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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
May 7, 2013
1:30 PM

Members Present

Clement Solomon-WVU, Perry Keller-WVDOH, Chris Fletcher-City of Morgantown, Damien Davis-City of Morgantown, Richard Wood- Monongalia County, Bill Austin-MMMPO, Jackie Markhefa-Morgantown Municipal Airport, Fouad Shoukry-WVDOH, Patricia Diederich, Monongalia County, Alanna Slack-WVDOH

Others Present

Jing Zhang

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the Minutes of the March 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. Mr. Fletcher moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Wood seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin then introduced proposed TIP Amendments for the TTAC's consideration. Mr. Austin stated that there are five highway projects under consideration but that they are spread over several fiscal years. He stated that if it pleased the TTAC he would discuss the each project in total rather than breaking them down into the each phase by the year they are scheduled. The first project he discussed was the Bowers Lane Park and Ride Lot. This project had been discussed between Mountain Line and the State during the construction of the Mon-Fayette Expressway. Mr. Fletcher asked for an exact description of the project location. Mr. Keller

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explained that as you exit the Expressway toward Cheat Lake and Lakeview the project would be on your left. After a short discussion Mr. Austin noted that the proposed TIP Amendments included purchasing the Monongahela River Trail Conservancy a new dump truck, the replacement of joints for the Uffington Bridge on I-79, the proposed new interchange for the TIF District on I-79, construction of a crosswalk on Walnut Street, and the construction of sidewalk on Dunkard Avenue (WV 100) in Westover from the Granville City Limit to Pennsylvania Ave. Mr. Austin noted that there are no State or Federal funds committed for the proposed interchange for the TIF District. Mr. Austin also said that he was not sure which bridge is the Uffington Bridge. Mr. Shoukry confirmed that the Uffington Bridge is the first small bridge you cross as you head south out of Morgantown.

After a short discussion Mr. Austin then outlined proposed TIP amendments for Mountain Line. He noted that the changes proposed are primarily for format purposes and are not substantive. Mr. Keller asked that Mr. Austin verify the cost of the final phase of the Dunkard Avenue Project proposed for 2015.

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

Long Range Transportation Plan Document

After the discussion of the proposed TIP amendments Mr. Austin introduced the documentation for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He noted that the LRTP had been adopted by the Policy Board at their December meeting and the request before this committee is to recommend the adoption of the accompanying documentation for the Plan. He stated that the TTAC had been provided electronic access to the document and that the document had been available for public review since the final version was completed by the MPO's consultants several weeks ago. He state that it was respectfully requested that the TTAC recommend adoption of the document to the MPO Policy Board. Mr. Wood moved recommending of adoption of the LRTP document to the MPO Policy Board seconded by Mr. Keller. The motion was unanimously approved.

Draft Mileground Pedestrian Study Report

Mr. Austin then introduced the draft Mileground Pedestrian Study Report. He stated that this is the first pedestrian study the MPO has under taken and that he would appreciate any comments on the format as well as on the information the TTAC may have. Mr. Austin and Mr. Zhang noted that the vast majority of the pedestrian activity taking place is street crossings at John Howard's facilities. Mr. Shoukry noted that the finding of this work may change once the roundabout on the Mileground is constructed. Mr. Austin noted that the pedestrian trip generators will still be in place even after the construction is completed. Mr. Shoukry also noted that the new Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices has changed the standards for the

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installation of crosswalks and any report should address the new standards. After further discussion it was agreed that there should be additional counts taken at the same locations this fall after the roundabout has opened.

Work Plan for the MPO Bicycle Plan

Mr. Austin then introduced the proposed Work Plan for the MPO Bicycle Plan. He noted that Mr. Zhang had reviewed the bicycle plans of several areas and in conjunction with the Bicycle Board developed the proposed work program. He then asked Mr. Zhang to discuss the outlined work. Mr. Fletcher noted that there probably needs to be an expanded outreach program to reach as many people as possible this includes attending events as well as reaching out by social media. It was also discussed that the "Setting" chapter should probably be changed to "Understanding" this being a more descriptive term for the existing conditions report. Overall the members Committee were very complimentary of Mr. Zhang's work.

Format for the Evaluation of the LRTP Corridors and Intersections

Mr. Austin then stated that in the Agenda packet was a sample page of the evaluation tool the MPO is creating for the corridors identified for evaluation in the Long Range Transportation Plan. He invited the TTAC to recommend changes to this tool. Mr. Fletcher recommended that in the narrative this work be related back to the goals and objectives identified in the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Committee members were in agreement that this is an important point for the document. There was also a discussion of the accident data available for use in the tool and Mr. Davis noted that he may have data that could provide more information that he will share with Mr. Zhang. It was also noted that the report date should be clearly noted so that the data may be evaluated in light of when it occurred in relation to improvements that may have been performed on a given corridor or intersection. In general the Committee members stated that this will be a useful tool and that keeping this data up to date would be useful.

Other Business

Mr. Austin asked for other business.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.