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Randy Durst Retires from MOVRC

Randy Durst, the WVV Transportation Director, has retired after more than 33 years for service with the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council.

Randy is a life-long native of the region and after college, with a degree in Urban Planning and Design, he returned and spent his career serving the region.

Serving in various capacities for a variety of organizations in WV and OH, Randy was hired by MOVRC in 1991 as the WVV Transportation Director.

It will be hard to envision our Transportation Department without him, but he has agreed to work on a part time consulting basis for a while to see us through the transition.

Randy has been an exemplary employee who has demonstrated nothing less than professionalism and competence in every segment of his work.



Please join us in wishing Randy a well-deserved retirement.

MOVRC Staff 2008

Tracy Brown appointed WVV Transportation Director

Tracy Brown has been promoted to WVV Transportation Director at the MOVRC.

Tracy holds a degree in Civil Engineering and has been with MOVRC-WVV since 2008. She formerly held the Transportation Planner and Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator position.

During her thirteen years she has worked on numerous studies, public involvement and outreach efforts and current and long-range planning programs.

Tracy will be working closely with Vince Post as she incorporates her own style into the WVV Transportation Program.

Please join us in welcoming Tracy to the next chapter in her career.



WWW Long-Range Transportation Plan

Horizon 2045: Moving Toward a Brighter Future



Draft WWW LRTP Ready for Review!

The draft Horizon 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is now available for public review and comment. Horizon 2045 identifies recommended improvements to the transportation system in the Wood- Washington-Wirt Metropolitan Planning Organization (WWW) study area which includes Wood County, West Virginia and portions of Washington County, Ohio. The recommendations address transportation needs and deficiencies that were identified through extensive stakeholder and public engagement and technical analysis conducted by the project team. The full draft Horizon 2045 document is available to review on the Horizon 2045 website at: <https://horizon2045->

The website also includes an interactive map that provides details about the projects recommended in the draft LRTP. Print versions of the plan are also available for review at the WWW office located at **709 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101**.



LRTP Recommendations

The draft Horizon 2045 LRTP considers all transportation modes and all users when recommending projects in order to create a robust and connected transportation network. The LRTP is required to be fiscally constrained, meaning the funding forecasted to be available to the MPO over the life of the plan will be sufficient to implement the plan's recommendations. However, some additional projects are included as "unfunded" to document priority needs that cannot currently be addressed in the fiscally constrained plan.

The financial plan was developed using revenue projections provided by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), West Virginia Department of Highways (WVDOH), and the Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority (MOVTA). Cost estimates were developed by the project team in coordination with the state DOTs. Current revenue projections estimate that approximately \$252 million will be available for transportation system improvements in the WWW region between 2022 and 2045. It should be noted that this amount only represents a portion of the total expected transportation funding because operations and maintenance typically accounts for a substantial portion of transportation spending but is not included in the LRTP recommendations.



Tell Us What You Think!

A public review period for the draft Horizon 2045 LRTP begins on August 18, 2021 and will run through September 19, 2021. There are several ways to comment on the draft plan. You can comment through the project website (<https://horizon2045-movrc.hub.arcgis.com/>) or you can comment by email or phone by contacting Tracy Brown at tracy.brown@movrc.org or (304) 699-3720.

Following the public review period, WWC will prepare a final draft LRTP. WWC will provide the public with another opportunity to review the final draft plan in October before it is finalized and presented to the WWC Policy Board for approval.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The Ravenswood Water project will be undergoing construction soon. The bids are as follows:

Con 1: Famco – 2,963,115

Con 2: Mid-Atlantic: 297,135

Con 3: D&M – 598,100

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council recently approved use of contingency requests for the Sistersville and Ellenboro Water projects.

The IJDC also approved preliminary funding applications for the Paden City Sewer project and Pleasants County Public Service District Plum Run Water Extension project.

A funding change for the Southern Jackson Public Service District Sewer project has also been approved.



SCP Update



The Senior Companion Program took time out to celebrate our volunteers in July and August. With the recent increase in COVID numbers, smaller recognitions were held. Volunteers enjoyed a meal and a gift card along with other items with the new AmeriCorps Seniors logo. We are so grateful for our Senior Volunteers and obviously couldn't do it without them. The differences they make in the lives of the people they serve is immeasurable.



RSVP Update



It is hard to believe it is already September! The RSVP volunteers are starting to return to some volunteer positions in limited capacities. Our Recognitions Luncheon for the volunteers is planned for October 20th at Cedar Lakes. We are hoping we will be able get together as we have missed the last 2 planned May luncheons. Our program has added 12 new volunteers and sadly we have lost a few this past month. Our food pantries focusing on the Healthy Futures Performance Measures have continued to grow and expand and meet the needs of our communities. The ladies that make up the stitching groups are busy making and donating quilts to 2 new homes for women and children and have been busy making Christmas stockings for Old Man River and Children's Home Society. In whatever area they are performing in, the volunteers continue to help their communities in more ways than we can measure.



FGP Updates



At an In Service on August 19th, the Foster Grandparents from Lewis, Tucker, Upshur, and Webster Counties were surprised with a bag of freshly picked produce from the Huttonsville Correctional Center and Jail/Huttonsville Work Camp. This was made possible with the collaboration of Sherri Davis, Associate Superintendent of Operations at HCC&J, who reached out to Michelle Williams, Foster Grandparent Program Coordinator. “The Garden is planted each year by the inmates involved in the Huttonsville Work Camp and the vegetables are donated to programs and charities throughout the surrounding counties. It is our pleasure to give to the Volunteers of the Foster Grandparent Program and we certainly hope they enjoy them!”, stated Sherri Davis. Many of the Foster Grandparents spoke of their appreciation and remembering the days of growing up working and being sustained by a garden in their younger years. Pam, a Volunteer from Webster County, said “As I got older, my garden got smaller until I could no longer have one. This donation is wonderful”!

