Project suggestions can be for work performed in house or potentially consultant work to be funded by the MPO with the appropriate match. Mr. Bruffy noted that the Mountain Line is considering how to relocate the Downtown Bus Depot and may need some traffic count data in the downtown area.

#### **6. Ongoing Project Update**

Mr. Austin noted that based on his communication with WV DOH staff, there is no major update on the status of ongoing DOH projects in the area.

Mr. Bruffy noted that the Mountain Line is using a transit planning application called Remix. The application provides user friendly tools for transit planning, including mapping, route selecting, scheduling, and analyzing demographics in service areas. He noted that this application will help to enhance the transit planning capacity of the Mountain Line. He offered to provide MPO staff with access to this application. MPO staff expressed a great deal of interest in using the Remix.

#### **7. Other Business**

Mr. Austin noted that a draft of the 2018 MPO meeting schedule is included in the package. The draft schedule is for review by the committee members and will be finalized by the next meeting in January.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.