

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

July 13, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Prince Conference Center

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Dick Bulkowski	Kent County
Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Eric DeLong	City of Grand Rapids
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
John Helmholdt	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia

Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Darmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
TaiWo Jaiyeoba	ITP
Bob Homan	Plainfield Township
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Marsha Small	MDOT
George Strand	Village of Middleville
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the June, 2009, GVMC Board Meeting, with correction. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Hoemke. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Public Comment

None

**4. Transportation
Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 TIP**

The City of Grand Rapids, ACSET, Senior Neighbors, Hope Network, American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids, the united Methodist Community House, the KCRC and the City of Lowell are requesting to amend the FY 2008-2011 TIP.

- ❖ The City of Grand Rapids is requesting an amendment to an FY2009 project: “Signal Optimization”, job number 102425 to split the project into two phases, “A” phase and “C” phase, no additional funding is requested. The City is also requesting an amendment to the TIP to switch a current ARRA funded project with a project located in FY2011 with no additional funding requested.

- ❖ ACSET, Senior Neighbors, Hope Network, American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids and the United Methodist Community House are all requesting to have their FY 2010 Section 5310 capital requests added to the TIP.
- ❖ KCRC is requesting an amendment to the TIP to add a High Priority Project (HPP): M-6, Non-motorized trail, phase 3. This FY2009 project has \$418,608 Federal funds with \$1,148,392 local match provided by the Kent County Parks Department with the total being \$1,567,000.
- ❖ The City of Lowell is requesting to add two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects to the TIP. The first is an FY2009 project: Bowes Road from South Hudson to Valley Vista, resurfacing, \$78,000, 100% ARRA. The second is an FY2010 project: Bowes Road from Valley Vista to 1950 feet west, reconstruction and sidewalks \$341,600 STP – SU, \$155,900 local share and \$42,000 ARRA funded for a total of \$539,500.

FY2010 Transportation Department Budget and Unified Work Program

Abed Itani reviewed the proposed FY2010 Transportation Budget and Unified Work Program. The GVMC Transportation Dept. met with MDOT, Federal Highway and the MPO to set the priorities for 2010. The budget is \$400,000 less than last year at \$1,552,890. It is a balanced budget with no cost of living increase. We do not anticipate hiring additional staff.

MOTION – To Approve the FY 2010 Transportation Budget and Unified Work Program. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GVMC / REGIS Memo of Understanding

Don Stypula reviewed the GVMC / REGIS Memo of Understanding. Jim Brown has reviewed all items in the MOU and the Executive Committee has approved. REGIS will still be governed by its and GVMC's foundation documents.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC / REGIS Memo of Understanding. MOTION – Hilton. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Office Move

Don Stypula reported GVMC's offices have been moved to the new location. He plans on having an open house for everyone in September.

George Meek asked how many sq. ft. REGIS has.

Don Stypula reported 2952.

7. Legislative

Don Stypula reported the Legislature is back in session and they are working on the budget. There is anticipated to be an \$80 million short fall of the number projected at the last Revenue Estimating Conference. Don will forward everyone information on the budget discussions. There is growing consensus among legislators to take a portion of revenue sharing and divert it to the Pure Michigan campaign.

Nothing new is happening in the transportation funding in Lansing or Washington.

Tom Fehsenfeld asked if there is anything GVMC can do to help members in addressing the financial downturn.

Don Stypula reported GVMC has a business plan which he will present next month. There will be a line item (which brings the budget into the negative) which will help members who are struggling).

8. Other

9. Adjourn – 11:30

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.