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MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
October 11, 2012
6:00 PM

Members Present

Bill Rice, John E. Sneckenberger, Roy Nutter, Frank Gmeindl, Christiaan Abildso, Bill Austin, Maria Smith

Others Present

Jing Zhang

Call to Order

Bill Rice called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Rice noted that the Minutes of the August meeting had been included in the agenda packet. Mr. Rice asked for corrections or comments on the Minutes. There being no corrections he called for a motion to approve the Minutes as written. Mr. Abildso moved the Minutes seconded by Mr. Gmeindl. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Mr. Rice called on Mr. Austin to discuss the proposed amendment to the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Austin stated that there are two amendments proposed to the TIP. Mr. Austin then stated that the Division of Highways had requested that the MPO consider the following Amendments to the TIP: Intersection improvements at the intersection of WV 100 and Dents Run Road (CO 49). This project requires two amendments first for the purchase of right of way in the amount of \$70,000 and a second amendment in the amount of \$150,000 for the actual construction of the improvement. He noted that this improvement is greatly needed and the 80% of the cost is Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding. He noted that this funding source grew substantially in the new Federal Transportation Legislation. The next project he discussed is a project to resurface US 119 (Grafton Road) from the Goshen Road intersection north for a distance of 2.42 miles. He stated that the cost of this project is \$670,000 with \$530,000 of that coming from Federal funds and the remainder coming from State funds. He then noted that the next project DOH wished to add is a project to resurface US 119/3 (Gladesville Road) from the Preston County line to the intersection with US 119. The total cost of this project is \$300,000 with \$240,000 coming from Federal funds. The next project DOH is proposing is for drainage and other improvements on County Road 53 (Fort Martin Road) from the intersection with WV 100 to CO 53/1 (Rosedale Hill Road) a distance of 1.67 miles. The total cost of the project is \$1,157,500. The CAC discussed whether or not the damage to the road in this area was due to heavy truck traffic and if the proposed improvements would serve the cycling community as well as the power station in the area. It was noted that in some areas one side of the road is almost unusable.

At the end of the discussion Mr. Rice called for a motion to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO Policy Board. Mr. Gmeindl moved approval seconded by Mr. Nutter.

Mr. Austin then noted that the second TIP amendment proposed was an amendment to Mountain Lines budget. He explained that with the passage of the new Federal Transportation legislation several funding categories are coming to a close and that the Department of Transportation needed to spend this money before it needed to be returned to the Federal Transit Administration. Mr. Austin stated that Mountain Line was using the funds to purchase three new buses. He asked Ms. Smith if she would like to expand on the amendment. Ms. Smith explained that amendment will ultimately help replace existing buses with larger buses for routes that need them. After a brief discussion Mr. Gmeindl moved recommending approval of the Amendment to the Policy Board seconded by Mr. Abildso.

Update on the Status of the LRTP, Downtown Operations Study, Van Pool Program, and Mileground Widening Project

Mr. Rice then asked Mr. Austin to update the CAC on the status of ongoing projects. Mr. Austin stated that the consultants for the LRTP Update had summarized the recommendations of the

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Transportation Advisory Group and asked for feed back on the projects identified. He noted that all of the CAC members had been asked to participate in this process. The next step in the process will be for the Transportation Advisory Group to meet on November 15th to review the draft LRTP, prior to releasing it for public comment.

Mr. Austin then stated he had confirmed with the consultant performing the downtown operations study that he will make a presentation to the Policy Board in January.

Mr. Austin then stated that the MPO's Van Pool Program is currently on hold until the LRTP Updated confirms the status of the Program and Mountain Line has a Mobility Manager in place.

Mr. Austin then informed the Committee that the Division of Highways updated the TTAC on the status of the Mileground Project at Tuesdays meeting. Mr. Austin stated that the project should be let by the end of the week and that it is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2013. He noted that in the interim before the opening of the roundabout DOH planned to provide access to the school at the current temporary entrance location probably with a flag person to stop traffic.

Other Business

Chairman Rice then opened the floor for other business.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Rice adjourned the meeting.