

**Winchester Frederick County (WinFred) MPO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.
Frederick County Administrative Offices - First Floor Conference Room
107 N. Kent Street, Winchester, VA**

1. Administrative Items:

- a) Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Youmans welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Bishop requested to add an agenda item – Update on the I-81 study. All agreed.
- b) Review and approval of the June 5, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – Motion made by Mr. Short approving the minutes; seconded by Ms. Wells. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment Period – None reported.

3. Route 11 (Valley Pike/Valley Avenue) Corridor Study Draft Report

Mr. Short reviewed the Draft Report with the Committee. Following a discussion the Committee decided to the following: TAC will review and submit comments to Ms. Taylor by Friday, September 14, 2018. A formal presentation of the report will be given to TAC in October. Following that presentation TAC will discuss moving forward with presenting to the Policy Board.

4. Presentation of the Newly Redesigned WinFred MPO Website

Ms. Taylor presented the new site to the Committee.

5. Discussion on the I-81 Study

The Committee discussed some of the recommendations they have seen thus far. Following the discussion, it was agreed upon that the MPO would submit a formal letter and comments by the September 30 deadline. This will be sent to the City and County prior to submittal and will be presented at the September Policy Board meeting.

6. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (MPO Meetings are held at the Frederick County Administrative Offices):

- Project Steering Meeting: TBA
- Policy Board: September 19, 2018
- Technical Advisory Committee: October 2, 2018
- CTB Meetings in Winchester: September 17 & 18, 2018

7. VDOT/DRPT/Staff Updates

Mr. Short gave an overview of the Route 11 North Study. He stated that the County Comprehensive Plan called for a six way widening which was not successful. He stated that they are working with Kimley Horn in regards to a dual lane round a bout at Charlestown Rd. Discussed the ramp realignment at 317 - looked at entire interchange; possibility for a Diverging Diamond Interchange concept. Mr. Short and MPO staff will work to negotiate a contract extension with Kimley Horn to fulfill the UPWP line item. This study is due to be completed this fiscal year.

8. Other Business – None reported.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

CAC- Citizen Advisory Committee- Serves as an advisory committee to the MPO Policy Board to solicit public input and provide citizen perspective on MPO projects. Conducts public hearings and public input sessions on selected projects at the direction of the Policy Board.

CLRP – Constrained Long Range Plan – A fiscally-constrained list of projects drawn from the Vision Plan element of the LRTP. All CLRP projects must have an estimated cost and a revenue source identified.

CMAQ- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program was implemented to support surface transportation projects and other related efforts that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief.

FHWA - Federal Highway Administration - Within the US Department of Transportation, FHWA is responsible for highway issues, including federal laws and regulations related to metropolitan transportation planning.

FTA - Federal Transit Administration- within the US Department of Transportation, FTA is responsible for public transit issues, including federal laws and regulations related to metropolitan transportation planning.

FTA Section 5303 Funds - This program supports transit planning expenses to support cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive planning for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan planning areas.

FTA Section 5310 - Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities - The goal of the Section 5310 Program is to provide assistance in meeting the special transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The program is designed to supplement other FTA or assistance programs by funding transportation projects for elderly person and persons with disabilities in all areas – urbanized, small urban, and rural.

HSIP - Highway Safety Improvement Program - The overall purpose of this program is to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads through the implementation of infrastructure-related highway safety improvements.

LRTP- Long Range Transportation Plan- Developed and approved by the MPO, the LRTP is a regional plan that includes all transportation projects and programs that the MPO realistically anticipates can be implemented over the next 25 years. LRTP's may include a VISION PLAN, which is a list of all projects (a "wish list"), but must also include a CLRP. In order to receive federal funding, transportation projects must be included in the LRTP and the TIP.

The FAST Act - On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. No. 114-94) into law—the first federal law in over a decade to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. The FAST Act authorizes \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs. The FAST Act maintains our focus on safety, keeps intact the established structure of the various highway-related programs we manage, continues efforts to streamline project delivery and, for the first time, provides a dedicated source of federal dollars for freight projects. With the enactment of the FAST Act, states and local governments are now moving forward with critical transportation projects with the confidence that they will have a federal partner over the long term.

NHPP- National Highway Performance Program - The NHPP provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS), for the construction of new facilities on the NHS, and to ensure that investments of Federal-aid funds in highway construction are directed to support progress toward the achievement of performance targets established in a State's asset management plan for the NHS.

STP Funds – Surface Transportation Program funds are Federal Funds disbursed through State DOT's for Surface Transportation projects.

TAC- Technical Advisory Committee- Serves in an advisory capacity to the Policy Board of the MPO. The TAC works with MPO staff to formulate the UPWP, the LRTP, and provides technical review and assistance on numerous MPO projects undertaken as called out in the UPWP.

TIP - Transportation Improvement Program - Approved by the MPO Policy Board, it is a list of projects and programs that will be implemented over the next six years. In order to receive federal funding, transportation projects must be included in the Constrained Long Range Plan and the TIP. Amendments are major changes to a project included in the CLRP, TIP or STIP that are not Administrative Modifications.

UPWP – Unified Planning Work Program- MPOs must adopt and implement an annual work program and budget known as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP identifies all activities to be undertaken by the MPO during the fiscal year which begins July 1st and ends the following June 30th.

VDOT - Virginia Department of Transportation - Agency responsible for statewide transportation facility planning, construction, and maintenance. VDOT is separate from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT).