

Morgantown Monongalia MPO Newsletter

Updated Transportation Plan Spring Edition

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Public comment open until May 10th, 2022.

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Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update 2050

The Morgantown Monongalia MPO is working with the engineering firm, Stantec, to update the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Federal regulations require that the plan be updated every five years. Stantec has conducted an in-depth analysis of the current roadway network, a comprehensive review of existing transportation plans, and multiple public outreach efforts.

The MMMPO has released [a draft of the transportation plan update](#) that is now open for public comment for a minimum period of 45 days. The period for public comment will close on May 10th, 2022. The MPO has been coordinating with the City of Morgantown, Monongalia County, and various other regional entities to integrate of their comprehensive plans into the transportation plan.

The MMMPO’s Citizens Advisory and Transportation Technical Advisory Committees both met in March for their regularly scheduled meetings. Both committees unanimously recommended the Draft Plan MTP for review and approval by the MPO Policy Board. The Policy Board held a special work session on March 24th to discuss prioritization of the Tier 1 project needs. Tier 1 projects are funded and constructed within the ten-year horizon of the adoption of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

MMMPO Policy Board Members:

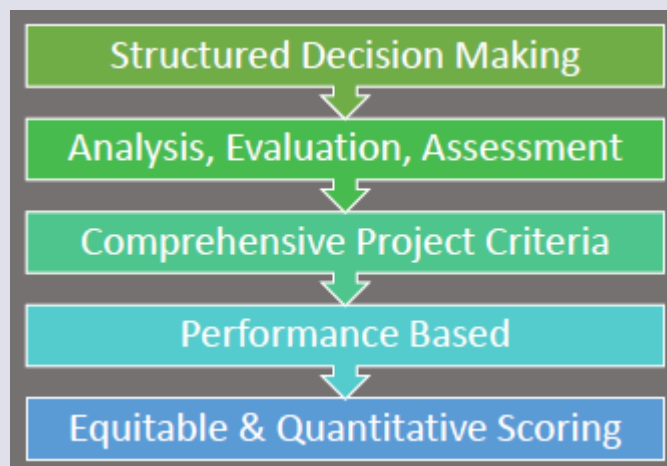
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The project prioritization process used a data-driven approach to rank projects relative to needs, goals, and objectives of the transportation vision. Seven factors were identified through a public outreach process to evaluate each of the projects identified in this Plan. The Plan Steering Committee ranked these factors from one to seven, taking into consideration their relative importance for project ranking. Cumulative scores (out of 100) became the weight assigned to each of the seven factors. GIS was used to apply measurable datasets to each of the project recommendations, with proximity to features corresponding to each factor contributing to an overall score. Scores were normalized on a 1-10 scale for each of the seven factors, and then weighted in relative importance to committee members. The total score represents a relative order of priority, which was then reviewed and modified by the Policy Board.

Tier 1 projects include improvements along the 705 Corridor, Fairmont Road/Holland Avenue, Earl Core Road, Dupont Road, Willey Street/Mileground, and Greenbag Road. There are also intersection and safety improvements programmed for the following roads: Point Marion - Stewartstown, Richwood - North Willey, and Grafton - Smithtown - Don Knotts. Improved access to the Morgantown Industrial Park has been identified as a priority in order to meet the needs of local stakeholders and for continuing support for economic development. The Harmony Grove Interchange project will be primarily financed via Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funding. The Tier 1 also includes a trail connection, a pedestrian improvement project, and two area studies to address downtown area connections and trail crossing. Tier 1 projects are the MPO's highest priority to receive federal funding, but there are additional tiers of projects on the horizon.

TIER 1 (TIP + INTERIM YEAR 2030) PROJECTS				
MTP ID	Project / Location / Description	Category	Length	Project Cost
-	Current TIP Projects Various roadways and multimodal projects already programmed for construction in the TIP. Including, but not limited to the Roads to Prosperity projects: Greenbag Road Segment 1, West Run Road (eastern and western sections), Van Voorhis Road Segment 1, Mileground Road, I-79 exit 155 reconstruction, and Beechurst Avenue/Campus Drive.	Varies	-	\$118,950,000
M73b	WV 705 Corridor Improvements From Monongahela Blvd to Mon General Dr / Don Nehlen Dr	Access Management	1.82	\$15,300,000
M52	Earl Core Road (WV 7) - Northern Section Improvements From Deckers Creek Blvd to I-68 Interchange	Modify / Capacity	1.45	\$10,900,000
M50	Fairmont Rd / Holland Ave Improvements From I-79 Interchange to Westover Bridge	Modify / Capacity	1.79	\$13,300,000
M64	Willey St / Mileground Rd Improvements From High St to WV 705	Modify / Capacity	1.67	\$15,700,000
M14	Point Marion - Stewartstown Intersection Improvements Intersection of Point Marion Rd at Stewartstown Rd	Safety / Intersection	-	\$2,100,000
M106	Dupont Road Improvements Intersection of Point Marion Rd at Stewartstown Rd	Safety / Intersection	1.24	\$8,800,000
M7	Richwood - North Willey Intersection Improvements Intersection of Richwood Street and North Willey Street	Safety / Intersection	-	\$1,600,000
M51b	Greenbag Rd Improvements Segment 2 From Lucky Ln to Earl Core Rd (WV 7)	Modify / Capacity	1.86	\$12,400,000
M51a	Greenbag Rd Improvements Segment 3 From Don Knotts Blvd (US 119) to Mississippi St	Modify / Capacity	0.75	\$5,600,000
M20	WV7 - Deckers Creek - Mineral Pedestrian Improvements Intersection of Mineral Ave at Deckers Creek Blvd	Pedestrian Safety / Intersection	-	\$400,000
C1	Industrial Park Access Improvements - Harmony Grove Interchange Exit 150 (River Road) <i><Tax Increment Financing (TIF)></i>	New Roadway Connection	-	\$10,400,000 \$31,200,000
M1	Grafton - Smithtown - Don Knotts Intersection Improvements Intersection of Grafton Rd / Don Knotts Blvd at Smithtown Rd	Safety / Intersection	-	\$2,100,000
M123	Trail Connection - Collins Ferry to Mon River North Trail From Collins Ferry Rd to Mon River North Trail	Multimodal (Trail)	0.27	\$500,000
-	Design Study - White Park / Caperton Multimodal Trail Connection White Park to Caperton Trail with pedestrian crossing over US 119	Study	-	\$300,000
-	Downtown Microsimulation Model Downtown Morgantown	Study	-	\$500,000

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