

Meeting Minutes

**Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization (“S/WMPO”)
Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”)
July 21, 2020**

WebEx Conference Call at 3:00 P.M.

Attendees:

S/WMPO TAC members:

Eric Berkheimer, Chairman, Salisbury University (“SU”)
Tracey Gordy, Vice Chair, Maryland Department of Planning (“MDP”)
Ian Beam, Maryland Department of Transportation (“MDOT”)
Brad Bellacicco, Shore Transit
Julie Bellamy, Town of Hebron
Marvina Cephas, DNREC – Division of Air Quality
Tremica Cherry-Walls, Delaware Transit Corporation (“DTC”)
Jenn Cinelli-Miller, Delaware Department of Transportation (“DelDOT”)
Bob Forrester, Delmarva Water Transport Committee
William Hardin, Town of Delmar
Jared Kaufmann, Delaware Transit Corporation (“DTC”)
Berley Mears, Director of Public Works, City of Seaford
Dorothy Morris, Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination (“DOSPC”)

Others:

Stephen Miller, State Highway Administration District 1 Planner

Staff:

Keith Hall, S/WMPO Executive Director
Jesse Drewer, S/WMPO Planner
Melissa Cassimore, Executive Assistant

Introduction

Chairman Berkheimer opened the meeting at approximately 3:00 P.M. and welcomed attendees during these unprecedented times. Chairman Berkheimer requested staff to conduct roll call of members and staff. Mr. Drewer conducted a roll call of members and staff.

Ms. Cassimore provided a brief overview about procedures and tips for teleconference meeting participants.

Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program FY20-23

Keith Hall (S/WMPO)

Mr. Hall stated on July 14, 2020 the Maryland Department of Transportation requested the MPO to amend the FY20-23 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment is specific to Project Code 7 for the replacement of the bridge on U.S. 13 Business over east Branch of Wicomico River, the bridge is located by the River Walk just north of the La Quinta Inn. The amendment would advance \$450,000 for the construction phase of the project of which \$64,000 is for the current year FY20-21. The remaining \$386,000 will be spent in FY21-22. Contingent upon a satisfactory review by the TAC the proposed amendment will be forwarded to the Council for review and action.

Chairman Berkheimer asked for further questions or comments. Hearing none he called for a motion for a favorable recommendation to the MPO Council. Mr. Hall stated the 15-day public review and comment period is still ongoing; however, at this moment no comments have been made in support or opposition of the proposed amendment. Staff recommends forwarding a favorable recommendation to the Council for review and action of this proposed amendment. Stephen Miller is available for any questions from TAC and the public.

Chairman Berkheimer asked for an overview of the scope of the project, specifically, is it a total replacement.

Mr. Miller stated it is a full bridge replacement and prior work has been done in reference to utility relocation. The requested funds are to continue the utility work until the bridge replacement begins December 2022.

There were no further Committee member questions or comments.

Chairman Berkheimer asked if members of the public had and questions or comments. There were no members of the public on the call.

A motion was made by Mr. Beam for a favorable recommendation to the MPO Council for review and action; seconded by Ms. Cinelli-Miller. A roll call vote was conducted with all members voting in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Updates / Other Business

Chairman Berkheimer asked if there are any member updates.

Mr. Beam thanked the members for accommodating the meeting in an effort to keep the project moving during this difficult time.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting Date/Adjourn

Mr. Hall will send out notification about the next meeting date.

There being no other business before the Council, upon a motion by Ms. Morris, seconded by Mr. Hardin, with all attending Council members voting in favor, and none opposed, the meeting was adjourned.