

**Winchester -Frederick County ("Win-Fred") MPO  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting  
February 2, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.  
Frederick County Administrative Offices – First Floor Conference Room**

**AGENDA**

**1. Administrative Items:**

- a) Welcome and Introductions
- b) Review and Approval of the January 5, 2010 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
( *Attachment*)

**2. Public Comment Period**

**3. Review and Discussion of Draft Vision Plan List of Projects (*Handout at Meeting*)**

Staff will have copies of the Draft Vision Plan list of projects available at the meeting for review and discussion. The Policy Board, at their January meeting requested that staff add more detail in reference to the location of the projects. Staff is developing a map which will show the location of each project.

**4. Shady Elm Access Management Study Phase II (*Attachment*)**

Attached are public comments received in reference to the study. The Project Steering Committee will meet prior to the TAC meeting to review and discuss the procedure for addressing the comments. Staff will provide TAC an update on the outcome of the meeting.

**5. Route 7 Multimodal Corridor Study**

A copy of the final report of the Route 7 Multimodal Corridor Study will be mailed prior to the TAC meeting.

**Staff is requesting a recommendation to the Policy Board.**

**6. Discussion and Review of the Current TAC Meeting Quorum (*Attachment*)**

Current TAC and Policy Board quorum language is attached as outlined in the WinFred MPO by-laws.

**7. Other Business**

**8. Adjournment**

**Definition of Acronyms on Reverse**

## Definition of Acronyms

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Chairman Tim Youmans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Patrick Barker, Mr. John Bishop, Mr. Jerry Copp, Mr. Perry Eisenach, Mr. Brian Henshaw, Mr. Tom Hoy, Mr. Eric Lawrence, Mr. Ken Pollock, Mr. Terry Short and Ms. Renee Wells.

Others present: Mr. Chris Price, Ms. Tiffany Tran, Ms. Karen Taylor and Mr. Chad Tucker.

**1. Administrative Items:**

- a) Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Tim Youmans welcomed everyone to the meeting with a roundtable of introductions.
- b) Review and Approval of the September 1, 2009 and December 1, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – **A motion was made by Mr. Copp approving the September 1, 2009 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Barker approving the December 1, 2009 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried.**

**2. Public Comment Period** – None reported.

**3. Review and Recommendation of TIP Amendment for ARRA Projects**

Ms. Taylor reviewed the TIP amendment with the committee. She stated that the City of Winchester Transit will be receiving a \$150,000 in stimulus funding to purchase bus stop signs and Stop Announcement Software. She stated that the projects need to be added to the current FY09-13 WinFred MPO Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Taylor stated that the amendment is currently under the 20 day public review and comment period and no comments have been received. She stated that staff is requesting a recommendation of approval to the Policy Board.

**A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to recommend approval of the TIP amendment to the Policy Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Copp. Motion carried.**

**4. Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Staff handed out the draft Vision Plan list of projects. Mr. Price reviewed and discussed the projects with the committee. Mr. Price opened the floor for comments. Mr. Eisenach requested that the Green Circle Trail project be added to the list. Ms. Wells stated that Winchester Transit will construct a new facility and purchase new vehicles in 2012. The committee briefly discussed possible new air quality standards and the effect on the long range plan. The committee agreed to add a line item for maintenance projects to the list. Mr. Price requested that the committee review the list and email projects that they wish to add to Ms. Tran by January 15, 2010.

**5. Project Status Update**

- Shady Elm Phase II Study
- Route 7 Multi-Modal Corridor Study

Ms. Taylor gave an update on the Shady Elm and Route 7 studies. She stated that both of the studies were presented at the joint Policy Board/Public Input meeting on December 14, 2009.

She stated that the meeting was held at the Frederick County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at 5 p.m. She stated that 8-10 citizens were attendance along with staff from the local jurisdictions.

Ms. Taylor reviewed each of the public comments that were received. There were two citizens that submitted comments on the Route 7 Study and four comments on the Shady Elm Phase II Study.

Ms. Taylor stated that final reports for both studies should be complete prior to the February 2<sup>nd</sup> TAC meeting. She asked if the committee wanted the final reports reviewed by the Project Steering Committee prior to TAC's review and recommendation. The committee agreed that there was no need for the Project Steering Committee review.

- Route 11 South Study – Mr. Chad Tucker, Regional Planning Manager for VDOT presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Route 11 Corridor Study.

## **6. Other Business**

Mr. Price stated that there have been several occasions over the past year that TAC has not had a quorum. He stated that the Policy Board requires a simple majority. Mr. Price asked if the committee would like to move towards a simple majority quorum. Chairman Youmans agreed with Mr. Price's proposal. Staff will have a by-law amendment for review at the next TAC meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.**

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**ARRA – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act** - On Feb. 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 at the urging of President Obama, who signed it into law four days later. A direct response to the economic crisis, the Recovery Act has three immediate goals: Create new jobs as well as save existing ones, spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth and foster unprecedented levels of accountability and transparency in government spending.

**December 14, 2009**  
**Policy Board/Public Input Meeting**

**Public Comments**

A public comment period followed Mr. Ceballos' presentation.

Mr. John Crandell addressed the Board. He stated that bicycle safety and pedestrian access is important. Mr. Ceballos stated that bicycle and pedestrian is not included in this particular study. The current study is only for traffic flow issues.

Mr. John Miller addressed the Board. Mr. Miller stated that he is really concerned about his two dealerships on Route 11 South. He stated that the proposed traffic pattern is very confusing. He stated that he owns three acres that has been put aside for another dealership. He stated that what is proposed in the study is going to have a negative effect on businesses in the study area. Mr. Miller asked if the new housing development and future shopping center on the Glaize property has been taken into consideration. He stated that a portion of his property is being taken away for construction of a ramp which will be running down the middle of his property. He expressed concern for the construction of his new dealership if this does happen. Mr. Miller stated that he would suggest taking a new look. He stated that he is concerned about the overall traffic and expressed his concern about future growth and what is planned for the present may not be sufficient for future growth. Mr. Miller stated that he does not profess to be an engineer. He stated that he is thinking about his dealership and other businesses.

Mr. Daryl Lebran addressed the Board. Mr. Lebran requested clarification of roundabouts. He expressed his concern about the safety of roundabouts.

Mr. Ceballos addressed the clarification of roundabouts.

Mr. Dave Holliday addressed the Board. Mr. Holliday expressed his support for the study. He stated that he does have a concern about Route 11 South. He asked at what point will it be fixed. Chairman Shickle explained Frederick County's current road plan and how this study relates. Chairman Shickle stated that we are trying to determine, as this area develops, which plan is best. Mr. Copp spoke briefly about the weaving issue on the corridor. Mr. Price stated that the WinFred MPO will formally consider both studies at some point. He stated that this is not an engineering study. He stated that there needs to be consensus for the process to continue to design and engineering phase. Mr. Price stated that we are presently at a concept phase.

## Public Comments Submitted Via Email

**From:** Willmarie Franklin [mailto:wfranklin@gregoryexterior.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2010 1:52 PM

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**Subject:** Win-Fred MOP.doc

January 15, 2010

To: All Voting Members of Win-Fred Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Re: Project – Shady Elm Phase II

Having recently been shown Alternative I-D Road Plan and the proposed traffic pattern creating U turn, situations, dual entrances to I-81 South – Renaissance Drive, I must ask you to **NOT** approve this plan. As a Land Owner and Business Owner on Route 11 in this general area, I see this plan as having a severe adverse effect on the Route 11 access from I-81 to Route 11 South.

I am told to construct Renaissance Drive, three railroad crossings will be eliminated by Frederick County. One of them is to be Cougill Road across from the Lord Fairfax Community College at Middletown. I have been trying for 30 years to get Cougill Road improved, now you plan to close it. Can't you bridge the railroad and eliminate the closure of Cougill Road?

Surely a better plan than this can be designed, **circles tend to cause more wrecks.**

Please don't sell out the business on Route 11 by making it next to impossible to get to Route 11 from 37 or I-81. The traffic patterns I've been shown, do not make sense and if a plan is approved, it will have an immediate effect in business plans for the future.

Representing Appleland Sports Center and properties on Prosperity Drive, Marathon Drive and Sulky Drive,

I Remain

Ralph S. Gregory

**From:** jceoil@aol.com [mailto:jceoil@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2010 9:59 AM  
**To:** henshawb@comcast.net  
**Subject:** VDOT Shady Elm Phase II Plan

Dear Mr. Henshaw,

I recently attended an informational meeting regarding the 'Shady Elm Phase II Access Study'. I apologize that I did not attend the public meeting on December 14, 2009 where it was discussed but ...I was not aware it was on the docket.

I have very *serious doubts* as to this proposal's merits as being 'the best option' for the infrastructure development in the Kernstown area.

Route 11, is 'the original N/S corridor' and shall remain the 'Business Avenue' and local option to I-81 for our community and tourists who venture in. It is my opinion, that ease of ingress and egress to this 'Avenue' should remain paramount in the development of our future infrastructure.

Traffic "to, from and thru" the Rt. 11 Kernstown area should be as direct and simple as possible to remain inviting to travel and trade. I fear the current proposal will have the opposite affect and literally discourage visits and thru traffic. The expression 'you can't get there from here' seems appropriate to this configuration!

Finally, with completion of Route 37 to the East, I envision this junction at Kernstown involving I-81, Rt. 11 and Rt. 37 being one of most critical and heavily used transportation zones in our area. With the speeds involved on I-81 and Rt. 37, I would suspect safety concerns should require movements in this area to function as simply and rapidly as possible to minimize congestion, not 'coral' the traffic in multiple circling patterns and compound the congestion.

This highway plan will have a major impact on the future success of commerce, land values, tax revenues and most importantly, safety in this area. We need to get it right. I urge you to reconsider our options here.

Sincerely,

Jim Emmart

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**Subject:** Re: Project –Shady Elm Phase II

January 22, 2010

**TO:** All Voting Members of Win-Fred Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Re: Project –Shady Elm Phase II**

I am told to construct Renaissance Drive in this plan, three railroad crossings will be eliminated by Frederick County. One of them is to be Cougill Road across from the Lord Fairfax Community College at Middletown VA. I gave land to VDOT 15 to 20 years ago to improve Cougill Road and must ask you to **NOT** approve this plan with this road crossing being eliminated. To gain access to our property on the west side of the CSX Railroad will mean traveling through Middletown to get there. Surely another alternate can be found.

Representing Wakeland Manor, Inc Tax map # 84-A-22 and 91-A-117

Sincerely,

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Rex L Wakeman, President

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## **Agenda Item 6**

### **Policy Board**

#### **Quorum**

A majority of the MPO voting members shall constitute a quorum.

### **Technical Advisory Committee**

#### **Quorum**

A. A meeting quorum shall be established by two (2) members of the CITY and two members of the COUNTY, one (1) member of the STATE, and one (1) member of the TOWN being present.

B. The TOWN shall be permitted to designate an alternate member for a Technical Advisory Committee meeting.