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## MINUTES

MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
MMMPO Conference Room  
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV  
March 5, 2019, 1:30 PM

### Members Present

Bill Austin, Rich Wood, Brian Carr, Damien Davis, Dave Bruffy, John Whitmore

### Others Present

Jing Zhang

### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mr. Austin called the meeting of the TTAC to order at 1:30 PM.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

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

### 3. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that the Division of Highways has requested three TIP Amendments. They are CO 73 Smithtown Road resurfacing project, WV 7 resurfacing project, and CO 61/02 Pineview Drive/Riddle Ave resurfacing project. A map of the proposed project locations is included in the agenda package. Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Austin noted that the Mountain Line Transit Authority has requested that TIP be amended to include an updated funding schedule. The new funding table was included in the agenda package. Mr. Bruffy noted that the funding is mainly about purchasing new buses and maintaining existing fleet. Mr. Carr moved to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Austin noted that the draft FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was included in the agenda package. The draft UPWP includes continuing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study which should be completed by the fall of 2020. Staff will also work on performance measure, transportation equity group project, and a transit study initiated by the Mountain Line Transit Authority.

Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the UPWP as presented to the MPO's Policy Board; seconded by Mr. Bruffy. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **5. Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Performance Measures**

Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff has drafted an evaluation report for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan performance measures. Mr. Austin noted that the evaluation methods may be improved based on the input from the TTAC and CAC during April. The MPO must adopt our performance measures in our Transportation Improvement Program and Metropolitan Transportation Plan at the May meeting. Mr. Austin noted that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Measures are not required for performance measure evaluation. However, projects proposed in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan address traffic congestion issues to various degrees. By including CMAQ measures as a part of the evaluation, the assessment will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the projects impact to the transportation system in the region. Mr. Bruffy suggested that staff make a short presentation at the Policy Board meeting in May on this issue. Mr. Carr noted that it would be helpful to have an example showing how the calculations were made.. Mr. Austin agreed and noted that MPO staff will make a PowerPoint demonstrating the process.

#### **6. Draft Mountain Line Study RFQ**

Mr. Austin noted that a draft version of the Mountain Line Transit Study Request for Qualifications was included in the agenda package. The MPO will participate in the conduct of this Study. It is anticipated that the final version of this RFQ will be reviewed for approval by the MPO's Committees in the May. Mr. Bruffy noted that the Study will identify alternatives to current transit network that could best serve the local community. The study will evaluate, but not limited to, the bus rapid transit route, new bus terminals, and more frequent service in strategic areas of the region. It was the consensus of the TTAC that the RFQ was ready to be presented to the Policy Board for approval.

#### **7. Update on Status of Bicycle and Pedestrian Study**

Mr. Austin noted that a public meeting was held on February 5 at the Metropolitan Theater on High Street. The meeting was very productive in identifying community interests and opportunities for improvements. The consultant will hold a steering committee meeting next week to discuss identified goals and objectives of the study. Currently, the online mapping platform has received more than 400 comments. More intensive public involvement will be conducted in May.

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

No other business.

#### **9. Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.