

# MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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## Community Development Updates

The WV Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council recently awarded \$800,000 in Critical Needs Grant funding to the Town of Elizabeth to provide public water service and fire protection to approximately 16 homes along Enterprise and Henderson Roads in Wirt County.

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Members of the MOVRC CED Team will attend a webinar on Thursday, December 9 focused on the bipartisan infrastructure bill (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) hosted by the National Association of Development Organization (NADO). Hal Hiemstra, Partner at Summit Strategies, will provide an analysis of the intricacies of the bill, highlight resource and funding opportunities for NADO members, and answer questions. Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on November 6, 2021. The State of West Virginia will receive approximately \$6 billion: \$3 billion for highways programs, more than \$500 million for bridges, almost \$200 million for statewide transit, \$43 million for airports, almost \$500 million for a range of water quality improvements and almost \$600 million for broadband internet.

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The WV Office of Community Advancement Development (CAD) has released FY 2021 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) applications which are due on March 3, 2022. Planning grant applications are accepted year-round. Non-entitlement units of local government in good standing and meeting applicable LMI qualifications such as cities and county commissions are eligible to apply for projects in each category. The 2021 activity allocations are \$10,866,005: Infrastructure; Parks and Recreation: \$500,000; Blighted/Abandoned Properties and Brownfields: \$2,000,000; Community Planning: \$500,000. The allocations specified above are estimates. These allocations may be modified by the WVDED depending on demand and readiness to proceed of proposed projects.

West Virginia's Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant application cycle is open until January 31, 2022.

MOVRC staff has several repeat and new applications to be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact staff.

# Request for Information for Front Street and Butler Street, Marietta Bike-Ped Crash Data – FY 2022



WWW received a request for information from the City of Marietta regarding pedestrian crash data at the intersection of Front Street and Butler Street in response to a citizen request/concern. WWW was able to re-view the intersection history by referencing our prior studies in this area to include the **Washington County Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Studies** from 2011-2022 and **Traffic Safety and Operations Studies** from 2009-2020 to respond to this request. WWW's experience and familiarity with the transportation network in Marietta, OH enables our staff to respond to these requests and provide crash data and any recommendations or countermeasures that have been incorporated into our prior studies. This data can be used to prioritize improvements and respond to requests such as these. WWW maintains a record of these studies for public access on our website at [www.triplew.org](http://www.triplew.org)

## Staff Response:

- Staff efforts included a review of prior WWW studies conducted by the Transportation Specialist/ Bike-Ped Coordinator with assistance from the Digital Services/ GIS Specialist.
- Work activity included an immediate review of prior WWW Studies with completion within an hour in November 2021.

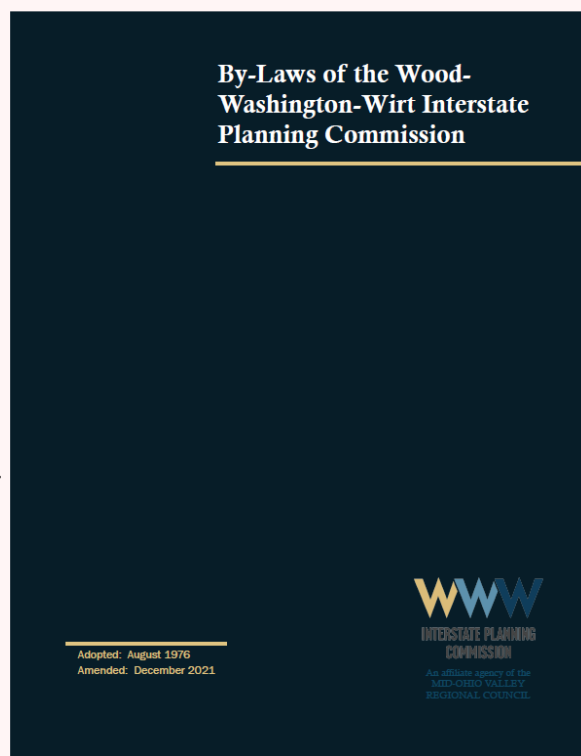
Intersection	2022 Corridor(s)	2011	2014	2017	2020	2022	Total
<b>Court Street, Layayette Street, and Pike Street</b>	Greene Street /Pike Street	1		1	2	2	<b>6</b>
<b>4th Street and Putnam Street</b>	4th Street	2			1	2	<b>5</b>
	Putnam Street						
<b>Front Street and Putnam Street</b>	Front Street				1	4	<b>5</b>
	Putnam Street						
<b>Butler Street and Front Street</b>	Front Street		2	1		1	<b>4</b>
<b>3rd Street and Marion Street</b>	3rd Street	1				2	<b>3</b>
<b>4th street and Greene Street</b>	4th Street			2		1	<b>3</b>
	Greene Street /Pike Street						

## By-Laws of the Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission—FY22

The WWW Policy Board approved the revised and amended **By-Laws of the Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission** during a regularly scheduled Quarterly Meeting in December 2021. The By-Laws were previously adopted in August of 1976. The document was amended to update and include advances in Federal Regulation and technology to enhance the outreach and participation potential of WWW when conducting Policy Board Meetings.

The amended By-Laws were in immediate effect upon approval by the Policy Board and will be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if additional amendments are needed. The adoption of this document precedes the preparation of updates and amendments to WWW's Public Participation Plan.

The preparation and adoption of this document fills in part work element 625 Transportation Planning Services and Administration identified in the FY 2022 Unified Work Program.



### Work Product Support

- Staff efforts included a review of the previously adopted By-Laws from August 1976 and the current Federal Regulations to update and amend the document.
- Work activity was conducted by the Director of Transportation Planning, the Executive Director of the MOVRC, and review by the MOVRC legal advisor.
- Work activity spanned from July 2021 to December 2021.

## Public Notice

The Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission (WWW) will hold a quarterly meeting on December 15, 2021, at 10 AM in the conference room at the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council located at 709 Market Street in Parkersburg, WV and virtually via Microsoft Teams. During the meeting the Policy Board will be requested to consider any amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), approve statewide performance targets, approve transit asset management targets, approve amended WWW By-Laws, approve the Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan for Washington County, OH, and conduct any other business that comes before the Policy Board. In accordance with public participation requirements for WWW, anyone interested in reviewing the proposed document can visit the agency website located at [www.triplew.org](http://www.triplew.org) or contact the WWW office at (304) 422-4993 x1280. Any review comments must be submitted by 4 PM on December 14 to be considered in the decision-making process. To participate in the meeting via Microsoft Teams, please use the link provided on the WWW website. All WWW board meetings are open to the public. This notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment satisfies the program of projects public participation requirements.

# RSVP



The RSVP volunteers are really looking forward to getting together in some smaller than usual groups to celebrate the holidays and just having made it through another difficult year. We have continued to see volunteers step up, especially during these holiday months to ensure families have enough food for the holidays. The pantry volunteers in all our counties have been amazing. The volunteers that sew have been busy making holiday items such as stockings for Old Man River, Children's Home Society, and local shelters. 80 quilts were dropped off at Latrobe Mission as well as 100 knitted caps for cancer patients at Camden Clark. We are hoping for continued good health and volunteering opportunities in the new year. Our program wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.



# AmeriCorps Seniors Updates



Marion County Schools welcomed AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent, Bernice Boddy to Whitehall Elementary. Donna Hague, Marion County Superintendent stated that “Granny B” is the first AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent to ever serve in the Marion County School system. Congrats “Granny B”! Michelle Williams, AmeriCorps Seniors Coordinator is pictured with Bernice.



The MOVRC AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program were showcased at the Lions Club of Parkersburg on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Blennerhassett Hotel. Pictured are Charles Roberts, Lions Club President; Janet Somerville, Foster Grandparent Program Director; Becky Edwards, Senior Companion Program Director; and Vince Post, GIS Director/Lions Club Member.

