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MINUTES

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee
MMMPO Conference Room
243 High St. Room 110, Morgantown, WV
June 14, 2018, 6 PM

Members Present

Bill Rice (Chair), Kyle Haugh, Ed Sneckenberger, Chip Wamsley, Christiaan Abildso

Others Present

Bill Austin-MMMPO, Jing Zhang-MMMPO

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Rice noted that the minutes of the last meeting were included in the agenda packet. Mr. Haugh moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Sneckenberger. 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 under the Section 5370. Mr. Austin noted that the amendments requested by WVU were not included in the original package sent to the committee via email. Mr. Austin noted that the TTAC raised the issue of maintenance of the lighting infrastructure for the Mon Blvd project. The City and the DOH may share the maintenance responsibility of project. Mr. Rice asked if the project include Mon Blvd from Boyers Ave to Patteson Dr. Mr. Austin noted that it only covers the section between Patteson and 8th St. Mr. Wamsley moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board as presented, seconded by Mr. Haugh. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Highway Performance Measures

Mr. Austin noted that the state has proposed targets for the highway performance measure required by federal regulations. Attached documentation includes correspondence from State Highway Engineer Aaron Gillespie on specific target for each measure, and an explanation of the goals of the program. Mr. Austin noted that MPO staff recommends 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. Abildso asked about the sources of data that will be used by the DOH for performance measures. Mr. Austin noted that the DOH will mainly use internal data collected by the State DOT and State police. Mr. Haugh moved to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board as presented, seconded by Mr. Abildso. The motion was not approved. The CAC requested more information on the data prior to recommend ate adopt to the Policy Board.

5. Pedestrian Plan RFP

Mr. Abildso recused himself from this agenda item due to a potential conflict of interests. Mr. Abildso left the conference room. 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 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. Wamsley moved to recommend approval of the release of the RFP to the Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Haugh. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Abildso re-entered the conference room.

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 the 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. The major focuses of this study will be land use impact and identify other purposes of the interstate access besides serving the industrial park. Mr. Haugh moved to recommend approval of the release of the Scope of Work to the Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Wamsley. With no discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Ongoing Project Update

Mr. Austin noted that there is no major ongoing project update from the DOH. Several roadway projects in this area will be constructed during this summer.

8. Other Business

Mr. Haugh noted that he is leaving the CAC due to a new job out of the county. Chairman Rice expressed his appreciation to Mr. Haugh for his service.

9. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.