Agenda

Policy Board Meeting
Council Chambers
Morgantown City Hall
389 Spruce Street
Morgantown WV
November 15, 2018

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1. Call To Order

2. Public Comments

3. Committee Reports
   b. Finance
   c. Executive Directors Report

4. MPO Meeting Calendar

5. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Tier One Project List

6. Discussion of items for FY 2019-2020 Work Program

7. Appointment of Officer Nominating Committee

8. Update on Status of Bicycle and Pedestrian Study

9. Other Business

10. Meeting Adjournment
Memorandum

Date: November 8, 2018

To: MPO Policy Board Members

From: Bill Austin, AICP

Subject: November 15, 2018 TTAC Meeting Agenda Items

This memorandum is to inform you of the action items for the November 15th Policy Board Meeting.

-MMMPO Meeting Calendar—Please find enclosed the draft MMMPO meeting calendar for 2019. We would appreciate your review and any comments you may have on the draft calendar. Please note that the calendar shows the June meeting on June the twenty seventh due to the regular meeting day being West Virginia Day. We would appreciate feedback on whether the Policy Board would like to meet that day or consider canceling the June meeting.

-Consideration of Metropolitan Transportation Plan First Tier Projects—MPO Staff has been contacted by a Policy Board Member who is requesting that the Policy Board consider amending the MPO’s Tier One Projects to include the Morgantown Industrial Park Access Project. In order to meet Federal guidelines Tier One projects have to be fiscally constrained by the amount of Federal funding the MPO is anticipated to receive over the next 25 years. Including the Industrial Access project in the Tier One category will require removing one or more projects from the current Tier One List. Please find enclosed for your consideration of this request the current list of Tier One projects and the information presented to the public during the 2017 update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Also included for your consideration is the executive summary of the Morgantown Industrial Park Study.

In discussing the request the TTAC expressed concern that the addition of the proposed project to the Tier One list would require the removal of a project or projects from the Tier One list. The projects on the Tier One list had recently been extensively reviewed with the public as part of the recent update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. To date there has not been a comparable public outreach on modifying the Tier One List to include this project.
The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee recommended that the Policy Board consider adding the Morgantown Industrial Park Access Project to the list of projects to be funded by other sources. This was how the new interchange at West Ridge which was funded by tax increments financing was included in the MPO’s Plan. The TTAC also suggested that the Policy Board could include the Project as a Tier Two project. Tier Two projects do not have to be fiscally constrained. Either designation would make the project eligible for additional study and other funding sources in the future. The CAC did not have a quorum. Several members of the CAC expressed concerns similar to the TTAC’s.

-Items for FY 2019-2020 Work Program-We would appreciate your providing us with your thoughts on items that should be included in the upcoming years Unified Planning Work Program. So far in the current fiscal year the MPO has completed the Morgantown Industrial Park Study, collected data for the City of Morgantown’s Willey Street/Richwood Avenue intersection study, worked with the transportation equity group to develop an outreach program for underserved individuals, and selected a firm to conduct the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study. MPO staff has also performed regular administrative duties as well as worked on Federally mandated Performance Measures.

We anticipate that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study will continue into the coming fiscal year and it should be completed by the fall of 2020. We anticipate that staff will also need to perform additional work on performance measures as data to evaluate the State’s performance measures becomes more available. We expect that the work with the transportation equity group will move forward as well.

Finally, we are considering adding a part-time employee who may be shared with Monongalia County. The initial work anticipated for this employee would be website maintenance, the development of an ongoing newsletter, and data collection and aggregation.