

Meeting Minutes

Salisbury/Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization (“S/WMPO”) Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”)

May 1, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

S/WMPO TAC members:

Tracey Taylor, Chair, Maryland Department of Planning (“MDP”)
Dorothy Morris, Vice-Chair, Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination
Eric Berkheimer, Salisbury University
Tremica Cherry-Wall, Delaware Transit Corporation (“DelDOT”)
Austin Gray, Delaware Department of Transportation (“DelDOT”)
Keith Hall, Wicomico County Planning Department
Berley Mears, City of Seaford
Jim Thomas, Salisbury-Wicomico County Planning and Zoning Commission
Sharon Jones, Shore Transit
Dan Janousek, MDOT
Adam Gardner, Salisbury Airport

Others:

Brittany Turner, Shore Transit

Staff:

Gary Pusey, S/WMPO Administrator

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting, being held virtually, and Mr. Hall confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.

Proposed Amendment: FY 2024 – FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Gary Pusey (S/WMPO)

Mr. Pusey stated that the TAC reviewed the proposed FY2024 – FY2027 TIP at its 2/6/2024 meeting and forwarded a favorable recommendation for adoption to the MPO Council, and the Council adopted the TIP at its 2/21/2024 meeting.

After the Council’s adoption, Mr. Pusey stated that a request was received from MDOT to amend the TIP by adding \$3.184 million in State and Federal funding for operating and maintenance assistance to Shore Transit, which will allow Shore Transit to continue to provide services in and around the City of Salisbury. The staff endorses forwarding a favorable recommendation to the MPO Council for review and action at their 5/14/2024 meeting.

Mr. Hall stated that this has been available for public review and comment. We have not received any comments from the public for this TIP amendment.

Ms. Taylor asked if any TAC members had any comments or questions.

Mr. Janousek thanked Staff for getting this meeting together so quickly, as he realized Mr. Hall had to adjust meeting schedules to bring this amendment to the TAC. Mr. Janousek noted that accounting changes are happening at MTA and we want to make sure all the money is allocated so that funds aren't lost. He stated that going forward with the help of Mr. Hall we are working on a process that will allow MTA to spend those funds and allow the locals to spend those transit dollars based on the amendment sent in.

Ms. Taylor asked if the TAC members had any more comments or questions. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the Council, and a motion was made by Ms. Dorothy Morris, seconded by Tremica Cherry-Wall, and unanimously passed.

Members Update

Ms. Taylor asked if TAC members had any updates. Mr. Pusey introduced new member Adam Gardner from the Salisbury Airport, and Ms. Taylor welcomed Adam to the committee. Sharon Jones from Shore Transit stated she is replacing Andy Wile and that she is the new Interim Director at Shore Transit. Ms. Taylor welcomed Ms. Jones to the committee. Mr. Janousek stated that for those who work on the fall tour with MDOT that he will be the contact person this year. An email with his contact information will be sent out to all members.

Adjournment

Ms. Taylor asked for any other questions or comments. There being none, Ms. Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Morris and unanimously passed.