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Memorandum

TO: Belmont-Ohio-Marshall Transportation Study (BOMTS)
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members

FROM: Kevin Buettner, Transportation Planning Director

DATE: September 4, 2024

A meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the Belomar Office Conference Room.**


Please let us know whether or not you plan to attend by replying to this email or calling Michele Pultz at 304-242-1800. In-person attendance is urged. A video conferencing TEAMS link will be available upon request. A brief description of the agenda items is provided below.

- Minutes**
The attached minutes will be up for Committee approval.
- FY 2024 - FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Revision**
A TIP amendment will be presented.
- FY 2026 - FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program**
Updates to FY 2026- 2029 TIP Development Schedule
- FY 2024 Work Plan Completion Report**
Final analysis of budget expenditures and completed reports/deliverables
- Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**
Listing of projects with federal funds expended in FY 2024
- Adoption of Ohio Safety Targets**
Recommended concurrence of Ohio's Safety Performance Measure Targets
- Other Business**
Multimodal Plan Update
MTP Development Update
Update to FY25 Work Plan

We hope to see you on the 18th.

K.B.

Attachment



**Belmont-Ohio-Marshall
Transportation Study
(BOMTS)**

**Technical Advisory
Committee (TAC)
Meeting**

***Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024
1:30 p.m.***

***Belomar Conference Room
105 Bridge Street Plaza
Wheeling, WV***

Chairman: Terry Lively

Agenda

1. Minutes of the July 17, 2024 Meeting
2. FY 2024 - FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions
3. FY 2026 - FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program Updates
4. FY 2024 Work Plan Completion Report
5. Annual Listing of Obligated Projects
6. Adoption of Ohio Safety Targets
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

**BELMONT-OHIO-MARSHALL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BOMTS)
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024 – 1:30 P.M.
BELOMAR OFFICE
WHEELING, WV**

Attendance

Scott Hicks – Belomar
Kevin Buettner – Belomar
James Benner – Belomar
Franklin Shaffer – Village of Bellaire
Terry Lively – Belmont County Engineer
Kara Greathouse, FHWA - WV Division

Call-in Attendees:

Brian Carr – WVDOT
Sam Wallace, FHWA – OH Division
Crystal Lorimor – Belmont County CIC

Minutes

A motion was made by Franklin Shaffer and seconded by Crystal Lorimor to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024, TAC meeting. Motion carried.

FY2024 – FY2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision

After completing a Public Participation Period (ending July 16, 2024) the following projects have been requested to be added or amended to the FY 2024-2027 TIP:

Belmont County

- PID 121935 - Addition of new project to remove unsafe roadside ditch along the west side of SR 7 in the Village of Powhatan Point with a cost of \$73,370
- PID 120180 - Addition of TAP-funded multi-modal project in the Village of Morristown, including sidewalk construction/reconstruction, shared lane bicycle route, and trail construction, with a cost of \$3.76 million.
 - Also moved from Group Project List to Individual Listing
- PID 111983 - EORTA Vehicle Replacement (EORTA is housed in Ohio County with OVRTA)
 - FTA 5307, 5339, & Local funding totaling \$793,000

Ohio County

- (See Belmont County)

Other administrative adjustments were made at the request of the Ohio and West Virginia Departments of Transportation. Those adjustments were provided to all attendees by paper or PDF files. A motion was made by Frank Shaffer and seconded by Crystal Lorimor to recommend approval of the TIP revisions by the Policy Board. Motion carried.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 17, 2024

A discussion was held regarding PID 120547, an interchange modification study and other improvements at the I-70/SR 149 interchange in western Belmont County. Due to a new development of a large travel plaza/truck stop, local residents have expressed concerns to the Belmont County Engineer and others. Kevin Buettner noted that the project has been expedited by ODOT, which is why there is an administrative change to the TIP. Mr. Buettner offered to facilitate a meeting with Belmont County officials and ODOT District 11 for more information sharing.

FY2026– FY2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Buettner outlined key dates for the upcoming TIP development. Belomar is following Ohio's cycle and will add changes for West Virginia by amendment, if needed. Mr. Buettner explained that the process was iterative, necessitating frequent updates throughout the development cycle, but the TAC will be kept aware of major changes as they occur.

Other Business

Mr. Buettner discussed the Multimodal Plan kickoff and how TAC members and other regional officials will be involved with the development of the plan. While the plan is focused on transit and transportation services, there is also a focus on the "first mile/last mile" connections. There would also be a focus on low-income housing areas, as well as historically disadvantaged areas or areas of persistent poverty. The focus is primarily on Belmont and Ohio counties, but there may be ideas to extend to Marshall or Jefferson counties. More outreach will be occurring soon.

Mr. Buettner announced that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is also being developed. The notice to proceed has been given, but the kickoff meeting has not been scheduled yet. The process will take approximately two years, but Mr. Buettner encouraged TAC members to submit projects that could reasonably take place within the next 20-25 years.

Finally, Mr. Buettner informed the TAC that CMAQ funds were programmed for the Morristown TAP project. The eligibility form was submitted to and approved by ODOT Central Office on July 3, 2024. This funding will assist with pre-construction activities.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Buettner
Transportation Planning Director
Belomar Regional Council

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BELOMAR REGIONAL COUNCIL AND
INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY COMMITTEE
ENDORING A REVISION TO THE
FY2024 - FY2027 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Belomar Regional Council Policy Committee approved the FY2024 - FY2027 Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program can be revised at any time in accordance with state and federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the need exists for the FY2024 - FY2027 Transportation Improvement Program to be expeditiously revised; and

WHEREAS, the Participation Plan For Transportation Planning and Programming has been adhered to.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Belomar Regional Council Policy Committee hereby endorses a revision of the Transportation Improvement Program, as shown on the attached page.

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Scott Hicks, Executive Director
Bel-O-Mar Regional Council

John Gruzinskas, Chairman
Bel-O-Mar Regional Council/
BOMTS Policy Committee

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BELOMAR REGIONAL COUNCIL AND INTERSTATE PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY COMMITTEE
ENDORISING THE AMENDED FY2025
UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the FY2025 Unified Work Program has been prepared as prescribed by Federal Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FY2025 Unified Work Program addresses State and National issues to the degree appropriate for the local area; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work and budget contained in the FY2025 Unified Work Program can be revised upon the approval of the appropriate participating agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Belomar Regional Council Policy Committee hereby endorses the FY2025 Unified Work Program and Budget for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, as amended on the attached pages.

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Scott Hicks, Executive Director
Bel-O-Mar Regional Council

John Gruzinskas, Chairman
Bel-O-Mar Regional Council
Policy Committee