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MPO Transportation Technical Advisory Committee
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
June 11, 2018, 3 PM

Members Present

Bill Austin, Damien Davis, Rich Wood, Brian Carr, Bob Edwards, Chris Fletcher

Others Present

Jing Zhang-MMMPO

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. Wood moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. TIP Amendments

Mr. Austin noted that West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways, Mountain Line Transit, and West Virginia University have requested TIP Amendments. The amendments are: Mon Blvd from Patteson Dr to 8th Street lighting project, I-79/Chaplin Hill Rd interchange reconstruction project, and Mountain Line Transit funding increase from the Section 5370. Mr. Austin noted that the amendments requested by WVU were not included in the original package sent the committee via email. Mr. Davis asked about the shared responsibility between the City of Morgantown and WV DOH for maintaining the lights of the Mon Blvd lighting upgrade project. Mr. Carr noted that he is not aware of any agreement of this kind for this project.

Mr. Fletcher moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board as presented, seconded by Mr. Davis. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Highway Performance Measures

Mr. Austin noted that the state has proposed targets for the federally mandated highway performance measure. Attached documentation includes correspondence from State Highway Engineer Aaron Gillespie on specific target of each measure, and an explanation of the goals of the program. Mr. Austin noted that the MPO staff recommend adoption of the State goals and that the MPO monitor practices for performance monitoring nationwide to determine if the MPO would like to adopt different standards in the future.

Mr. Fletcher moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board as presented, seconded by Mr. Edwards. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

5. Pedestrian Plan RFP

Mr. Austin noted that as mentioned at the last TTAC meeting, the recent pedestrian safety initiative jointly sponsored by WVDOH District 4, WVU, the City of Morgantown and the MMMPO has led to an understanding that the bicycle and pedestrian planning effort should be significantly intensified to create a much more comprehensive plan for these modes of transportation than a staff led update of existing plans could accomplish. MPO staff has then been working with WVDOH, WVU, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Boards to develop a request for proposals to develop a more comprehensive project. Mr. Austin noted that the draft request for proposals developed for this study is included in the agenda package for review. Mr. Wood noted that the study will have a very tight time frame. Mr. Fletcher noted that the study should also include Granville, Westover, Star City, and the adjacent urban area in the county. The cities should also incorporate the objectives for pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements in their CFP budget.

Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board as presented, seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Morgantown Industrial Park Access Study Scope of Work

Mr. Austin noted that The Monongalia County Commission and the Morgantown Industrial Park approached MPO staff about concerns with the access to the Industrial park. In the meeting last month, the MPO Policy Board agreed that the MPO should conduct a Study of improving the access to the Industrial Park including the new interchange alternative. The purpose of this study is to determine if the Metropolitan Transportation Plan should be amended to include additional access for the Morgantown industrial park.

Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff has developed the Scope of Work for this project included in the agenda packet for this work. The study will be incorporated in the MPO's FY 2018-19 UPWP. Mr. Wood moved to recommend approval of the scope of Work to the Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Fletcher. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing Project Update

Mr. Austin noted that several roadway projects will be constructed throughout the area during this summer. There is no additional update about these projects.

8. Other Business

No other business.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.