



## MINUTES

### MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

via Webex

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

August 13, 2020, 6:00 PM

#### Members Present

Christiaan Abildso (Chair), Matt Cross, Maria Smith, Chip Walmsley, Ed Sneckenberger, Robert Mullins  
Bill Austin

#### Others Present

Bill Austin, Jessica Shuey, Jing Zhang

#### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Austin noted that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the CAC meeting was held as a teleconference. The phone number and web address to access the teleconference were publicized. Mr. Austin welcomed Mr. Mullins who represents Westover. Mr. Mullins thanked Mr. Austin and stated that he felt honored to be serving on the committee.

With a quorum present, Chairman Abildso welcomed Mr. Mullins and called the meeting of the CAC to order at 6:00 PM.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Walmsley moved to approve the minutes as noted; seconded by Mrs. Smith. With no further discussion, the motion was approved.

#### 3. TIP Amendment

Mr. Austin noted that WVDOH has requested TIP amendments. They include Brockway Ave Resurfacing project, Burrough St Resurfacing project, Carroll B Lilly Memorial Bridge inspection, WV100 resurfacing projects, and Willey St resurfacing project. Mr. Austin noted that TTAC raised a concern that the project length of the Burrough St Resurfacing project is not correctly reflecting the cost of that

project. Mr. Austin noted that the MPO will request more information from the DOH to verify project scope.

Mr. Abildso moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendment; seconded by Mr. Walmsley. Mr. Mullins noted that he did not believe that the WV 100 resurfacing project would be effective if the brick underlying the asphalt is not dealt with. He noted that there is also an issue with the water/sewer lines running under the street and that these problems would continue to cause problems after the resurfacing project is implemented. Mr. Austin noted that he understood that WVDOH was aware of these issues and he would reinforce the concern to District 4. After further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. Draft Public Involvement Policy**

Mr. Austin noted that a copy of the draft public involvement policy has included in the agenda package. The revised document does more clearly elaborate on virtual public involvement. It also specified public involvement strategies for different planning procedures. There are no substantive changes to other subjects of the policy. Mrs. Smith noted that the new layout provides a clearer a view on public involvement procedures and strategies. Mrs. Smith moved to recommend approval of the draft public involvement policy to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Cross. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Update on Mountain Line's Transit Study**

Mr. Austin noted that the Mountain Line Transit Study is moving forward. To cope with the current pandemic, the study team adopted virtual public involvement strategies, including social media, to engage the community. Mrs. Smith noted that the study team is developing recommendations based existing condition analysis and public input.

#### **8. Other Business**

Mr. Mullins noted that as a representative of Westover he plans to continue to express his concerns about WV 100. Mr. Austin stated that Mr. Mullins is welcome to express his concerns and that they will be passed on to WVDOH.

#### **10. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.