



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11th, 2024

This meeting was held virtually at <https://morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin> and in person at 243 High St (Court House), Room 026 in downtown Morgantown.

Members Present:

Christiaan Abildso (Chairman), Matthew Cross, Heather Morgan, Kelli LaNeve, Chip Wamsley, Thomas Zeni (6:16pm)

Others Present: Bill Austin, Jacqueline Peate, Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

The CAC meeting was held virtually and in person. The phone number and web address to access the teleconference were publicized. With a quorum present, Mr. Abildso called the meeting of the CAC to order at 6:03 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda package. Mr. Wamsley moved to approve the meeting minutes as edited; seconded by Ms. LaNeve.

With no more discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Austin noted that each year the MPO needs to adopt performance measures for a variety of items. Enclosed with the Agenda packet a memorandum identifying the proposed Safety Performance Measure targets for this year. The Safety Performance Management Measures regulation supports the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and requires State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to set HSIP targets for 5 safety performance measures (Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injuries, Serious Injuries, and Non-Motorist Combined Fatalities and Serious Injuries). According to 23 CFR § 490.209, MPOs must establish safety performance targets within 180 days of the State DOT establishing and reporting targets in the State HSIP annual report. Part of the MPOs federal funds is utilized for these targets. Staff requested that the CAC recommend the adoption of the proposed Performance Measures to the Policy Board.

Mr. Cross moved to recommend approval; seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Mr. Abildso requested to clarify that these statistics are for the county of Monongalia to avoid confusion. MPO Staff will add Monongalia County to the graphs and clean up the tables for clarification.

Mr. Cross suggested adding citations for distracted driving to the data and analysis. Mr. Abildso said to add speeding tickets to the data. Mr. Ausitn additionally suggested adding red light running. Ms. Morgan suggested highlighting trends found in the report to help Monongalia County lower their number of fatalities.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Patteson Drive/Maple Drive Pedestrian Study

Mr. Austin noted this study was presented to the CAC at the November meeting. It has been modified to reflect comments received during the first review. Mr. Zhang stated he added an insert map to focus on Maple Dr. / Mon General Dr. to focus on recommendations for that specific intersection.

Mr. Zeni moved to recommend approval; seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Mr. Abildso suggested adding the street names to the maps to make them easier to read.

Mr. Cross asked about the adding of bus shelters. Mr. Zhang is working with Mountain Line to determine where additional bus shelters can be added to the area. Ms. Morgan suggested the Oasis Café.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Draft 2018-2022 Crash Report

Mr. Austin noted the Committee could find enclosed in the agenda packet the draft 2018-2022 Crash Report. The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Crash Report for the years 2018-2022 provides a comprehensive analysis of road traffic accidents and their associated trends within our region. This report serves as a resource for understanding patterns and causes, offering insights for both transportation planners and the public alike. By examining the data collected over these five years, the staff aims to promote a safer and more informed approach to urban and regional planning, ultimately working toward the goal of reducing accidents and enhancing road safety for all residents and commuters. Staff would appreciate the TTAC's review of this report. This draft report and draft appendix are available on the MMMPO website. No action is required on this item, as it is an informational item.

Mr. Cross asked about the intersection at Mountaineer Station and Applebee's, stating concern about the traffic patterns. He also raised concern about lighting for pedestrians on Van Voorhis. A typo of 'Point Mation' versus 'Point Marion' was noted, and MPO Staff will correct the error. Mr. Cross asked about the roundabout near Baldwin Street, and Mr. Austin stated he has been asking about it.

Mr. Abildso asked for clarification on the categories of the crashes involving pedestrians, which Mr. Zhang clarified, and said he will make it clear in the report.

6. Draft Unified Planning Work Program Summary

Mr. Austin stated that a memorandum identifying the work proposed for the upcoming Fiscal Year is included in the agenda packet for your information. This information includes a proposed budget which

would require the MPO's local contributions to go up by \$2,500 for the City of Morgantown and \$2,500 from Monongalia County. Staff would appreciate any suggestions for work to be included in the Work Program for the upcoming year the CAC may have. The complete UPWP will be presented for adoption at the March meeting. No action is required on this item, as it is an informational item.

Mr. Abildso asked about pedestrian and cyclist counters, which is included in the UPWP. Mr. Austin noted that this technology is in a great deal of flux and that staff will keep monitoring the technology.

7. Other Business

Mr. Cross mentioned the construction on Beechurst and how pedestrians are trying to cross. One of the pedestrians' buttons has been removed at Campus and Beechurst, and this is dangerous for individuals trying to cross. Ms. Morgan said she has avoided that area as a pedestrian.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.