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## **MINUTES**

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room

November 18, 2014

1:30 PM

### **Members Present**

Rich Wood-MCPC, Donald Williams-WV DOT, Brian Carr-WV DOT, Kevin Burgess-FHWA, Christopher Fletcher-City of Morgantown, Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Dave Bruffy-Mountain Line, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Clement Solomon-WVU (phone)

### **Others Present**

Jing Zhang-MMMPO

### **I. Call to Order**

Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

### **II. Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Austin noted that since a quorum of committee members hadn't been present in the October TTAC meeting, the minutes of the August meeting had been included in the agenda packet. Mr. Austin called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Williams moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Wood. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **III. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Mr. Austin noted that Mountain Line Transit had requested a TIP amendment to increase funding for the Mountain Line Transit System, pursuant to Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant. This

funding will enable Mountain Line to purchase approximately 12 replacement buses. Mr. Austin then introduced TIP Amendments requested by the Division of Highways. They are: Morgantown CBD Signal System Renovation, Grafton-Morgantown Road Resurfacing, and Deck Replacement at Whiteday Creek Road Bridge NB on I-79. Mr. Wood inquired about the construction schedule of the Whiteday Creek Rd Bridge Project and expressed his concern on potential inconvenience likely to be caused by the construction of this project, including possible traffic backup to the interstate highway. Mr. Carr noted that according to the current schedule, this project is to be finished in a 6-month time frame. He noted that the project will be constructed to minimize its impact to traffic.

Mr. Fletcher noted that the City of Morgantown is undertaking streetscape improvements in the downtown area and asked if alternative colors on downtown traffic signal boxes will be considered as a part of the CBD Signal System Renovation Project. Mr. Carr noted that it is currently unknown if this project will include changing the colors of traffic signal boxes. He then provided the contact information for WV DOH staff directly involved in this project. Mr. Fletcher moved to recommend the proposed TIP Amendment for approval by the MPO Policy Board; second by Mr. Davis. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **IV. Draft 2015 Calendar**

Mr. Austin noted that the draft FY 2015 Calendar was enclosed in the agenda package for the committee review. Mr. Fletcher noted that the policy board meeting in May should be on the 21<sup>st</sup>, instead of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Austin noted that he will recheck this meeting date and adjust it accordingly.

#### **V. Discussion of work to be included in the FY 2015-2016 UPWP**

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO is preparing its FY 2015-2016 UPWP and asked for recommendations of projects that the committee would like to be included in the program for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Austin then introduced major projects that the MPO anticipates undertaking. They are: University Complete Street Study, I-79 Access Study, and Westover Pedestrian Study. Specifically, Mr. Austin noted that the University Complete Street Study was requested by WVU and Sunnyside-Up TIF District, in an effort to identify transportation facility improvements to accommodate the growth in the University Ave Corridor. Rob Moyer and Ron Justice, among others, will serve on the committee selecting a consulting firm for this project.

Mr. Fletcher noted that a new connection between Don Knotts Blvd and the industrial park on the west side of Monongahela River should be considered as a viable option in the I-79 Study. Mr. Austin concurred and added that the MPO's modeling capability is expected to be improved as a result of I-79 Study.

#### **VI Status Report on Greenbag Road Study**

Mr. Austin noted that in October, the MPO hosted an open house to have public opinion concerning project goals and objectives. Twenty-two citizens participated in that event. Mr. Austin went on to note that a focus group meeting was held in early November, in which representatives from local truck company expressed their concerns and suggested improvements for better accommodating

truck traffic. Mr. Wood commented that the stakeholder's meeting was very constructive and information from the Greenbag Rd Planning Study was well received.

Mr. Fletcher asked about the status of the traffic study on the intersection Greenbag Rd and WV 7. Mr. Austin noted that the traffic study has been finished and currently under the internal review by WV DOH. Six alternatives are being evaluated. The project is proceeding to the preliminary design phase.

### **VII Other Business**

Mr. Bruffy mentioned the need to place a do-not-stop sign at the Mountain Line bus pull –off area adjacent to the district garage at Westover. Mr. Williams suggested that the downtown parking signage be clearer to reduced confusion to downtown visitors.

### **VIII Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.