

## Draft Minutes

### **Morgantown-Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization**

#### **Citizens Advisory Committee**

**June 9, 2011**

**6:30 PM**

#### **Members Present**

John E. Sneckenberger, Jim Gaston, Maria Smith, Roy Nutter, Bill Rice, Bill Austin

#### **Others Present**

None

#### **Call to Order**

Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Austin asked that the CAC review the Minutes of the March and May 2011 meetings. Mr. Sneckenberger noted that he was not in attendance at the May meeting. Mr. Austin noted that he would remove Mr. Sneckenberger from the Minutes. Mr. Nutter moved the approval of both sets of Minutes with the correction noted, seconded by Ms. Smith. The Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Bill Austin then reviewed the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments included in the agenda packet. Mr. Austin stated that the first item shown was proposed by the local DOH Division. This project would add turn lanes on the ramps at I-68 and WV 7 and widen WV 7 between the ramps. The CAC discussed this project in depth. It was noted that the DOH should consider whether or not the widening should begin at or before Brookhaven Road since vehicles turning onto WV 7 east bound from Brookhaven would have to merge into one lane immediately before WV 7 widens out to two lanes. There was also discussion of how this project came to be a priority for DOH when the Urban Area may have more pressing needs.

Bill Austin then discussed the TIP amendment for the MPO's CMAQ grant to fund the creation of van pools in the area. Mr. Austin noted that the DOH had agreed to making the CMAQ funds available for the van pools and that the FHWA had approved the transfer. The Policy Board and the State will amend their TIP's and we will be able to begin funding van pools.

Mr. Austin then presented the proposed removal of the I-68 resurfacing project from the TIP. Mr. Austin stated that the District had proposed removing this project since recent observation had indicated that there was a similar segment in Preston County that needed resurfacing more. He noted that the District had indicated that this project would likely be back on the TIP shortly. Mr. Nutter noted that he would

prefer that this project be delayed on the TIP rather than seeing it removed from the TIP. After the discussion of the projects Mr. Nutter moved to recommend approval of the MPO's CMAQ grant and the removal of the I-68 resurfacing project to the Policy Board asking the DOH to consider moving the I-68 project further out in the TIP seconded by Mr. Rice. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Nutter then moved to not recommend approval of the I-68/WV 7 Project to the Policy Board since the Committee was not sure the project would address the issues at this location and because the Committee did not understand how the Project fit into the MPO's priorities. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Draft Unified Work Program**

Bill Austin then introduced the draft Unified Planning Work Program. He noted that the draft UPWP was the same as the one presented at the last meeting except it included \$20,000 in funding for upgrading the MPO's GIS database in cooperation with the County. This change had been recommended by the TTAC and discussed with the CAC at the last meeting. The previous UPWP did not include the funding for the consultant to perform the update of the LRTP but it did include the MPO staff time to participate in and administer the project. The draft being discussed tonight included \$156,000 to fund the LRTP Update. The other initiatives included in the UPWP include providing staff assistance to the Bike and Pedestrian committee's and continuing the TDM effort and the traffic count program. Mr. Austin asked the CAC to recommend approval of the UPWP to the MPO Policy Board. Mr. Nutter moved recommending approval of the UPWP to the Policy Board seconded by Mr. Rice. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Review of Consultants to Perform the LRTP Update**

Bill Austin stated that the MPO consultant selection committee had selected Burgess and Niple for the LRTP update. He stated that the selection committee had concerns about the public involvement process proposed by all three teams but that Burgess and Niple had done the best job in this area.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Nutter noted that currently the Methodist Church on Patteson Drive does not get adequate time in the signal cycle when church lets out and that other times there is no one at the church and it's driveway still gets signal time. He would like for the MPO to ask DOH to consider correcting this issue with the new dynamic signal system. Bill Austin stated he would relay this concern to the DOH's consultant.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.