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MMMPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

MMMPO Conference Room 243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV

June 10, 2020, 1:30 PM

Members Present

Bill Austin, Andrew Gast-Bray, Chris Fletcher, Clement Solomon, Chandra Inglis-Smith, Damien Davis

Others Present

John Whitmore, Draw Gatlin, Jessica Shuey, Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of the TTAC to order at 1:30 PM. Mr. Austin noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the TTAC meeting is being held as a teleconference. The phone number and web address to access the teleconference were provided to the public.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Gast-Bray moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

3. TIP Amendment

Mr. Austin noted that the WVDOH has requested the following TIP amendments. The amendments include Mason-Dixon Hwy Slide repair project, Little India Creek Rd slide repair project, Bertha Hill Rd Slide repair project, Kingwood Pike slide repair project, River Rd slide repair project, Westover bridge repair project, I-79 Exit 146 SB and I-79 Exit 152 ramp resurfacing projects, I-68 Exit 7 ramp repair project, I-68 resurfacing project (Cheat Lake – Coopers Rock), and I-79 Welcome Center improvement project. Mr. Gast-Bray moved to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Presentation on proposed Public Involvement Policy Amendment-Jessica Shuey

Ms. Shuey made a presentation on the proposed Public Involvement Policy Amendment. Ms. Shuey noted that the proposed policy has been restructured with a clearer format and enhanced graphics. It added

virtual public involvement elements to keep up with the best transportation planning public involvement practices. The proposal does not have any material changes on the content in the policy. Mrs. Inglis-Smith noted it is important that the document is ADA 501 compliance especially in terms of fonts and color patterns. Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff have followed the ADA design standard to develop the document. The fonts and color patterns are 501 compliant.

5. Presentation on Transpiration improvement Program Online Database-Jing Zhang

Mr. Zhang made a brief presentation on the development of web project search application for the MPO's TIP. The application will allow the public to search the MPO's TIP project database via various search criteria such as fiscal year, phases, jurisdiction, funding source, and scope of improvement.

6. Update on Mountain Line's Transit Study

Mr. Austin noted that he will have a phone call with the transit study consultant on 17th, one day before the Policy Board meeting this month. He will then have more updated information about the study. Mr. Austin briefly introduced the existing condition analysis, including demographics, economies, facilities, route performance and accessibility. Mr. Carr noted that it will be a challenge to hold face-to-face meetings during the pandemic for the transit study.

7. Other Business

Mr. Carr noted that the DOH is requesting approval from the FHWA to hold virtual public meetings for the Greenbag Rd and Van Voorhis Road projects. Mr. Carr noted that the TAP grant is given to the Decker's creek undercut repair project including fixing the landslide. The grant was applied through Mon River Trail Conservancy.

Mr. Davis noted that he had a meeting with the WVU engineers regarding the slide repair on Mon Blvd. He noted that the WVU had submitted a design for DOH approval. The projects will stabilize the hill-side and provide the bike climbing lane once the road is restored.

Mr. Gatlin noted that it will be a challenge for the community to provide transportation service to accommodate student inter-campus travel in the fall semester while practicing social distancing under the impact of pandemic. Mr. Gatlin encouraged the collaboration of the WVU and City in facing the transportation challenges imposed by the pandemic.

Mr. Austin noted that because of the economic impact of the pandemic, resources for our community are shrinking. It is critical that the local partnering agencies collaborate on planning process to address our area's needs. Mr. Solomon agreed and noted that he will facilitate the communication between the Committee and the WVU. Mr. Solomon noted that the WVU has posted information the University's re-opening decision on its website.

10. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM