



82 Hart Field Road Suite 105
Morgantown WV, 26505
www.plantgether.org

MINUTES

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
October 8, 2013
1:30 PM

Members Present

Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Terry Hough-City of Morgantown, Richard Wood-Monongalia County, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Fouad Shoukry-WVDOH, Perry Keller-WVDOH, Dave Bruffy-Mountain Line, Elwood Penn-WVDOH, Brian Carr-WVDOH, Donald Williams-WVDOH

Others Present

Jing Zhang

Call to Order

Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM. He noted that there were two new attendees Mr. Penn and Mr. Carr, at the meeting and he requested that the TTAC members introduce themselves so everyone would know each other. Mr. Keller noted that there have been changes at the Division of Highways and that Mr. Carr would most likely be attending future TTAC meetings on behalf of the Division of Highways.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the Minutes of the August meeting had been included in the agenda packet. He asked for any corrections the Committee members might have to the Minutes. There being no corrections Mr. Austin then called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Ms. Hough moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Wood. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin introduced the proposed amendments and administrative adjustments to the TIP. Mr. Austin stated that there were four projects proposed as amendments to the TIP by WVDOH, he also noted that WVU had proposed amendments to the TIP. He stated that he would outline the

DRAFT

Division of Highways amendments first. He noted that the cost information for these projects was included in the TTAC agenda packets.

The first project Mr. Austin discussed was a proposed intersection improvement at the intersection of Collins Ferry and University. He noted that the DOH was requesting the approval of the preparation of a Design Report in FY 2014 as the first step in the project with Engineering in FY 2014 as well with construction and right of way acquisition to follow in FY 2015. Mr. Austin stated that the MPO is requesting a copy of the Design Report for this Project. Ms. Hough also requested a copy of the Design Report.

Mr. Austin then noted that the next project requested by the DOH is a widening project on US 19-Chaplin Hill Road. This project is scheduled for engineering in FYH 2014 with construction in FY 2014 as well. Mr. Austin asked Mr. Radabaugh for information on the detail of this project. Mr. Radabaugh stated that this project is the addition of a turn lane in the for the left turn movement from Chaplin Hill Road onto WV 7.

The next project Mr. Austin discussed is a proposed project to resurface US 119 from one half mile south of the I-68 interchange for a distance of two miles to the vicinity of S. University Plaza. He noted this project is proposed to be constructed in FY 2014.

The final DOH TIP amendment discussed by Mr. Austin is the repair of a slide on US 100 immediately north of the Granville City limits. This project is to be constructed in FY 2014.

There being no further discussion of the DOH proposed TIP Amendments Mr. Austin discussed the TIP Amendments proposed by WVU. He stated that as documented in the Agenda packet WVU is proposing to allocate the Section 5337 funds for Fiscal Years 2014 through 2017 to an upgrade to the PRT's electrical systems. He noted that the allocation for each year is approximately \$1 million.

Mr. Austin then noted that WVU is also proposing to self fund a power system upgrade for the PRT in 2015 which they would like added to the TIP. This project would cost approximately \$1.8 million. WVU is also proposing to begin the replacement of the PRT vehicle fleet in FY 2015. This project is proposed to cost \$21,100,000. WVU would be self funding this project as well. However, WVU is seeking letters of no prejudice from the FTA so these projects may become eligible for Federal funds as well. WVU would appreciate these projects being in the TIP to assist the possibility of being funded by FTA.

After a short discussion Mr. Keller moved to recommend approval of the proposed TIP amendments to the MPO Policy Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hough. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traffic Count Report

Mr. Austin then provided the TTAC with copies of the recently completed MPO Traffic Count Report. Mr. Radabaugh and Mr. Shoukry were complimentary of the report.

Status Report on Ongoing Work

Mr. Austin the noted that he and Mr. Zhang are working on the following items: Mr. Austin has been working with Ms. LaNeve, Mountain Lines Mobility Manager, on implementing the vanpool program. He noted that a new vanpool has begun running from Morgantown to the FBI center in Clarksburg. Mr. Zhang has been working with Mr. Davis and the Bicycle Board on the preparation of an Urban Area Bicycle Plan-Mr. Austin noted that Mr. Davis has been instrumental with this effort. Mr. Austin also noted that he has been working with the Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Committee on funding issues.

Mr. Austin then asked Mr. Radabaugh if the DOH could assist the MPO in developing future work by letting us know what projects in the LRTP Project 38 List the DOH is working on. Given this information MPO staff will perform studies on the projects on the list DOH is not working on to provide the DOH with guidance when funding becomes available for these projects. Mr. Radabaugh then stated DOH is working on the following projects: West Run and Point Marion Road, Van Voorhis and WV 705, Stewartstown and WV 705, University and Collins Ferry, Patteson Drive and Laurel, Monongahela Boulevard and Evansdale Drive, Campus Drive and Beechurst, Green Bag Road and Earl Core Road, Grafton Road and Smithtown Road, Cheat Road and North Pierpont Road.

Mr. Austin then informed the TTAC that the MPO is beginning to look into micro-simulation modeling for the evaluation of the Project 38 projects. He asked the TTAC if they had any recommendations on the right software to purchase. Mr. Keller stated that he thought that Syncro would be the easiest software to begin using. After a short discussion it was the consensus of the Committee that Syncro would be appropriate for use by MPO staff.

Other Business

Upon completion of the discussion of ongoing work Mr. Austin asked if there were other business for the group to discuss. Mr. Keller stated that he had just been informed that Mr. Don Bailey who had worked with the MPO at its founding had just passed away. The TTAC members expressed their sorrow at Mr. Bailey's passing.

Mr. Bruffy asked Mr. Radabaugh about the status of the sidewalk project in Westover. Mr. Radabaugh stated that the project is in design.

Mr. Bruffy then noted that the TTAC members may wish to investigate the 8 to 80's City initiative. He stated that the purpose of the initiative is to create streets that are appropriate for everyone from age 8 to age 80. He stated that this initiative is complementary to the Complete

DRAFT

Streets initiative in that it encourages documenting all uses that go through a corridor including vehicles, pedestrians and transit volumes. He stated that he would like to bring more information to the TTAC on the initiative. Mr. Austin agreed that this initiative should be brought forward at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Williams also noted that Dr. David Martinelli is working on a study of the PRT comparing the PRT's operation to traditional transit service. The TTAC expressed interest in the results of this discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.