



MINUTES

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
January 9, 2020, 6:00 PM

Members Present

Bill Rice, Matthew Cross, Maria Smith, Chip Wamsley, Christiaan Abildso Esquire

Others Present

Jing Zhang

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Rice noted that the committee did not have a quorum in the last meeting. The minutes of the August meeting and the November meeting are included in the agenda package.

Mr. Wamsley moved to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Abildso. With no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Wamsley moved to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Smith. With no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Draft TIP Tables

Mr. Austin noted that a draft table developed for the TIP update was included in the agenda package. The MPO needs to adopt a new TIP at the March meeting to be fully coordinated with the State Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff adjusted the table's format to include information on performance measures, MTP goals, and project types. The DOH intends to remove the obligated projects from the TIP project list, but MPO inclined to keep those projects in order to track their progress.

Mr. Cross asked if some of the projects have been accomplished. Mr. Austin noted that some projects are complete and they will be removed from the list. Mr. Cross asked about the status of the Walnut St street scape project. Mr. Austin noted that he participated in the field review for the project, and the DOH is moving the project forward to design phase. Mr. Cross asked about the Morgantown Multiuse path project. Mr. Wamsley noted that it is a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists between the Mileground Roundabout to the WV 705/Stewartstown Rd intersection.

Mrs. Smith asked if the Morgantown Bicycle Signal project is an independent project or a project associated with other roadway improvement projects. Mr. Austin noted that it is separate project.

Mr. Abildso noted that funding source and project status are important information for the public to understand a project. Mr. Rice suggested that the table be organized in a calendar format by sorting the projects by the date when a project first added to the TIP. By doing so, it will make it easier for the public to track the progress of a project. Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff will add a simplified table for public consumption based on initial amendment dates and funding obligation dates.

4. Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Austin noted that the draft FY 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program is included in the agenda package. The primary new initiative in the UPWP is the beginning of the update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to reflect an updated regional travel demand model, a new effort to identify the community's goals and objectives and to incorporate the results of the ongoing transit study and the recently adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan into the Highway element of the MTP. The MPO is in the process of hiring an employee with primary duty on public involvement. It will be a shared position with the county. Mr. Austin noted that this is the CAC's first review of the draft UPWP. It will be presented for the CAC's recommendation for adoption at the March CAC meeting.

5. Draft Performance Metrics

Mr. Zhang made a brief presentation on the draft performance metrics identified by MPO staff. He noted that major resources used in developing the metrics are FHWA Community Vision Metrics Tool and pertinent case studies. Mr. Austin noted that those potential metrics could be useful for the MPO to develop local performance measures as a part of the MMMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

This is an informational item and requires no formal action from the committee.

6. Update on Mountain Line Transit Study

Mr. Austin noted that he will join a conference call with the study consultants tomorrow. The consultants are currently working on data collection and analysis. Mrs. Smith agreed and noted that the consultants have examined existing data, such as the cost per ride and per mile for each route.

Mr. Cross asked about the relocation of bus shelters in the Morgantown downtown area. Mrs. Smith noted that Mountain Line has proposed several bus shelter relocations to the City of Morgantown and is working with the city to implementing this project. The first two shelters on will be on Pleasant street and Walnut street.

7. Other Business

Mr. Austin noted that some policy board members have concerns over certain projects recommended in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. The board will meet to discuss those issues and to finalize the project prioritization of the plan. Mr. Austin noted that the prioritization will give MPO staff a clear direction to implementing the plan, but it will not affect the eligibility of low tier projects to apply for funding.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.