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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
May 9, 2017, 1:30 PM

Members Present

Bill Austin, Rich Wood, Fouad Shoukry, Arlie Forman, Dave Bruffy, Damien Davis

Others Present

John Whitmore, Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of TTAC to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the January meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Bruffy noted that there is typo in the minutes. The “Christ Fletcher” should be corrected as “Chris Fletcher”. Mr. Bruffy moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Wood. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that WVU and the West Virginia Division of Highways has requested that the MPO amend the TIP. Mr. Forman noted that the amendments requested by the WVU specifies the type of equipment that the federal funds will be used for. WVU will upgrade its automatic train control system to improve the operation of PRT. Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO’s Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Austin noted that the DOH has requested a TIP amendment for two projects. One is the White Day Creek Bridge Replacement and the other is the Pleasant Street Streetscape Project.

Mr. Davis noted that the Pleasant Street Streetscape Project is funded by a TAP grant. It is to improve Pleasant St from University Ave to Spruce St, including plants, lights, and sidewalks. Mr. Bruffy moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO's Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Austin noted that there are two administrative adjustments in the TIP. The adjustments require no action from the committee.

4. Beechurst Avenue Study Status Report

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff has conducted data collection for the Beechurst Ave Study, including turning movements' counts, speed data, pedestrian safety audit, and crash data. Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff will collaborate with both the district office and the central office of the DOH to identify the most preferable alternative. Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is working with a professor from WVU to develop a Vissim model for the study. The improvements will include facilities for pedestrians, transit users, as well as motor vehicles. Mr. Austin also noted that the next steering committee meeting for the study will be in the middle of June and the MPO will hold a public meeting in August.

5. Ongoing Project Update-WV DOH District Four

Mr. Shoukry noted that the Mon Blvd TWLTL project has been moved forward. The utility relocation has started in this month and the project is ready for construction next year. Mr. Zhang asked about the bicycle facilities in the project. Mr. Shoukry noted that there will be a southbound bicycle climbing lane from Boyers Ave to Patteson Dr.

Mr. Shoukry noted that the DOH will complete the paving on Van Voorhis Rd by September 1st. Mr. Shoukry then noted that the the Easton Hill project is under construction. The intersection will be closed for 15 days to 3 weeks this summer. The construction is expected to complete before August. Mr. Shoukry also noted that the Dents Run intersection project is in the right-of-way phase.

Damien noted that he will discuss with the DOH about the project connecting the Caperton Trail and Golden Corral plaza.

9. Other Business

No other business.

10. Meeting Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.