

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

June 2, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers
300 Monroe
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Nancy Clary	Algoma Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Diane Jones	Kent County
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Micki Benz	At-Large Member
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Buck	Secretary
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Others Present:

Ann Armstrong	Office of Governor Snyder
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mark Eisenbarth	Muskegon County
Jim Fisher	Padnos
Jay Gallagher	Algoma Township
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Erin Kuhn	WMRDC
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Darrell Robinson	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Minutes

**MOTION – To Approve the May 2016 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE – DeVries.
SUPPORT – Stange-McNabb. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Public Comment

None

4. Public Hearing – FY2017/2020 Transportation Improvement Plan

Open Public Hearing 8:35 a.m. – MOTION. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

No comments.

Close Public Hearing 8:36 a.m. – MOTION – Beahan. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – Approval of FY2017/2020 Transportation Improvement Plan. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION Carried.

Abed Itani and Darrell Robinson explained the FY2017/2020 TIP. Under federal law a new TIP has to be developed every four years. All the public involvement work has been done. This document covers the urban as well as rural TIP. The full document is available online. \$246 million will be spent over the next four years which includes a 2% increase in funds per year. Almost every member of the MPO received a project.

5. Public Hearing – FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program Activities & Budget

Open Public Hearing 8:40 a.m. – MOTION – DeVries. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

No comments.

Close Public Hearing 8:41 a.m. – MOTION – Beahan. SUPPORT – Haga. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Approve the FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Huizenga. MOTION CARRIED.

Abed Itani reported on the UPWP activities and budget. GVMC has met with MDOT and Federal Highway and all requirements have been included in the program. It includes a 2% increase over the previous year. The document is available on line. Transportation dues will remain the same as last year, as will MPO staffing. The plan has already been approved by the Policy and Tech committees.

6. Amendment to FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP

Abed Itani explained the requested amendment to the FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP to reflect additional FTA Section 5303, transit planning funds. ITP is requesting to add a regional study to determine the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for a 3rd Bus Rapid Transit Corridor. The total project cost is estimated at \$437,500 with FTA share of \$350,000 and State share of \$87,500.

MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program for ITP. MOVE – McConnon. SUPPORT – Noreen. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Port of Muskegon Presentation

Erin Kuhn of WMSRDC and Mark Eisenbarth of Muskegon County presented on the Port of Muskegon. Included in the presentation was its history, the closing of the Cobb Energy plant and the campaign to increase shipping through Muskegon. Initial funds from the RPI grant helped to jumpstart the effort, resulting in considerable local, state and federal match.

An amendment to the Port Authority Act through SB5651 is needed to allow for public / private partnerships in Port Authorities. GVMC members were asked to support needed legislative changes to continue the effort.

8. Other

Brenda McNabb-Stang reported on SB438 regarding solar energy and encouraged members to notify their legislators regarding their positions.

Also reported on was a package of bills to amend PA85 to allow locals to set speed limits without strictly adhering to the current 85% rule. MML is in support of the legislation.

9. Adjourn

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.