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### **Agenda**

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
MPO Conference Room
Morgantown Airport Terminal
August 9, 2016
1:30 PM

- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Long Range Transportation Plan Update Steering Committee
- 4. TIP Amendment
- 5. University Avenue Complete Streets Study Video
- 6. I-79 Access Study Update
- 7. Update on Public Input University Avenue Collins Ferry Intersection Project
- 8. Project Update WVDOH
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Meeting Adjournment



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### Memorandum

Date: August 3, 2016

To: Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Members

From: Bill Austin, AICP

Subject: August 9, 2016 TTAC Agenda

TTAC members please find below a short description of the items to be considered at the TTAC meeting to be held August 9, 2016 at the MPO's Offices at 1:30. Please let me know if you will be unable to attend this meeting.

- -Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update-The MPO's Committees will be acting as the Steering Committee for the update of the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. We have invited several representatives from around the community to participate with the TTAC on this portion of the Agenda. A separate Agenda for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan portion of this meeting is included in the transmittal email.
- **-TIP Amendments**-The Division of Highways has requested that the TIP be amended to include the following projects:

### FY 2017 Add

- -North Central Rail Trail Map Update-Update and print Trail Brochure-Federal Project Number NRT (FHWA Trails program) NRT2015244D Total Cost \$26,000 Federal Funds \$20,800
- -Mon River Trail Map-Develop and Print Trail Map-Federal Project Number NRT2015250D Total Cost \$26,800 Federal Funds \$21,440

It is respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend approval of this TIP Amendments to the MPO's Policy Board. The Division of Highways has also requested that the MPO Administratively Adjust the TIP by moving the Campus Drive intersection project to FY 2017. This item does not require any action.

- **-University Avenue Complete Street Study Video-** The consultants for the University Avenue Complete Streets Study have developed a video demonstrating many of the proposed improvements to University planned in the Study. MPO Staff will display the video as part of the TTAC Meeting.
- -Collins Ferry/University Avenue Intersection Improvement Project-The Division of Highways is seeking public comments on alternatives to improve the subject intersection. WVDOH will be making a presentation on this project at the MPO Policy Board meeting. Please find enclosed with your agenda packet the materials WVDOH will be distributing to solicit comments on this project.



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### **MINUTES**

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Meeting Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room June 7, 2016 1:30 PM

### **Members Present**

Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Brian Carr-WV DOH, Dave Bruffy-MLTA, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Rich Wood-Monongalia County Planning, John Whitmore-City of Morgantown, Arlie Forman-WVU

### **Members Absent**

Ron Snyder, James Meadows, Donny Williams, Fouad Shoukry, Chris Fletcher, Scott Wright, Chandra Inglis Smith, Clement Solomon-WVU

### **Others Present**

Jing Zhang-MMMPO

### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

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

### 3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that the Division of Highways has requested a TIP Amendment for a slide repair and resurfacing project near the intersection of River Road and DuPont Road. Mr. Wood asked if it is a project of emergency response, and how traffic will be impacted by the construction. Mr. Carr noted that it is not an emergency project. The traffic will be partly shut down during the construction due to the type of terrain adjacent to the project site. Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### 4. MPO Traffic Count Report

Mr. Austin noted that a draft Traffic Count Report of 2016 was included in the agenda package for review. The report contains detailed information for each count station, including directional volume, peak hours, and 24 hour traffic volume by 15 minute interval. MPO Staff will request 10 locations for recount this fall to insure the correctness of the data. Mr. Bruffy moved to accept the draft Traffic Count Report; seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### 5. UPWP Amendment

Mr. Austin noted that changing conditions have prompted MPO staff to request that the MPO amend two line items in the FY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program. The first one is to include an additional \$212,500 in the Consulting Services Line item to fulfill the MPO's contractual obligation to our consultants.

Mr. Austin noted that this is a reschedule of funding with no change in the total cost of the contractual services. He noted that the MPO has the local match required for this amendment to the UPWP, no additional match will be required.

The second line item change is to revise the Health Insurance line item. MPO Staff originally projected that PEIA premiums would increase by 3%. Current discussions in Charleston indicate that the premiums may increase by 12% or more. MPO Staff recommends that this line item be increased by \$2,000 to anticipate any changes to PEIA premiums that may come forward. This change will not require an increase in local matching funds. Mr. Bruffy moved to recommend approval of the UPWP Amendment to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### 6. University Avenue Complete Streets Study Revision

Mr. Austin noted that the Policy Board requested MPO staff revise some parts of the Study to address comments received by the Policy Board. Mr. Bruffy noted that the Policy Board has suggested revisions of language regarding proposals at three locations. They are the Grumbein's Island, the Loop area, and the Beverly Ave area.

Mr. Carr noted this plan is essentially a concept and should not be reviewed as a final solution to solve the problems in the study area. Mr. Bruffy concurred. The plan provides a general guidance for future development and the final project-level solution will be decided by implementing agencies. He noted that the revised language helped to clarify that purpose. Mr. Davis noted that the city staff agrees with the revised language in the draft report.

### 7. I-79 Access Study Update

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff will meet the consultant and DOH staff in Charleston to discuss preliminary findings from the traffic analysis on the alternatives identified in the Study. Mr. Bruffy will join the meeting through Skype. Mr. Bruffy noted that including DOH staff in the discussion is constructive to the planning process. Mr. Carr asked about the purpose of that meeting. Mr. Austin noted that its purpose is to conduct a technical review of the potential impact of each alternatives and to identify preferred alternatives for further investigation.

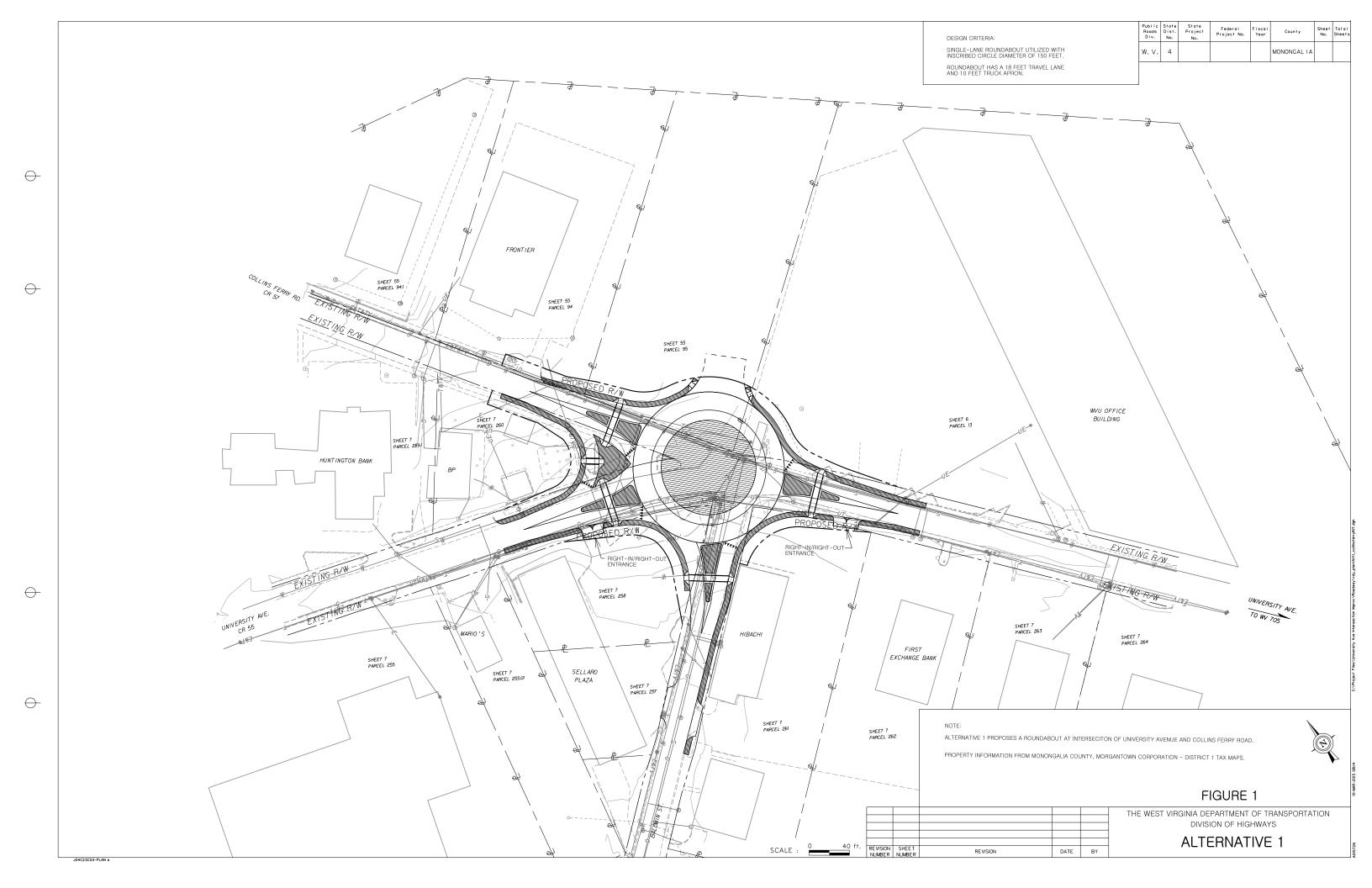
### 8. Status Report on ongoing projects

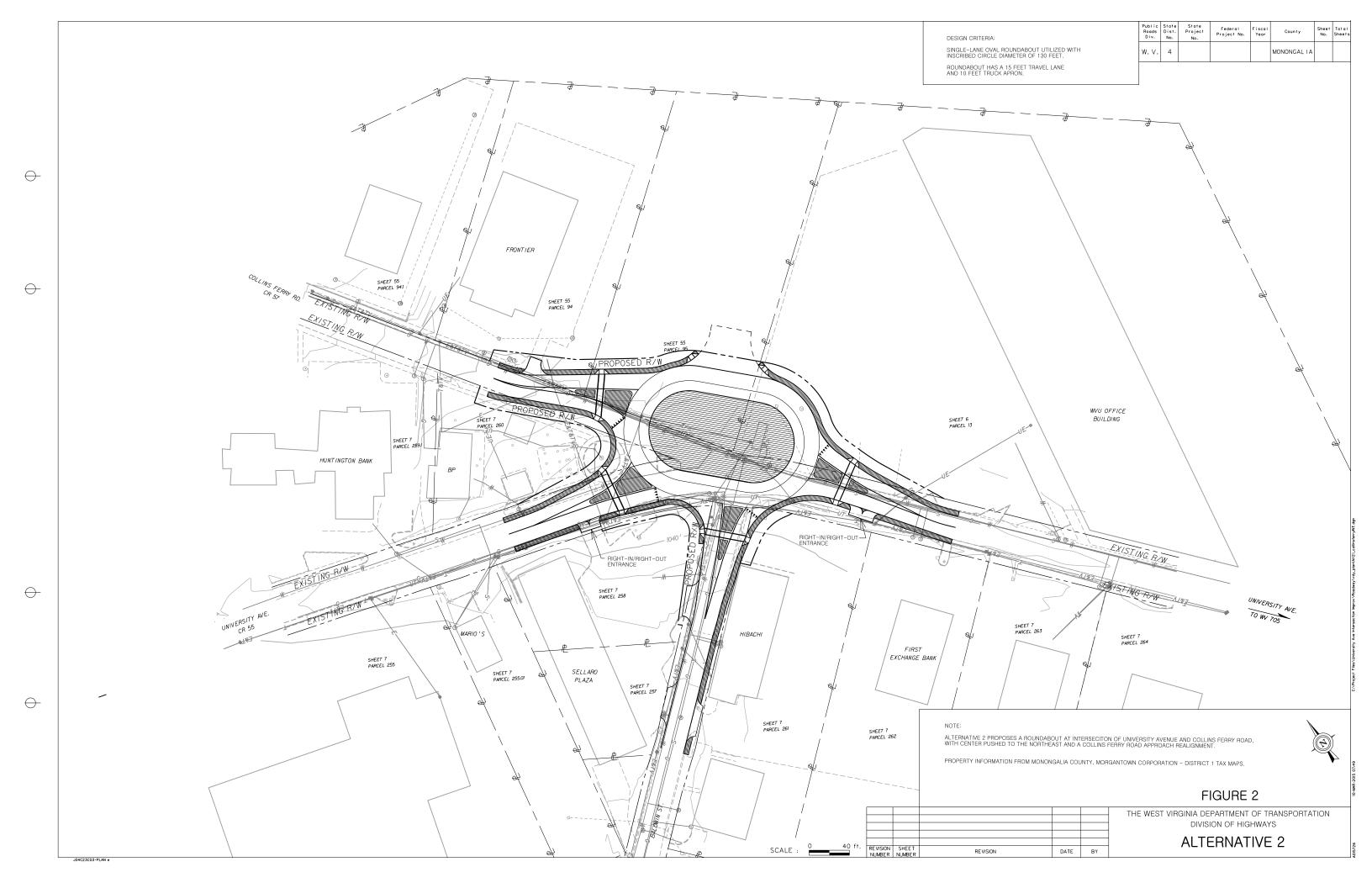
Mr. Carr noted that the project on the intersection of Mileground Rd and Cheat Rd will be constructed next summer. The intersection will be closed for 3 weeks during its construction. The DOH has adopted an alternative to improve the intersection of WV 7 and Greenbag Rd. The construction is scheduled in Oct, 2017. Mr. Bruffy noted that the WVDOH should avoid constructing both projects at the same time. Mr. Wood concurred. Mr. Davis noted that city and WVDOH will be working on signal improvements next year. Mr. Bruffy noted that the MLTA is willing to work with the city on any signal changes that could improve transit service efficiency and safety.

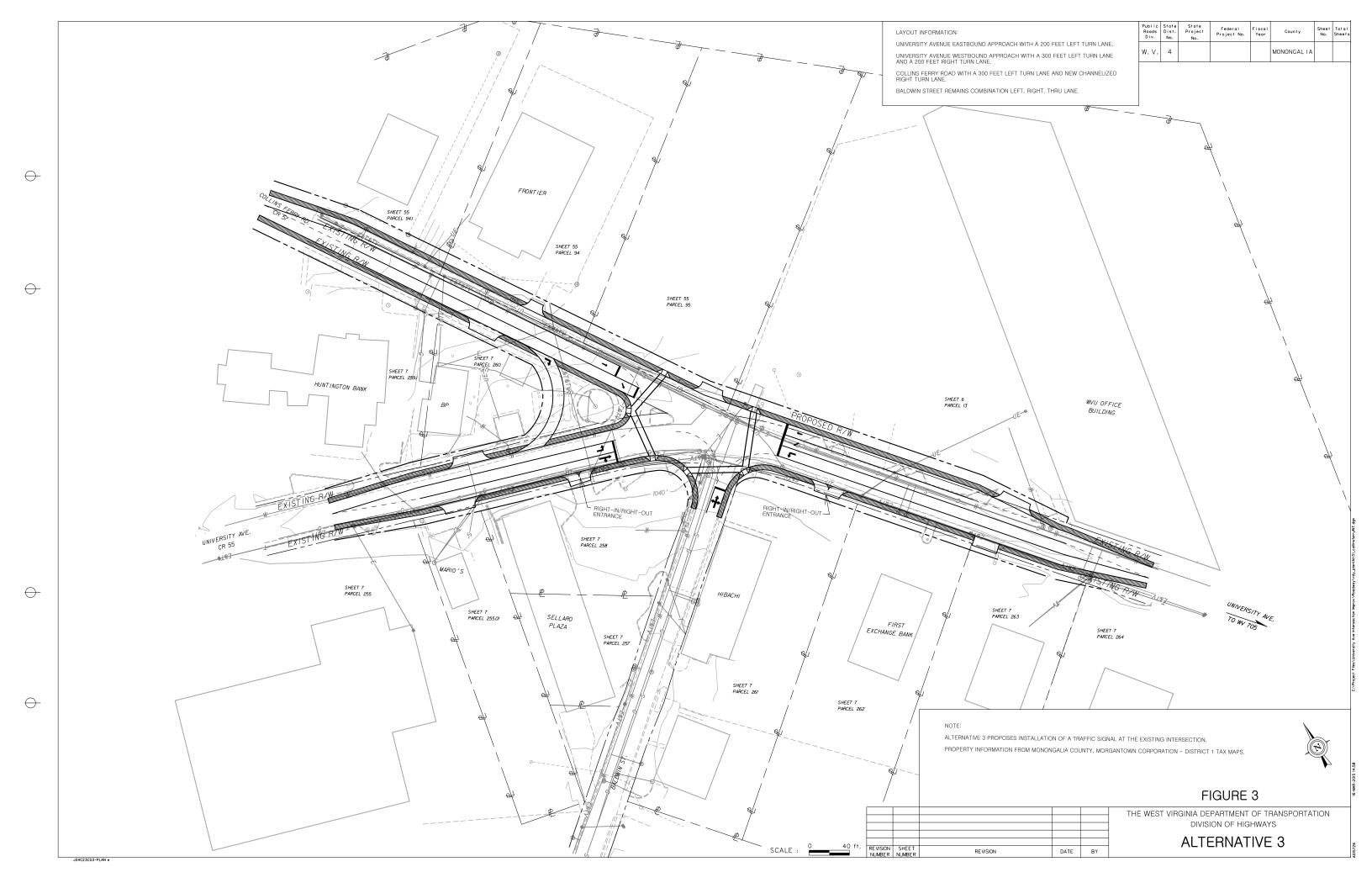
Mr. Bruffy noted that the MLTA will enhance the level of transit service in the area west of I-79, including the Mylan Park and Morgantown Mall area. The improvements will include higher service frequency and extended operation time.

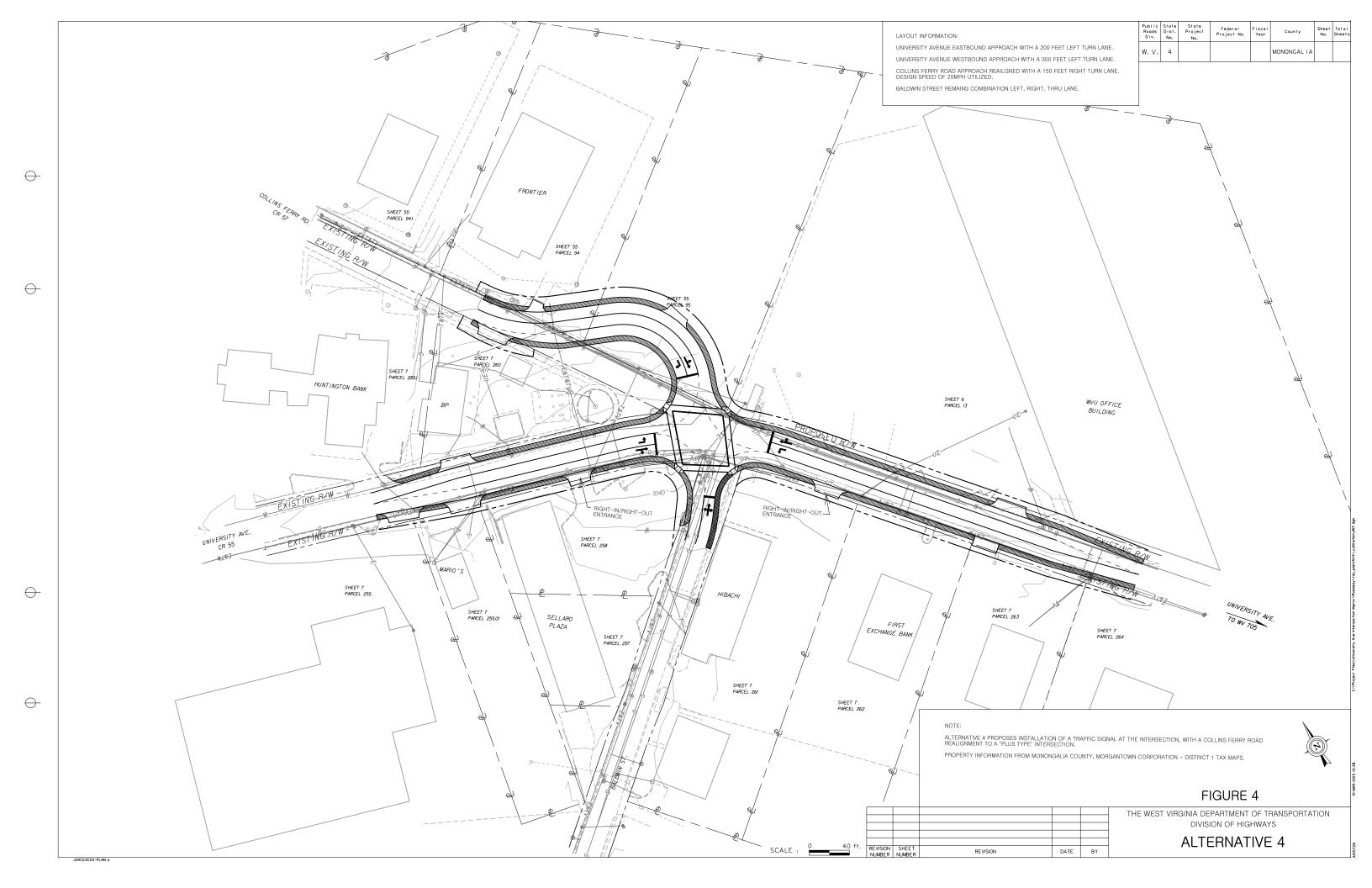
### 9. Meeting Adjournment

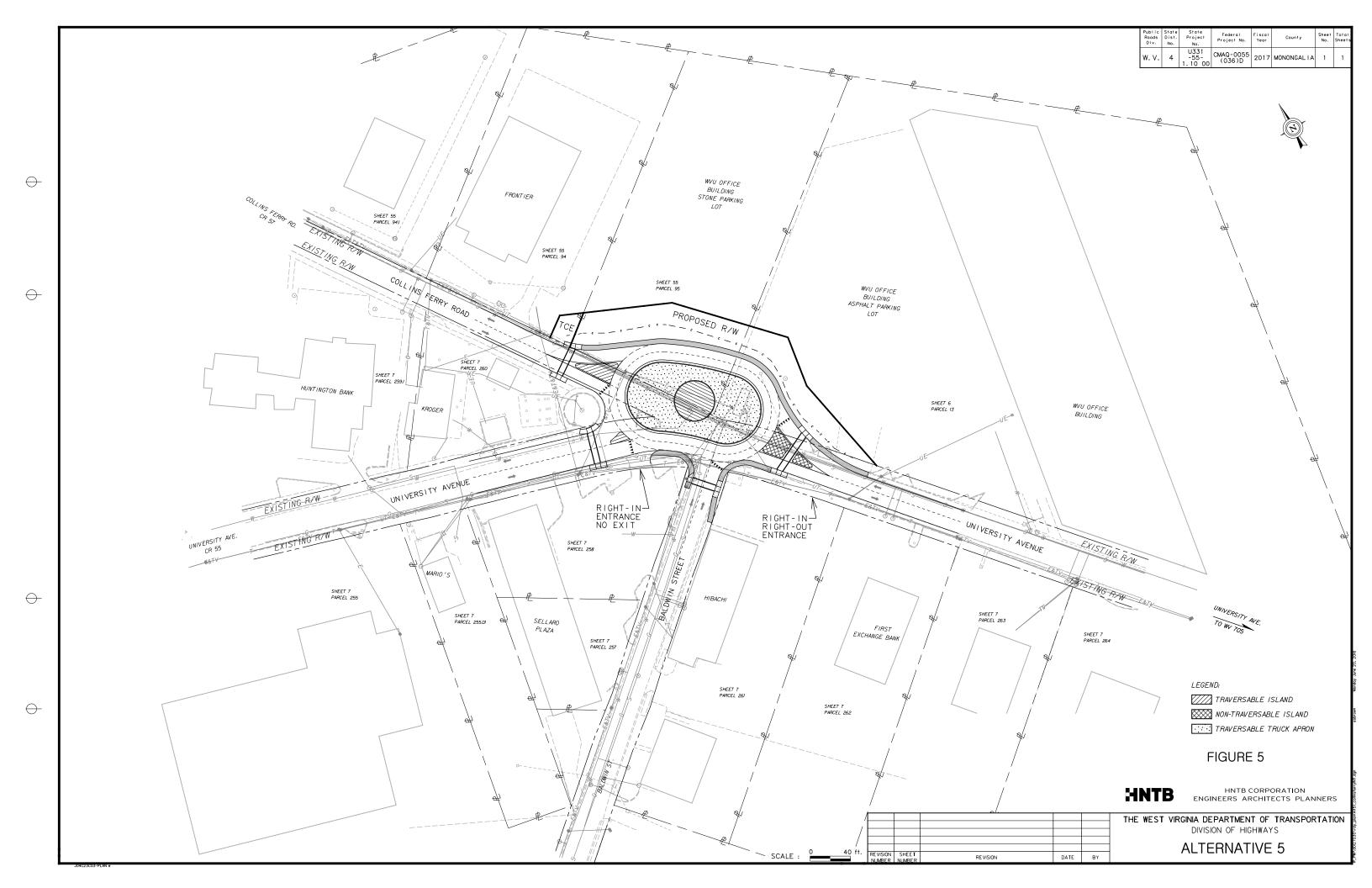
There being no further business. The meeting adjourned at 2: 21 PM.













### Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 1st TTAC Internal Review

MPO Conference Room Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 82 Hart Field Rd Suite 105 August 9, 2016 | 1:30 PM

### Agenda

- 1. Introduce the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Process
- 2. Review Goals, Objectives, and Ranking Criteria
- 3. Update on the Status of Tier 1 Projects in the Current Plan
- 4. Review Community Outreach Material
- 5. Initial Comments on the Update



### 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 1st TTAC Internal Review

### Memorandum

Date: July 29, 2016

To: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Committee Members

From: MPO Staff

Subject: August 9, 2016, Internal Review Meeting Agenda

Please find below a short description of the items to be considered at the August 9, 2016 Internal Review Meeting for the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. The meeting will be held at the MPO Conference Room at the Morgantown Airport Terminal Building at 1:30 PM.

- --Introduce the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Process. Please find enclosed a draft meeting schedule. It is anticipated that internal reviews will be conducted at regular TTAC meeting in August, November, January, and March. Public meetings will be held in October and February. Also enclosed is a schedule of the tasks that MPO staff will undertake during the update process.
- --Goals, Objectives, and Ranking Criteria Review. Please review the goals and objectives defined in the previous Long Transportation Transportation Plan adopted in 2013. To reflect expanded planning consideration factors under the FAST Act, MPO staff recommend adding two objectives. They are storm water impact mitigation and tourism enhancement. Goals and Objectives will be presented to the public in October and will be considered for revision in the next internal review meeting.

Based on those planning factors, MPO staff developed a set of project ranking criteria for the Update. The ranking criteria is an informational item and no action is required at this meeting. It is respectfully requested that, after the meeting, committee members assign a score to each criterion to reflect its desirable weight in prioritization. MPO staff will send an online survey to committee members for the criteria ranking. The criteria score will be discussed and decided in the next internal review meeting.

--Status of Tier 1 Project. MPO staff summarized major progress made for the tier 1 projects since the adoption of current long range transportation plan in 2013. A map of tier 1 projects is attached.

MPO staff updated environmental justice block groups based on 2014 American Community Survey and used EJSCREEN to assess potential impact of each tier 1 project. Please review the results of those analysis. Assessment methodologies and process are explained.

- --Community Outreach Material Review. Please review the community outreach material, which include a public questionnaire, a project website, and a brochure. Once approved by internal review committees, the material will be released to the public.
- --Initial Comments on the Update. The internal review committee members are encouraged to provide any comments on the Update process to improve the metropolitan transportation plan.

### 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Planning Process-Meeting Schedule

Updated by July 18, 2016

### 1st Internal Review Meetings | August, 2016

- Introduce the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update process
- Review the goals, objectives, and ranking criteria
- Review the status of tier 1 projects in the current plan.
- Review community outreach material (surveys, brochure, and website)
- Identify initial concerns and recommendations for the Update

Community Outreach/Release of Community Survey | August, 2016 (after 1st Internal Review Meetings)

1st Public Meeting | October, 2016

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Internal Review Meeting | November, 2016

- Review the report on existing conditions
- Review proposed changes in the Update (1st review)
- Review community outreach material and the report on community outreach
- Define and prioritize project ranking criteria

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Internal Review Meetings | January, 2017

- Review the update on the Regional Travel Demand model (based on the I-79 Access Study)
- Review proposed changes in the Update (2<sup>nd</sup> review)
- Tier 1 project prioritization

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting | January/February, 2017

Summary of Community Outreach | February, 2017

### Special Internal Review Meetings | February, 2017 (if necessary)

Review final changes to the Updates

### 4th Internal Review Meetings | March, 2017

• Adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

### Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Planning Process-Task Schedule Updated by July 28, 2016

				20	2016				2017	
		July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
	General Management	X	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
	Internal Committee Review		×			×		×		×
4	Public Meeting				×				×	
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IIIVOLVCIIICIII	Community Survey	×	×	×	×	×	×	×		
	Public outreach (Brochure, Website, etc.)	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	
	Travel demand Model Update			×	×	×	×			
Technical	Existing Condition Analysis	X	×	×	×					
Analysis	Environmental Justice Analysis	×	×			×		×	×	
	Project Evaluation				×		×			
	Goals and Objectives Review		×	×	×	×				
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roncy opuate	Project Prioritization						×	×	×	
	Plan Update Review						×	×	×	×
	Documentation	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

### 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Goals and Objectives Review

Based on 2013-2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Draft, Updated by July 12, 2016

### Goal #1: A multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods

- Objective 1 A: To eliminate/reduce current congestion and multimodal traffic flow restrictions on arterial and collector roadways
- Objective 1 B: To ensure that future development and related transportation improvements address capacity and connectivity needs proactively rather than reactively
- Objective 1 C: Improve ingress/egress to the most densely developed/highest activity areas of region
- Objective 1 D: Provide adequate transportation capacity and access to support current businesses
- Objective 1 E: Focus capacity improvements for all modes in areas of desired future growth and development that support the public's vision for the region

### Goal #2: A transportation system in which all modes are highly integrated and connected

- Objective 2 A: To allow for convenient transfer from one mode to another in the region (i.e. biking to bus, vanpooling to bus, etc.) to maximize travel efficiency
- Objective 2 B: To encourage the use of the most efficient mode based on the distance and characteristics of a particular trip
- Objective 2 C: Increase the geographic area in which people have convenient access to non-automobile modes
- Objective 2 D: Reduce reliance on automobile for travel
- Objective 2 E: Better serve those who do not/cannot own and drive a personal automobile
- Objective 2 F: To allow for efficient transfers of goods between modes (air, pipeline, river, rail)
- Objective 2 G: Improve and expand infrastructure for pedestrians, bicyclists and people with disabilities
- Objective 2 H: Increase use of existing rail-trails for transportation purposes

### Goal #3: A multimodal transportation system that safely moves people and goods

- Objective 3 A: To minimize crashes, especially injury/fatality crashes, by 50% through improvements to high crash locations, improvements to local enforcement of traffic laws, and education of transportation system users
- Objective 3 B: To ensure that future growth and related transportation improvements address transportation safety needs in planning and design

### Goal #4: A transportation system that maximizes the efficiency of freight movement through and within the region with minimal impacts on neighborhoods and campus areas, especially areas of higher bicycle and pedestrian demand

- Objective 4 A: Reduce truck traffic in residential neighborhoods and on other streets where significant numbers of bicycles and pedestrians are present
- Objective 4 B: Improve truck access to key industrial areas
- Objective 4 C: Increase options for freight movement that minimizes truck traffic on non-interstate roadways

Goal #5: Greater collaboration between local agencies, state officials, and private interests in the pursuit and funding of transportation improvements

- Objective 5 A: More effective and less costly transportation improvements by capitalizing on common goals and needs between communities and agencies in the region
- Objective 5 B: Higher quality transportation system improvements due to cost sharing and collaboration
- Objective 5 C: Transportation improvements that support the public's long-term vision for the region

### Goal #6: A transportation system that is attractive, sustainable, and livable

- Objective 6 A: Integrate the local context of the area into the planning, design, and construction of transportation improvements
- Objective 6 B: Include sustainability features in design of transportation improvements that minimize environmental impacts
- Objective 6 C: Address multimodal system needs in all planning, design, and construction of transportation improvements
- \*Objective 6 D: Reduces or mitigate the storm water impacts of surface transportation
- \*Objective 6 E: Enhance travel and tourism in the Morgantown Monongalia urban area

### Goal #7: Reduce automobile trip demand, especially during peak travel hours,

- Objective 7 A: Reduce the need to construct costly transportation and parking infrastructure improvements
- Objective 7 B: Invest in transportation improvements that encourage and support development/land use patterns that decrease need to travel
- Objective 7 C: Reduce automobile emissions and improve air quality
- Objective 7 D: 50% increase in trips made by walking
- Objective 7 E: 5% of all trips made by bicycle by 2025
- Objective 7 F: Increase number of trips made by public transit by 200%
- Objective 7 G: Increase work telecommuting and virtual lectures (WVU)
- Objective 7 H: Increase average vehicle occupancy by 50%

### Goal #8: A multimodal transportation system that enhances the homeland security of the region

- Objective 8 A: Heighten awareness of homeland security needs related to transportation
- \*Objective 8 B: Improve understanding of critical transportation system related homeland security issues in the region, Improves transportation system resiliency and reliability
- Objective 8 C: Incorporate homeland security needs in transportation project planning, design, and construction

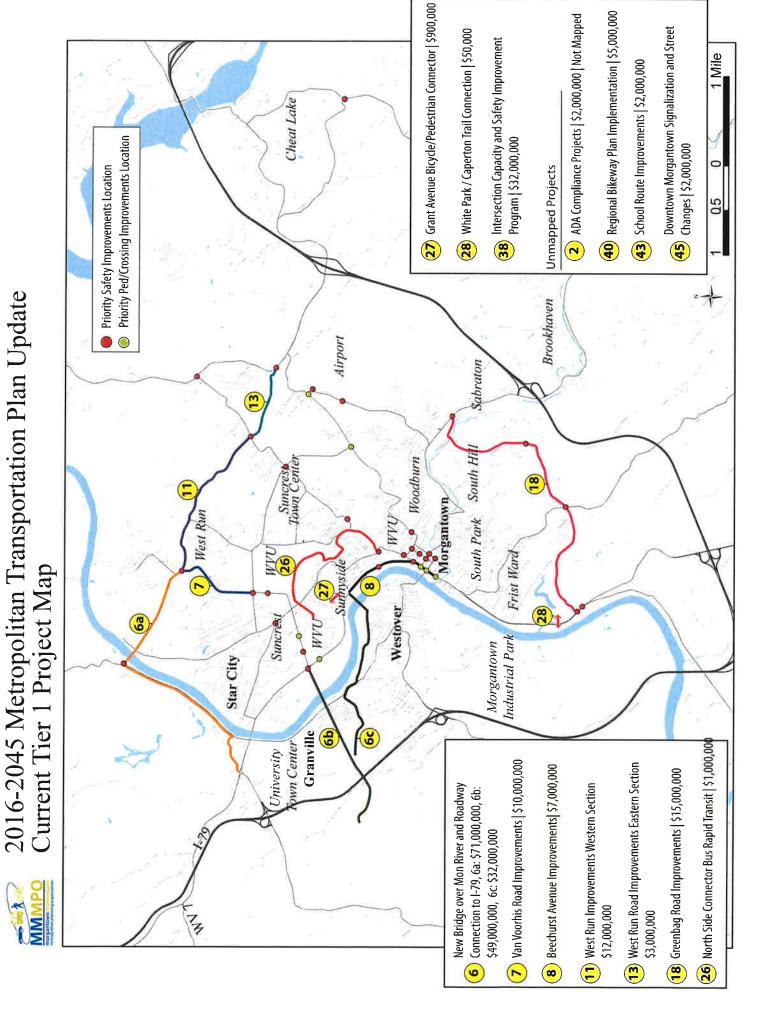
<sup>\*</sup>MPO Staff suggest to add or modify this objective for the Update. The FACT Act adopted in 2015 expended planning consideration factors to include this issue.

### 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Project Ranking Criteria

(Based on FHWA Metropolitan Planning Factors)

Draft, Updated by July 12, 2016

Evaluation Criteria	Score
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	100
SYSTEM PRESERVATION & ENHANCEMENT	
Project improves existing route	+
Project improves traffic flow	+
Project reduces or mitigate the storm water impacts of surface transportation	+
Project has sustainable operations/ongoing maintenance support	+
QUALITY GROWTH & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	
Project improves access to encouraged/controlled growth area	+
Project supports infill/redevelopment	+
Project located near mixed-use, high density areas	+
Project contributes to roadway network connectivity	+
ECONOMIC PROSPERITY	
Project located near existing jobs/high job growth areas Project improves access to retails/activity center	+
Project improves access to retains activity center  Project enhances travel and tourism	+
Project endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce	+
MULTI-MODAL OPTIONS	
Project is located within a planned/existing multi-modal corridor	+
Project reduced inter-modal conflict (e.g. traffic signals, intersection improvements)	+
Project includes transit accommodations (e.g. signal priority, pullouts, shelters)	+
Project includes pedestrian amenities	+
Project includes bicycle facility improvements  Project makes a connection to greather model facility.	+ +
Project makes a connection to another modal facility	
SAFÉTY & SECURITY	
Project includes geometrical improvements for the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.	+
Projects includes signage/wayfinding	+
Project includes appropriate traffic calming techniques	+
Projects address a high crash location (intersection/corridor)	+
Projects improves transportation system resiliency and reliability	+
Projects reduces the safety of drivers, pedestrians, or cyclists	*.
FREIGHT & GOODS MOVEMENTS	
Project improves route with significant existing/anticipated truck movements	+
Project improves access to major good/freight distribution centers	+
Project address existing/anticipated freight-passenger conflict	+
EQUITY. HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT	
Project improves accessibility for low-income/minority communities	+
Project corrects ADA Non-compliance	+
Project includes transportation choices for the disable/aging population	+
Project promotes physical activity	+
Project improves access to healthy food and health facilities	+
Project has potential negative impact on natural or socio-cultural resources	740
COMMUNITY SUPPORT & CONSISTENCY	
	+
Project is considered as top local priority by public officials	
	+



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# Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Project Status and Evaluation (Tier 1 Project Only)

Draft, Updated by July 13, 2016

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Project	Project (Cost Estimate)		Status Update	
Number		Type	Scope	Sources
		Subarea Plan	Opportunities for sidewalk/crosswalk improvements in Westover and Granville	Westover-Granville Pedestrian Study
	ADA Compliance Project	Subarea Plan	Opportunities for sidewalk/crosswalk improvements on Greenbag Rd	Greenbag Rd Corridor Study
2	(\$2.000.000)	Design Proposal	Opportunities for sidewalk/crosswalk improvements on University Ave	University Ave Street Study
		Construction	Sidewalk/crosswalk on Mileground Rd (committed)	WV Division of Highways
		Construction	Sidewalk/crosswalk on Beechurst Ave	WV DOH/City of Morgantown
9	New Bridge over Mon River and Roadway Connection to I-79, (\$32,000,000-\$71,000,000)	Purpose and Need Study	Identify and document the purpose and need for additional accesses to I-79 and evaluate potential routes and their impact on traffic, environment, and social economics.	I-79 Access Study (ongoing)
		Programming	Widening, Engineering(2018), Right of Way(2019), Construction (2020)	MMMPO TIP Amendments
7	Van Voorhis Road Improvements,	Construction	Drainage and resurfacing, including providing paved shoulders for bicycle and pedestrian travel.	WV Division of Highways, MUB
		Construction	Bicycle May Use Full Lane Signs and sharrows (committed)	WV DOH/City of Morgantown
		Design Proposal	Adding a dedicated left turn lane at the intersection of Campus Dr and Beechurst Ave.	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	Pedestrian crossing on Beechurst Ave between Fayette St and Walnut Street. Signal optimization at the intersection of Beechurst Ave and Walnut Street.	Private developer
∞	Beechurst Ave Improvements (\$7,000,000)	Programming	Spot Improvements beginning at 6th Street, Engineering(2019), Right of Way(2020), Construction (2021)	MMMPO TIP Amendments
		Construction	Resurfacing and restriping from Campus Dr to Hough St, including converting the TWLTL to a southbound through lane	WV Division of Highways
		Construction	Resurfacing and sidewalk ADA compliance on Beechurst Ave from 8 <sup>th</sup> Street to Campus Dr.	WV Division of Highways City of Morgantown
		Construction	Bicycle May Use Full Lane signs (committed)	City of Morgantown
=	West Run Improvements-Western	Design Proposal	Roadway widening (adding a TWLTL) Install sidewalk on one side of the street. Install Bicycle May Use Full Lane signs.	WV Division of Highways
	Section (\$12,000,000)	Programming	Widening, Engineering(2020), Right of Way(2020), Construction (2021)	MMMPO TIP Amendments

Project	Project (Cost Retimote)		Update	
Number		Type	Scope	Sources
13	West Run Improvements-Eastern Section (\$3,000,000)	None		
18	Greenbag Rd Improvements	Subarea Plan	Total 11 projects were recommended to improve all modes of transportation in the Greenbag corridor.	Greenbag Rd Corridor Study
	(\$15,000,000)	Programming	Improvement and widening, Engineering(2018), Right of Way(2019), Construction (2020)	MMMPO TIP Amendments
26	North-side Connector Bus Rapid Transit (\$1,000,000)	Design Proposal	Bus stops locations and Bus Rapid Transit routes were identified and recommended.	University Ave Complete Street Study
27	Grant Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Connector (\$1,000,000)	Design Proposal	The potential alignment of the connector and accompanying amenities were identified and recommended in the University Ave Complete Street Corridor Study.	University Ave Complete Street Study
28	White Park/Caperton Trail Connection (\$50,000)	None		
		Design Proposal	University Ave-WV 705 Intersection	University Ave Complete Street Study
		Design Proposal	University Ave-3 <sup>rd</sup> St Intersection	University Ave Complete Street Study
		Design Proposal	University Ave-Campus Dr Intersection	University Ave Complete Street Study
		Design Proposal	University Ave-Beechurst Ave Intersection	University Ave Complete Street Study
		Design Proposal	University Ave-College Ave Intersection	University Ave Complete Street Study
		Design Proposal	Greenbag Rd-US 119 Intersection	Greenbag Rd Corridor Study
		Design Proposal	Greenbag Rd-Dorsey Ave Intersection	Greenbag Rd Corridor Study
		Design Proposal	Holland Ave and Fairmont Rd Intersection	Westover-Granville Pedestrian Study
		Design Proposal	Greenbag Rd-WV 7 Intersection (committed)	WV Division of Highways
	Intersection Capacity and Safety	Design Proposal	Beechurst Ave and Campus Dr Intersection	WV Division of Highways
38	Improvements Program	Design Proposal	Mileground Rd-Cheat Rd Intersection (committed)	WV Division of Highways
	(\$31.000.000)	Design Proposal	Mileground Rd-Airport Blvd (committed)	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	Mon Blvd-Boyers Ave Intersection	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	WV 7-Brookhaven Rd Intersection (committed)	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	Univ. Ave-Collins Ferry Rd Intersection (ongoing)	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	WV 705-Van Voorhis Rd Intersection (ongoing)	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	US 119-Smithtown Rd Intersection(ongoing)	WV Division of Highways
		Design Proposal	I-68 Exit 7 EB-Cheat Rd Intersection	WV Division of Highways
		Construction	Mon Blvd-Chaplin Hill Rd Intersection	WV Division of Highways
		Construction	Cheat Rd-N Pierpont Rd Intersection	WV Division of Highways
		Construction	Mon Blvd-Evansdale Dr Intersection	West Virginia University
		Construction	WV 705-Fine Art Dr intersection	West Virginia University

Number Truject (Cost Estimate)  Regional Bicycle Plan Implementation (\$5,000,000)  43 School Route Improvements  As Downtown Morgantown		Type		
	Dea		Scope	Sources
			Regional bicycle network was identified. It was based	Regional Bicycle Plan
		Design Proposal	on the bicycle commuter map developed by the Morgantown Bicycle Board.	
		Design Proposal	A Multi-use bridge connecting Greenmont	City of Morgantown
			neignbornood to Deckers Creek Trall.	
		Programming	Morgantown Bike Sign. Install signs and pavement	MMMPO TIP Amendments
	2	5.4	markings at various locations. Construction (2026)	
	٥	Construction	Bicycle May Use Full Lane signs and Sharrows on	City of Morgantown
		וואוו מבווסוו	major city streets	
		Design proposal	Improvements of sidewalks and bicycle routes near	Regional Bicycle Plan
		argii proposai	schools were identified	Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Plan
	De	Design proposal	Optimize downtown signal coordination system	WV Division of Highways
	Pro	Programming	Signal system upgrade, Construction (2016)	MMMPO TIP Amendments
Signalization and Street Changes	hanges	Construction	BMUFL signs and sharrows in downtown area	City of Morgantown
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	Ŝ	Construction	Signage improvements on High St and Kirk St	City of Morgantown
	Co	Construction	Streetscape improvements	City of Morgantown

### 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2013-240 LRTP Tier Projects-EJ Status and Cost, EJSCREEN

Updated by July 26, 2016

### **Assessment Methodologies**

The environmental justice assessment includes three parts

EJ Block Group Analysis

EJ Block Group Analysis is a system level evaluation on the relations between proposed projects and environmental justice populations. It documents the special relations of proposed projects and EJ Block Groups and the level of planned transportation investment in the area's EJ and non-EJ neighborhoods. Both positive and negative impact of an investment are considered.

EJSCREEN Analysis

EJSCREEN is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool developed by the US Environmental Protection Agency. It provides a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators. The use of EJSCREEN in metropolitan planning process is recommended by the Federal Highway Administration.

The environmental justice analysis of the Update considers both positive and negative impact of each proposed project on the environmental justice population.

Supplemental Mapping Analysis

MPO staff will provide thematic maps that supplemental information on social and economic status in the area. The purpose of those maps is to offer a broader perspective on the environmental issues that was not not covered in the EJ Block Group Analysis and EJSCREEN Analysis.

### Assessment Process

The environmental justice analysis of this plan consists of three stages. The process is designed in a way to ensure that environmental justice consideration is an integrated part of the decision making process and had continuing influence on the initiation, evaluation, and prioritization of projects proposed in the plan.

### July--August

- Update and review the Environmental Justice Block Group map based on current demographic data.
- Assess the relation of geographic locations between Tier 1 projects recommended in the 2013 LRTP and the updated EJ Block Group map

### September--November

- Reach out to the community to identify potential environmental justice concerns.
- Evaluate the positive and negative impact of any changes proposed during this time frame.

### December--February

 Assess the positive and negative impact of Tier 1 projects recommended in the Update in terms of environmental justice.

### **Analysis Results**

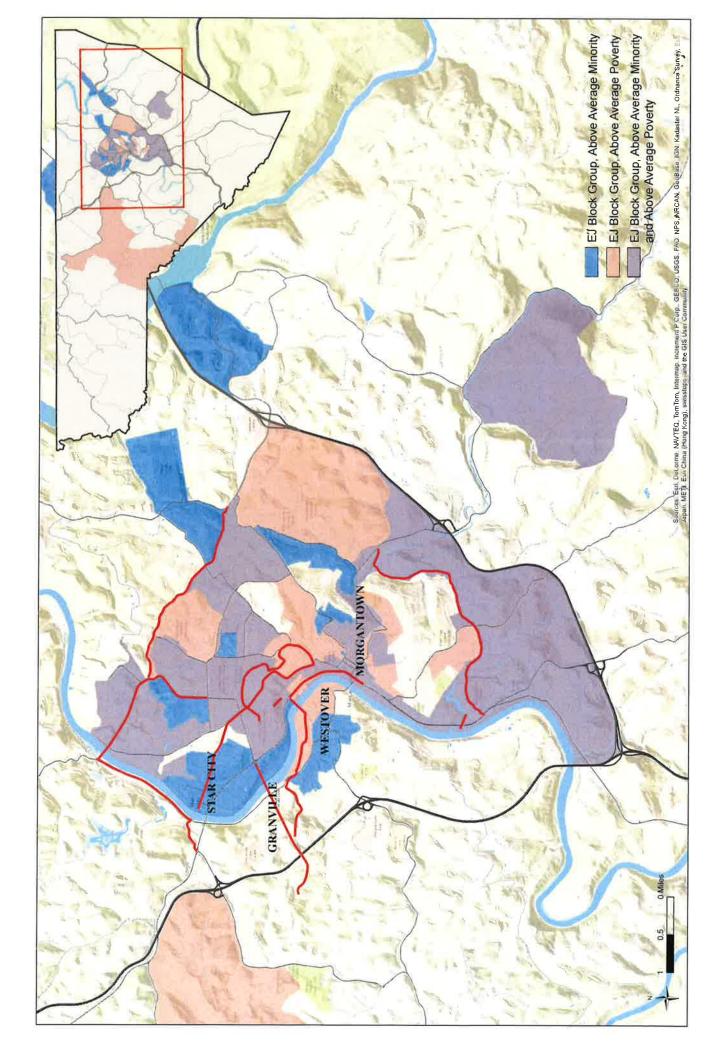
Update on Environmental Justice (EJ) Block Groups

The MPO staff has updated the EJ Block Groups based on 2014 American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

An EJ Block Group is a census block group with a population that has EITHER a higher percentage of households in poverty than the county average OR a higher percentage of minority residents than the county average. According to 2014 ACS, the county average poverty rate increased from 21% to 23%; and the county average minority rate decreased from 10.2% to 9.2%.

The following table shows the relation of each tier 1 project proposed in the current plan and its location in terms of EJ Block Groups.

Project #	Project	Cost Estimate	Relation with EJ Block Groups
7	Van Voorhis Rd Improvements	\$10,000,000	Within
8	Beechurst Avenue Improvements	\$7,000,000	Within
13	West Run Road Improvements-Eastern Section	\$3,000,000	Within
11	West Run Road Improvements-Western Section	\$12,000,000	Within
26	North Side Connector Bus Rapid Transit	\$1,000,000	Within
28	White Park/Caperton Trail Connection	\$50,000	Within
18	Greenbag Rd Improvements	\$15,000,000	Within
27	Grant Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Connector	\$900,000	Within
45	Downtown Morgantown Signalization and Street Changes	\$2,000,000	Within
38	Intersection Capacity and Safety Improvement Program	\$31,000,000	Partially within
2	ADA Connectivity Initiative	\$2,000,000	Partially within
40	Regional Bikeway Plan Implementation Program	\$5,000,000	Partially within
43	School Route Improvements (K-8)	\$2,000,000	Partially within
6	New Bridge over Mon Rider and Roadway Connection to I-79	\$45,000,000	Partially within



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Sources:
Demographic data: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014, data was computed/EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report
Environmental data: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environemntal Justice EJSCREEN Version 2016

# WE NEED YOUR HELP



How can the transportation system can better serve you ?

How would you rate the transportation system in the Morgantown Monongalia area?

How would you prioritize transportation projects to make our area better?

What improvements are needed to make you feel more comfortable walking/bicycling?

Please tell us how you think and how we can improve by taking a survey at:

www. plantogether.org

Scan for digital survey



or go to

plantogether.org

Printed surveys are available.
Calling (304) 291-9571
for more informations

The success of this plan depends on community engagement. Please share with your friends and family, and encourage them to get involved too.



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For questions, comments or to request a group presentation

# Tansportation

The Long Range Transportation Plan Update is a community-driven process to reshape our vision for a better transportation system to support our community growth.

Metropolitan
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Plan Update
2016 - 2045



## All Modes of Transportation **Integrate of** odate letropolitan Iransportai

The Long Range Transportation Plan establishes a set of transportation infrastructure investment strategies for the next 30 years. The Update will investigate the impact of growth in our region,

### engage our community in conversation about appropriate transportation solutions and priorities. 2017 2016 DEC DOCT AUG Key Milestones UNE



# Regional Efforts with State and Local Partners

Highways, the City of Morgantown, Star City, Town of The Transportation Plan Update will be prepared in University, the Monongalia County Commission, collaboration with the West Virginia Division of the Mountain Line Transit Authority, and the Morgantown Area Chamber of Commerce. Granville, City of Westover, West Virginia

### Assessing the Progress

to justify future transportation investments in the region. and technical analysis. The needs identified will be used

based on the input from community, stakeholders,

The Update will identify and document the need

Understanding the Needs

for transportation infrastructure improvements

The Update will evaluate the current conditions of the transportation system and access the improvements that have been made since 2013.

## Defining and Evaluating Projects

those projects as well as recommending new projects. By engaging the community, the Update will define and evaluate the projects proposed in the previous Long Range Transportation Plan and update the

## Prioritizing Projects and Programs

One significant outcome of the Update will be a new set of prioritized projects, which are recommended for funding using forecasted available state and federal funds

### In 2013, the Policy Board of the MPO adopted a 2013-44 projects to improve transportation infrastructure in the community. 14 projects were listed as Tier 1 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. It included The Current Long Range Transportation Plan projects and recommended for funding with orecasted available state and federal funds.

Prioritization Project

Evaluation

Project

Community

**Existing Condition** 

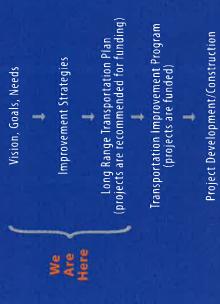
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# How is a transportation project developed?













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### 2016-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update Public Questionnaire

Par	A: Personal Information		You can also take this survey on www.plantogether.org
1.	How long have you lived in the Morgantown Monongalia metropolitan area? (check one)	5.	Generally, how long do you take to commute to or from work?  Less than 10 minutes 40 to 50 minutes
	Less than one year More than 5 years		10 to 20 minutes Greater than 50 minutes
١.	1-5 years Do not live in the area	00	20 to 40 minutes Question does not apply
2.	Please indicate your place of residence (For example: Suncrest, Westover, or Mileground)	6.	What mode of travel do you most often use to do the following activities? (check one for each row)
3	How many registered motor vehicles are in your household?		Drive alone Carpool Transit Bicycle Walk
] ].	None 3 to 4		Work/school
	1 to 2 5 or more		Shopping
4.	What is your annual household income?		Recreation
	Less than \$25,000  \$75,000 to \$99,999	7	Errands
	\$25,000 to \$34,999 \$100,000 or more	/.	What is your race/ethnicity?  White Hispanic Others
	\$35,000 to \$74,999 Prefer not to say		<ul><li>White ☐ Hispanic ☐ Others</li><li>☐ Black ☐ Prefer not to say</li></ul>
Part	B: Transportation Funding Priorities		
8.	If you had control over the transportation budget, how would yo (1 being most important, 9 being least important).	u ra	ink the following in importance
	Neighborhood traffic safety & calming Bicycle	e fac	cility improvements Improve public transit
	Sidewalks/crosswalks improvements Roadw	ay c	condition improvements — Roadway widening
		-	traffic flow Other: please identify
		5	- Other: please identity
Part	C: Existing Transportation Facilities	P	Part D: Walking
9.	Overall, how would you rate the transportation system in the Morgantown Monongalia County area?	ľ	12. Do you currently walk to do the following activities in the Morgantown Monongalia area? If yes, how often?
	Excellent Good Fair Poor		N/A Daily a Week a month
10.	How would you rate the following in the Morgantown		a week a month
	Monongalia area?  Excellent Good Fair Poor	- 1	Work Shopping
	Excellent Good Fair Poor  Speed of traffic		Recreation
	Traffic safety	- [	Others
	Sidewalks/crosswalks		13. How likely would you be to increase your use of walking if
	Bicycle traveling		the following improvements were made?
	Trails	- 1	Not Somewhat Very
	Traffic signal system		likely likely likely Extended trail system
	Road conditions	1	More sidewalks
	Convenience to get to work and shopping	-	Safer pedestrian crossing
		1	More pedestrian friendly land use development
	Please list the top five roadways and/or intersections in the area where you think improvements are most needed.	1	More open public spaces
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	1ν	1	14. Please list the top three locations where you think
	2		pedestrian improvements are most needed.
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### Part E: Bicycling

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15. Do you currently ride a b			
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N/A	Daily	Few Times a Week	Few Times a month
Work Shopping			
Recreation			
16. How likely would you be	to incre	ase your use o	of walking if
the following improvemen	nts were	made?	_
	Not Likely	Somewhat	Very Likely
Bike lanes			
Bicycle signage			
Share the road markings			
Bicycle route map		П	
Paved shoulders			
Extended trail system			Ħ
Bicycle traffic skill courses	; 🗔	T T	一
Bike parking	Ħ	Ħ	Ħ
More bicycle friendly land use developments			
17. Please list the top three ro	oads and	l/or intersecti	ions where you
think bicycle facilities are			•
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### Part F: Transit Services

18. Do you use local bus/F	PRT ser		
N/A	Daily	Few Times a Week	Few Times a month
Work			
Shopping			
Going to school			
Others			
19. How likely would you			
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### Your Ideas about Transportation

Scan the code Take the survey



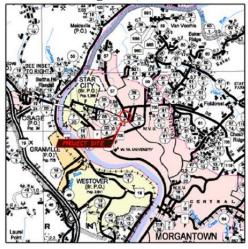
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University Avenue Intersection
Morgantown, WV
Monongalia County
State Project #U331-55-1.10 Federal Project #CMAQ-0055(036)D
August 8, 2016



Location Map - CR 55 / CR 57 intersection

The University Avenue Intersection Project is at the intersection of University Avenue (County Route 55), Collins Ferry Road (County Route 57), and Baldwin Street in the City of Morgantown, within Monongalia County, West Virginia. Commercial businesses with entry driveways are located in each quadrant around the intersection. The WVDOH is evaluating alternatives for the most cost effective solution to increase the level of service for this intersection.

### Five alternatives are being evaluated for this project.

- Alternative #1- Proposes constructing a single roundabout in the intersection.
- Alternative #2- Proposes constructing an oval roundabout in the intersection.
- Alternative #3- Proposes a traffic signal and added additional turning lanes at the existing intersection.
- Alternative #4- Proposes a traffic signal at the intersection with Collins Ferry Road and Baldwin Street then realign to form a plus style intersection.
- Alternative #5- Proposes to construct a single lane non-traditional shaped roundabout.

If you would like to comment on the project please mail written comments to: RJ Scites, P.E., Director, Engineering Division

> West Virginia Division of Highways 1334 Smith Street

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Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Or visit the WVDOH Website at <a href="www.transportation.wv.gov">www.transportation.wv.gov</a> (under Public Comments then Comment on Engineering Projects, Open University Avenue Project). All comments are due by Monday, September 19, 2016.

A COMMENT FORM IS ON THE BACK OF THIS FLYER

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**PROJECT: University Avenue Intersection Project** 

**Monongalia County** 

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### COMMENTS DUE BY September 19, 2016

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**Project Information and Comment Sheets** 

Can be found online at our WVDOH Website at http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment.

Under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click University Avenue Project.