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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
June 9, 2015
1:30 PM

Members Present

Fouad Shoukry-WV DOH, Brian Carr-WV DOH, Chris Fletcher-City of Morgantown, Rich Wood-Monongalia County, Dave Bruffy-Mountain Line Transit, Bill Austin-MMMPO

Others Present

Jing Zhang-MMMPO

1. Call to Order

Mr. Austin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

Mr. Austin then noted that the TTAC held a special meeting for the Beechurst Ave restriping project and the minutes of that meeting were also included. Mr. Wood moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that the Division of Highways has requested the following TIP Amendment. The project is to add a pedestrian access between Caperton Rail Trail and the Rivers Landing Shopping Center in Star City. Mr. Austin noted that this project will enable residents of Star City living in the Coliseum area to walk to the Caperton Rail Trail without crossing Monongahela Blvd. It will bring a very positive impact to the community. Mr. Wood moved to recommend

approve of this TIP Amendment to the Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. MPO Traffic Count Report

Mr. Austin noted that the 2015 MPO Traffic Count Report was included in the agenda package. Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff adopted an analytical approach in preparing the traffic count report. The MPO will request recount at four locations in the coming fall. Mr. Austin then noted that this is a concise version of traffic report and the MPO will apply this format to future traffic count reports. The MPO will also produce a comprehensive version of traffic report every three years. The comprehensive version will include time of day information and directional volumes at each count station.

Mr. Bruffy noted that having a map showing traffic volume by road width is very informative for the public to understand the traffic pattern in the area. He then noted that it would be helpful to have a map showing crash locations and a table showing the estimated cost of each crash location. Mr. Fletcher suggested adding the crash percentage information at intersections to the overall report and to add a map showing intersections with high crash frequency.

Mr. Carr noted that there were count stations with significant changes of AADT from 2014 to 2015. He asked if the data presented in this report will be used in I-79 Access Study and University Corridor Complete Street Study. Mr. Austin noted that this report documented major events and construction during the count period to identify potential causes of large variation in traffic volume between years. The data in this report will be used in the MPO's current studies. Mr. Fletcher moved to accept the Traffic Count Report with recommended changes; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

5. University Avenue Complete Streets Study and I-79 Access Study Update

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff is working with consultants and stakeholders on the I-79 Access Study and the University Ave Corridor Complete Street Study. He noted that next week, the consultant will hold a public meeting at the WVU Erikson Alumni Center and a walk-about along University Ave to gather public input on how to improve the University Ave Corridor. Mr. Austin noted that I-79 Study is updating the modeling, which include integrating new origin-destination data in the MPO's regional model.

6. Creation of a Committee to Revise the MPO's Public Involvement Policy

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is in the process of updating its Public Involvement Policy. Mr. Austin asked for a volunteer to serve on a committee to review Public Involvement Policy recommendations. Mr. Fletcher noted that he is willing to serve on the Committee. Mr. Bruffy suggested that the scope of public involvement be associated with the potential impact level of proposed projects, in which projects of high impact potentials require more extensive public involvement than those with low impact potential.

7. Review of Draft outline for the Westover/Granville Pedestrian Study

Mr. Austin noted that a draft outline for the Westover/Granville Pedestrian Study is included in the agenda package. He noted that the MPO will work with Westover and Granville to develop a pedestrian plan during FY 2015-2016. This study will be conducted in house. Mr. Austin noted

that this is an informational item and requires no action from this committee. Mr. Carr noted that he is willing to participate in the project.

8. Status Report on Ongoing Projects-WVDOH

Mr. Shoukry noted that the district office has been working on the intersection improvement project on Brookhaven Rd and WV 7. The preliminary plan for this project will be done in the next few weeks and will be submitted to the central office in Charleston for review. He then noted that the DOH has completed the construction of the Park-and-Ride parking lot at the I-68 Cheat Lake Exit. Mr. Carr noted that he will attend a meeting for the Collins Ferry Rd/University Ave intersection project tomorrow and will inform the MPO about public meeting on that project.

9. Other Business

Mr. Shoukry presented a draft plan to improve the eastbound ramp at I-68 Exit 7. He proposes to install two dedicated left-turn lanes on the eastbound ramp at that exit.

Mr. Shoukry then presented a draft plan to improve the intersection of Monongahela Blvd and Boyers Ave. The project will add two protected right-turn lanes from Boyers Ave to Mon Blvd and to add one southbound travel lane on Boyers Ave from University Ave to Monongahela Blvd. The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion on Boyers Ave and University Ave. Mr. Austin noted that this project will also improve the northbound traffic flow from Mon Blvd to University by creating a left-turn bay to Leeway St.

Mr. Shoukry then noted that the district office is developing a plan to improve the Campus Dr. and Beechurst Dr intersection. It will include widening the Campus Dr. leg by shifting the existing sidewalk and utility pole toward the south. Mr. Shoukry asked Mr. Zhang to perform a traffic model simulation to estimate the change of level of service based proposed improvements. Mr. Austin noted that it is beneficial to coordinate this project with the University Ave Complete Street Study. Mr. Fletcher noted that it is important to consider the potential impact of expected improvements at 3rd Street.

10. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business. The meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.