

Minutes
for the
November 9, 2022 Meeting
of the
Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization
5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Attendees

Ken Gillie, City of Danville
Lee Vogler, Chair, City of Danville
Brian Dunevant, City of Danville
Vic Ingram, Pittsylvania County
Rick Youngblood, VDOT
David Cook, VDOT
Chris Winstead, VDOT
Michael Armbrister, Danville MPO Administrator
Joseph Bonanno, Danville MPO Staff

1. Call to Order

Mr. Vogler called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Meeting

Mr. Armbrister stated that the minutes for the August 24th, 2022 meeting were not available, however, the minutes from that meeting, as well as those for this meeting, would be available for review prior to the next MPO Policy Board meeting.

3. Approval of FY 2021 – 24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to incorporate updated statewide/districtwide maintenance project funding and Transit Asset Management Planning Performance Targets (Appendix E)

Mr. Armbrister stated that three administrative amendments to the TIP were approved at the August MPO meeting, while there were two additional amendments to be addressed at present. He stated that this set of amendments involved reallocation of \$1 million of preventative maintenance funding for bridges from FY 23 to FY 22, while the other amendment would involve the MPO including the Tier 2 Transit Performance Targets for FY 22, which were reviewed by Danville Transit and recommended by DRPT for inclusion in the TIP. He added that the administrative nature of the two amendments excluded the necessity of public input. However, he added that a resolution would need to be approved by the Board to approve the amendment. Mr. Ingram made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Gillie. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

4. Update on WPPDC On-Call Consultant Program

Mr. Armbrister stated that the MPO Board had previously approved a joint consultant agreement with the WPPDC, so it was not necessary for the Board to take action relating to that this evening. However, he noted that the PDC went through the procurement process for the on-call consultant program, which was completed in October, and the PDC Board adopted the review team's recommendation for contracting with five firms. He added that ten firms responded to the RFP, and following the scoring and interview process, the five firms that were selected included Dewberry, EPR, WRA, Timmons Group, and Summit. He further added that the PDC was currently involved with the VDOT pre-award audit process with those firms, and that some of the pre-award packages had been submitted to VDOT. He stated that the PDC was still under contract with EPR until April, and that EPR would continue to be part of the on-call consultant team. He concluded by stating that once the pre-award audits were complete, the PDC would get the firms under contract for future projects.

5. Update on Transportation Study Priorities

Mr. Armbrister stated that in August, the MPO Board approved a list of future study projects, noting that the first project was U.S. Route 58 Business between Berry Hill Road and Westover Drive, which was near the site of a proposed luxury RV development; he added that the development had been put on hold, and it was not clear what the status of the development was.

Mr. Armbrister stated that the MPO had moved on to the second priority, which was the extension of South Ridge Street to Industrial Avenue in the City of Danville. He stated that MPO staff met with EPR and City staff, and he added that the project would fulfill needs, particularly with regard to recent developments in the City. Mr. Armbrister added that the MPO received a scope of work from EPR, that staff had been working with VDOT regarding revisions to the scope of work, and that he would provide it to City staff to get their input. He noted that because of a number of housing and other needs in the area, it was thought best to have potential alignments and alternatives developed prior to the MPO going to the public for comment. Mr. Armbrister noted that the three components associated with the main phase of the study would include travel demand forecasting, a

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preliminary alternatives study, and a preferred alignment study. He added that a bridge spanning railroad tracks would be a necessary component of the extension of South Ridge Street, and that EPR subcontracted with Kimley-Horn for assistance with bridge design concepts. He noted that the cost estimate for the study was \$139,063, and the MPO recommended administering this project over Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 due to the higher-than-anticipated cost. He added that deliverables would include Smart Scale-level cost estimates, graphics, and other elements necessary to apply for a Smart Scale application. He stated that during the last meeting, the Board authorized the MPO to proceed with the list of studies, but because this study would span two fiscal years, he wanted to bring it back to the Board for approval.

Mr. Vogler stated he believed this was a very important study, and he added that part of the reason the City proceeded with the Schoolfield site for the casino rather than the White Mill site was the accessibility the Schoolfield site offered, and the fact that traffic concerns were not as great. Mr. Vogler added that greater access into and out of the River District was needed, and that such accessibility would be beneficial in years to come. He asked if the MPO Board needed to take action, to which Mr. Armbrister replied that he would appreciate action, given the project's span over the two fiscal years. Mr. Ingram made a motion to approve the South Ridge Street extension study over Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, and this motion was seconded by Mr. Gillie. The motion was voted upon and approved unanimously.

6. Comments/Updates from VDOT/DRPT/FHWA

Mr. Youngblood stated that VDOT was in the process of Smart Scale application validation and cost estimating. Mr. Cook added that VDOT was currently in the scoring phase of Smart Scale applications, and that congestion scoring, funding questions, and right-of-way issues were wrapping up. He concluded by stating that the scoring component was anticipated to be complete by late December, and that a draft funding scenario would be available by early January.

7. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.



Michael Armbrister
Danville MPO Administrator