

## Harrison County Transportation Study Project Advisory Committee

Meeting Three, April 19, 2001 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Benedum Civic Center  
Route 50, Bridgeport, WV

### Summary of Meeting Three

#### Purpose & Objectives

The third meeting of the Project Advisory Committee was held April 19, 2001 from 10:00 to 12:00 PM at the Benedum Civic Center in Bridgeport.

The meeting was held to work through with the consultants and the WVDOT, control total population and employment projections through the year 2025. The projected population and employment are key inputs to the county-wide travel demand model.

#### Attendance

The following Project Advisory Committee members (16 total) were present at the meeting:

Daniel Ferrell	Joe Timms	Bill Foster	Bruce Carter
P.R. Watson Jr.	Marvin Murphy	A. Kim Haws	Lee Martin
Kathy Wagner	Ann Merandi	Jim Mattingly	Beth Taylor
Anthony Bellotte	Tom Hall	Thomas Small	
Joe Gero			

The Honorable Frank Angotti, Jr., Ralph Bean Jr., Robert Boylan, Wallace Brake, Ronald Hanlan, Phyllis Freedman, Jim Griffith, Cecil B. Highland, Jr., James Hall, Ed Corkrean, The Honorable Samuel J. Cann, Roger Diaz, James Hunt, David Kates, Tom Keeley, Denny Lamm, Tim LeMasters, The Honorable Joseph M. Minard, The Honorable Larry Linch, Larry Mazza, Wayne Northey, The Honorable William R. Sharpe, Terry Shulte (represented by Anita Menendez), Jeff Silka, Ronald Smith, Roy Smith, Louis Spatafore, Delores Terango, Thomas Vidovich, Ken Yost, Richard Wood, and The Honorable Barbara Warner were not present.

Richard L. Warner, Mark Scoular, and Jack Pascala of the WVDOT were in attendance. Bill Troe of the consulting firm BRW, Inc., Andrew Isserman of University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign, and Andrea Sweigart of Mary Means & Associates, Inc, (MMA), represented the consultants. Jeff Toquinto of the Bridgeport News was also in attendance.

## Presentation/Discussion Summary

**Welcome.** Bill Troe offered welcoming remarks to the Committee and gave an overview of the meeting agenda. Mr. Troe explained that most of the meeting would be about population and employment projections/forecasts – documented in a presentation by Andy Isserman.

### **Progress Report.**

Mr. Troe reviewed the study schedule stating that the team has completed the existing conditions and data collection phase. Currently the team is pursuing model validation, looking into future analysis work and in the next couple of months will be working through forecasts and documenting how population and employment changes will change forecasts. The team is looking at capacity deficiencies and the level of service of the network. The first set of model runs will include baseline projects that funding is already in place for. Next steps include determining alternatives and improvement options, followed finally by plan adoption.

Mr. Troe explained that the presentation given by Andy Isserman would look at county level population and employment figures. The group was advised that the team is seeking support for a control number to use in the plan. Mr. Troe encouraged the group to focus on how changes in traffic are impacted by population and employment shifts, and how these shifts are connected to development.

**Explanation of the Travel Forecasting Process:** Mr. Troe explained the process involved in developing travel forecasts for the county. The process begins by looking at the street system, or network development, considering both existing and future roads. Next, trip generation is determined by evaluating the number of households and the origin and destination of trips by household members. Trip distribution is also considered to look at where trips are coming from and where they are going – either inside or outside the county. Finally, traffic assignment occurs where the number of trips are allocated to specific routes.

In response to a question about out of state travelers on I-79, Mr. Troe stated the WVDOT is considering corridor traffic along the I-79 corridor in this study. Following a brief discussion on the travel forecasting process, Andy Isserman began his presentation.

**Can Harrison County Break Out of the Cycle?** Andy Isserman of the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign gave a preliminary presentation entitled “Can Harrison County Break Out of the Cycle?” The information in the preliminary presentation was later revised and presented at the June 5, 2001 Advisory Committee Meeting. The June 5 presentation is available on the website in PDF format.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Committee will be June 5, 2001 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Benedum Civic Center.

This concludes the meeting summary.

Comments or questions regarding the meeting summary should be provided to Bill Troe, from BRW at (402) 334-8182, email at bill\_troe@urscorp.com or Richard Warner of the WVDOT at (304) 558-3156, e-mail: rwarner@dot.state.wv.us in advance of the next meeting of the Committee. Revisions to the summary will be made as necessary and a revised draft will be available on the project web site.