

**MINUTES  
HAGERSTOWN EASTERN PANHANDLE  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**February 8, 2006**

The HEPMPO held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Berkeley County Commission. Dunn Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The following members were present: Vice Chairman Howard Strauss, Berkeley County Commission; Mike Nixon, MD DOT; Robert Gordon, Eastern Panhandle Region 9 Planning & Development Council; Mark Baldwin, City Manager, City of Martinsburg; P. David Mills, City of Ranson; Mike Thompson, MPO Coordinator, and Jill Baker, Senior Planner, Washington County Planning Department; Kathleen Maher, City of Hagerstown; and Lynn Weiger, Pan Tran. Also present was: Debra Eckard, Administrative Assistant, Washington County Planning Department.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Howard Strauss called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Air Quality Conformity Analysis**

Ms. Baker presented for review and approval the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for PM<sub>2.5</sub> Fine Particulates that was completed in accordance with EPA regulations. The analysis would be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority for their review and would be forwarded to the EPA for their approval by the April 6, 2006 deadline. No comments have been received during the public comment period that ended at 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2006.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to close the comment period. Seconded by Mr. Gordon. Unanimously approved.

**Comment:** The analysis was presented to the MPO Board at their January 18, 2006 meeting for their review and comment.

Mr. Nixon made a motion to approve the Air Quality Conformity Analysis for PM 2.5 Fine Particulates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Baldwin. Unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Future Meetings**

The next meeting of the MPO is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington County Administrative Annex, 80 West Baltimore Street, Hagerstown, Maryland.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Mills. So ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

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Howard Strauss, Vice Chairman

