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\$48 million for new road improvements in the Morgantown-Monongalia metropolitan area proposed by the W.Va. Department of Transportation

Meeting set for November 2 to receive public input about the proposed projects

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has received official notice that the West Virginia Department of Transportation is proposing to implement four new road projects in the local area costing approximately \$48,000,000. These projects have previously been identified as high priorities by the MPO's governing board with input from the public. The projects are proposed to be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which schedules the state's transportation funding. The proposed projects will alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety. These projects are major investments that will help the greater Morgantown metropolitan area accommodate current traffic and build capacity for future growth.

The projects are:

Beechurst Avenue Spot Improvements in the vicinity of 6th Street to Pleasant St. Engineering (ENG.) \$500,000, Right of Way (ROW) \$3,000,000 Construction (in FY 2021) \$3,500,000 Project Total \$7,000,000

West Run Widening (between Stewart Street and West Run) Eng. \$750,000, ROW \$4,000,000 Construction (in FY 2021) \$ \$11,000,000 Project Total \$15,750,000

Greenbag Road Improvements (Kingwood Pike to Don Knotts Boulevard) Eng. \$1,000,000 ROW \$3,000,000, Construction (in FY 2020) \$11,000,000 Project Total \$15,000,000

Van Voorhis Road Widening-West Run to Burroughs Street, Eng. \$600,000 ROW \$5,000,000 Construction (in FY 2020) \$4,400,000 Project Total \$10,000,000

The West Virginia Department of Transportation is soliciting public input for including these proposed projects – as well as other projects in the greater Morgantown-Monongalia metropolitan area – as part of the STIP at a public meeting to be held Monday, November 2, 2015, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Mountain Line's Offices located at 420 Dupont Road in Westover. The format for the public meeting is an open-house style walk-in meeting. Anyone interested in reviewing the projects and offering comments can stop by at any time during the meeting.

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