

Minutes
for the
December 18, 2017 Meeting
of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization

Danville Regional Airport Terminal Building, Eastern Conference Room
Airport Drive, Danville, VA
at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees

Ron Searce, Pittsylvania County
Lee Vogler, City of Danville
Brian Dunevant, City of Danville
Greg Sides, Pittsylvania County
Jessie Barksdale, Pittsylvania County
Dave Hoback, Danville MPO Administrator
Joseph Bonanno, Danville MPO Staff

1. Call to Order

Mr. Searce called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of minutes from November 15, 2017 MPO Meeting

Mr. Searce asked for a motion to approve the November 15, 2017 MPO Policy Board Meeting minutes, and Mr. Vogler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

3. Review of On-Call Consultant Program for PDC/MPO

Mr. Hoback stated that the PDC/MPO had a contract for on-call consultant services with Dewberry to provide services for time sensitive projects especially in the area of transportation, which could be utilized by the MPO or localities within the region. Mr. Hoback noted that earlier in the fall, the PDC/MPO issued a Request for Proposals for a new contract and received seven proposals, after which a review committee of staff from localities, the PDC, and VDOT. He noted that five consulting firms were interviewed, and the result of the interviews was that Dewberry and EPR consultants were recommended. He noted that the interview committee and PDC/MPO staff felt comfortable with both of those firms, and that they would provide good options. He concluded by stating that no retainer fee would be required for the contract, and that the consultants would be utilized on an as-needed basis. Mr. Hoback asked if there were any questions, but there were none.

4. Consideration of Adoption of On Call Consulting Contract Resolution 2017-8

Mr. Vogler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-8 to enter on call contracts with EPR and Dewberry, which was seconded by Mr. Barksdale. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

5. Other Business

Mr. Hoback stated that Mr. Rakes and Mr. Bonanno prepared mapping and a crash analysis, respectively, for Dewberry consultants as part of the MPO Connector Road Study. Mr. Barksdale asked if it was believed that the main factor being applied for as part of Smart Scale Connector Road project would shift from safety to economic development. Mr. Hoback replied that, looking at the data, there was likely not a strong case that could be made for safety improvements. He briefly mentioned some of the results of the crash analysis, and asked Mr. Bonanno if he would like to add anything. Mr. Bonanno stated that no fatalities occurred at the intersections analyzed, that there were some injuries, but that the majority of crashes involved property damage only, and that most of the roadway departure crashes resulted in property damage, indicating that speed was probably not a major factor. He identified the intersections with the greatest number of crashes being Martinsville Highway at Berry Hill Road and Riverside Drive at Vandola Road. Mr. Hoback stated that he anticipated Dewberry to present initial findings to the MPO project team in late January or early February. Mr. Sides stated that the technical advisory committee, the MPO, or the staff had not yet gone through the exercise of identifying potential alignments for the connector road. He added that Dewberry had already looked at that, but the local officials needed to look at it. Some discussion took place. Mr. Searce took a moment to thank Mr. Barksdale for his

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service on the MPO Board. Mr. Hoback suggested it would be appropriate for the MPO to adopt a resolution recognizing Mr. Barksdale for his contributions and dedicated service to the MPO. Mr. Vogler made a motion for such a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Sides. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

David R. Hoback
Danville MPO Administrator