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MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Morgantown Airport Terminal Building 1st Floor
Morgantown Monongalia MPO Conference Room
May 9, 2013
6:00 PM

Members Present

John E. Sneckenberger, Roy Nutter, Jim Gaston, Christiaan Abildso, Bill Austin

Others Present

Jing Zhang

Call to Order

Mr. Austin noted that Mr. Rice would be unable to attend this meeting. He then called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Austin noted that the Minutes of the March meeting had been included in the agenda packet. Mr. Austin asked for corrections or comments on the Minutes. There being no corrections he called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Sneckenberger moved the Minutes seconded by Mr. Gaston. The motion was unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Austin then discussed the proposed amendments to the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Austin stated that there are several amendments proposed to the TIP and that he would go over them together without going into detail about the phasing of each project by fiscal year.

The first amendment he covered was the construction of a park and ride lot on Bowers Lane. Mr. Austin noted that this project had been developed by WVDOH and Mountain Line. He noted that the project would be located at the interchange of the Mon-Fayette Expressway at the Cheat Lake exit. The next amendment discussed was the purchase of a dump truck for the Monongahela River Trail Conservancy. Mr. Austin then noted that the DOH is proposing an amendment to replace the expansion joints on the I-79 Uffington Bridge which is located immediately south of the Westover exit. Mr. Austin also noted that there is a proposed amendment to construct a crosswalk on Walnut Street in Morgantown as well as another proposed amendment to construct sidewalk on WV 100 (Dunkard Avenue) from the Granville City Limit to Pennsylvania Avenue in Westover. The final proposed TIP amendment Mr. Austin noted was the addition of an interchange on I-79 to be located approximately equidistant between the Westover and Star City interchanges. Mr. Austin noted that this proposed interchange is included in the LRTP to be discussed in the next item.

The CAC discussed the proposed new I-79 interchange noting that it may not be appropriate to state that there is no State or Federal funding for the project. The Committee also discussed the timing of the project.

Mr. Austin then noted that there were technical amendments to the TIP for Mountain Line. There was no discussion of this item.

After outlining Mountain Line's TIP Amendment Mr. Austin if the Committee would like to act on each item individually or as together. Mr. Abildso moved recommending approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO Policy Board. Mr. Gaston seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the CAC unanimously recommended approval of the TIP Amendments to the MPO Policy Board.

MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

After the discussion of the TIP Amendments, Mr. Austin discussed the draft Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Austin stated that the MPO had approved the updated Long Range Transportation Plan at their December meeting. The purpose of this item is to approve the documentation of the Plan including the Goals and Objectives of the Plan as well as the documentation of the public involvement process the technical aspects of the work performed during the update. After a brief discussion the Mr. Gaston moved recommending approval of the

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LRTP document to the MPO Policy Board, seconded by Mr. Sneckenberger. The motion was unanimously approved.

Presentation on the Mileground Pedestrian Observations,

Mr. Austin introduced this item noting that the TTAC had recommended that this work be replicated to present a more complete picture of pedestrian activities along the corridor particularly after the construction of the Roundabout is completed. Mr. Austin stated that the primary purpose of presenting this item to the TTAC was to gather comments on how the format and the work could be improved. The CAC did not make substantial comments on this item.

Work Plan for MPO Bicycle Plan

Mr. Austin introduced Mr. Zhang for this item. Mr. Zhang stated that he had been working with the Bicycle Board to develop a work program for the upcoming planning process to develop a region wide bicycle plan. Mr. Zhang noted that the TTAC had recommended that the “Setting” header be changed to “Understanding” otherwise there were not any significant changes recommended to the plan. Mr. Abildso noted that the Bike Board seems happy with this outline.

Format for the Evaluation of LRTP Corridors and Intersections

Mr. Austin noted that this is also an informational item seeking any comments the Committee may have on making the report more intelligible. The CAC discussed the sample page and came up with the following recommendations. The page should include a title delineating pedestrian accidents from “Motor Vehicle Crash Data” and there needs to be a little more explicit documentation identifying that the injury accidents are different from the vehicular accidents in the legend.

Other Business

Mr. Austin then called for other business.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Rice adjourned the meeting at 8:28.