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Transportation Technical Advisory Committee TTAC Minutes

January 2, 2020, 10:00 AM
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Voting members present: Shane Stack, chair (Msla Co PW), Sarah Coefield, vice-chair (Env. Health MCCHD), Ellen Buchanan (MRA), Donna Gaukler (City Parks & Rec), Lyn Hellegard, chair (MRTMA), Jeremy Keene (City Development Services--interim)

Voting member(s) absent: Corey Aldridge (MUTD), Dori Brownlow (Missoula County), Chet Crowser (Msla Co CAPS), Juniper Davis (Msla Co Parks & Trails), Carol Strizich (MDT-Helena), Ben Weiss (City Bike/Ped), Brian Hensel (City PW)

Non-Voter(s) absent: Ryan Hammon (FHWA-Helena), Tiffany Brander (City Parking--interim), Brian Ellestad (Msla Airport Auth), Bynum Jackson (ASUM-Trans.), Eva Rocke (UM Admin)

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. New Business

4.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The board opened a discussion on the 2020 committee chair and vice-chair elections and current bylaws. Sarah Coefield was elected chair. Jeremy Keene was elected vice-chair. The vote was unanimous.

Moved by: Lyn Hellegard

Seconded by: Shane Stack

4.2 Presentation on draft CMAQ project evaluation and selection criteria (Tara Osendorf)

Tara Osendorf, Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization, provided an update to the board regarding the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project evaluation and the

selection criteria. (PowerPoint presentation available on eScribe) The committee was provided with CMAQ's funding outlook, an overview purpose and intention of the discussion group, and examples of the project evaluation scoring standards. The rescission is no longer a factor for CMAQ funding so projects are now being scored through a committee discussion process and eligibility checklist. The scoring process will help the project evaluation committee gain a better understanding of what projects entail and provide in-depth project descriptions. Due to upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan update, the recommendation from the CMAQ funding sub-committee was to hold off on establishing an official evaluation process until it could be integrated into that update.

The committee opened a discussion on potential impacts and project selection criteria.

4.3 Discussion of Future topics for committee presentations or consideration (Aaron Wilson)

Aaron Wilson, Transportation Planning Manager, spoke to the committee about future presentations and topics for consideration to create agenda items that the committee has interest in and questions about.

The committee discussed their desire to look into changes happening in other communities pertaining to transportation sustainability. They agree to continue to think of topics of interest to bring forward for future agendas.

5. Old Business

6. Announcements and Closing Comments

Sarah Coefield informed the committee that the Air Quality Program is doing a rule rewrite. As part of the Clear Air Act, it will be brought before the Metropolitan Planning Organization for comment before the final adoption process. The hearing will take place at the Air Pollution Control Board Meeting on Feb 20th at 12:15 pm.

Aaron Wilson provided an update of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's development of the public participation plan. Working with consultants, Big Sky Public Relations, they will perform an internal needs assessment within the next week. The plan will be presented to the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee at their January meeting. An email including the plan will be sent to the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee members so there is an opportunity to provide comments. Additional Long Range Transportation Plan updates will be coming within the upcoming weeks.

The committee expressed gratitude to Shane for chairing the committee for the past year.

7. Adjournment

Sarah Coefield adjourned the meeting at 10:36 am.