



**GRAND VALLEY
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

Board Meeting Agenda

October 1, 2009 • 8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers • Grand Rapids, MI

- 1. Call to Order by Chair**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Swearing-in of new GVMC Board Member**
 - a. James (Toby) Van Ess, Supervisor, Tallmadge Township**
- 4. Approval of Minutes dated September, 2009**
- 5. Report and Recommendations from the GVMC Nominating Committee**
- 6. Transportation Department**
 - a. Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program**
 - b. Update on Long Range Transportation Plan Development**
- 7. Update on the GVMC Strategic Plan**
- 8. Legislative Advocacy: Issues Update**
 - a. FY 2010 State Budget - Impacts**
- 9. Other items of business and comments from GVMC members**
- 10. Adjournment**



Memorandum

To: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
From: Donald J. Stypula, Executive Director
Date: September 29, 2009
Re: Agenda Items for our October 1, 2009 Board meeting

Attached are the agenda and support documents for our next GVMC Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for **8:30 am Thursday October 1, 2009 at the Kent County Commission Chambers in downtown Grand Rapids.**

This month we welcome and swear-in new GVMC Board member Toby Van Ess, the Supervisor of Tallmadge Township, followed by the report from the GVMC Nominating Committee. We have some amendments to the GVMC Transportation Improvement Program and then Transportation Director Abed Itani will provide an update on our process for developing the new Long Range Transportation Plan. I also will bring you an update on the GVMC strategic plan and then we'll take inventory on what lawmakers have done with the FY 2010 state budget.

We'll start by reviewing and accepting the attached minutes from our September 3, 2009 GVMC Board meeting.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GVMC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ottawa County Administrator Al Vanderberg, met recently and recommended a slate of candidates for GVMC officers and members of the Executive Committee. Al's report is attached for your consideration.

Proposed Action: Review and approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Kentwood and GVMC Transportation Staff are requesting amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for various projects. For your review and consideration, I have included in the attachments a briefing memorandum prepared by

GVMC Transportation Planner Darrell Robinson together with the materials submitted by Kentwood and our Transportation Department staff requesting these TIP amendments.

Proposed Action: Review and approve the proposed amendments to the FY 2008-2011 GVMC Transportation Improvement Program

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE GVMC LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Staff from our Transportation and Land Use Planning Departments has been meeting with elected officials and planners from GVMC communities at the sub-regional level to map out how this region is going to develop, grow and move people and products over our multi-modal transportation system over the next 25 years. Our goal is to develop a long-range transportation plan that leads to a sustainable transportation system throughout the region.

In light of the severe funding limitations for transportation improvements that we expect to encounter from this point forward, we are working with local officials to envision and plan for a more efficient, multi-modal transportation system that dovetails with the smart growth land use concepts contained in GVMC's Metropolitan Framework.

I have enclosed in the meeting packet a one-page graphic that illustrates the objective we are trying to achieve and the myriad elements that are part of that objective. At our meeting on Thursday, GVMC Transportation Director Abed Itani will give us a brief update on the process and the desired outcomes.

UPDATE: GVMC STRATEGIC PLAN

While I will bring a full progress report on the GVMC Strategic Plan to our meeting on November 5, I want to give you a quick look at how we're proceeding.

Universal and growing fiscal stress on GVMC-member counties and communities, coupled with the lessons we are learning from our long range transportation planning process, are encouraging us to recalibrate how we approach our goal of providing planning services to public corporations.

Given the undisputed need to promote service sharing among multiple communities to improve efficiency and lower costs, I have been working with senior staff on a service provision model that would have GVMC coordinate municipal planning for two or more communities. We have the requisite knowledge and planning tools in place to provide planning services on a multi-jurisdictional or regional platform. The model I envision will require us to staff-up (based on projected revenues) to take over responsibility for certain elements of the planning process.

To bolster our internal and external communication efforts (as called for in the strategic plan and authorized in the FY 2010 budget) I am meeting with communications and public relations firms regarding the development of a marketing program, and specifically the creation of marketing materials, promoting GVMC and its services/activities. Utilizing skills from the past, I am

personally working on a draft layout of a brochure and other materials that can be easily edited and updated and then converted to electronic format for distribution. I'm asking the companies I am talking with to include in the proposals social networking tools like Facebook® and Twitter® to pass the word on who we are and what we do here at Metro Council.

I will share some further thoughts on this topic at our meeting on Thursday.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY – STATE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

At this juncture (Tuesday afternoon) there is no reasonable way to predict the outcome of legislators' negotiations on resolving the FY 2010 state budget in Lansing. As I have advised for the past two weeks – watch your email for my periodic updates over the next two days. I will bring a complete report to the GVMC Board meeting on Thursday morning.

As always, we're looking forward to seeing you and having a fruitful discussion. If you have any thoughts, comments, questions or suggestions you can reach me anytime on my cell phone at 616-450-5217, in the office at 776-7604, at home at 257-3372 or via email at stypulad@gvmc.org.

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

September 3, 2009

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta 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
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township

Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
John Helmholdt	City of Grand Rapids
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Oath of Office

Mary Hollinrake administered the Oath of Office to George Heartwell of the City of Grand Rapids.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the August, 2009, GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Fox. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Public Comment

None

5. GVMC FY 2009-2010 Budget

Don Stypula reported there have been no changes to the proposed FY 2009-2010 budget reviewed at the August GVMC Board meeting, and there were no additional questions forwarded to him.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC FY 2009-2010 Budget. MOTION – Sheets. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Transportation

Abed Itani explained the requested TIP modifications – see charts below.

MOTION – To Approve the Requested MDOT FY 09 and 09/10 Projects. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Lumpkins. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Approve the Move of the Requested Projects from the FY2010-2011 TIP to the FY2009 TIP. MOTION – Hoemke. SUPPORT – Arends. MOTION CARRIED.

The following FY 2010 projects should be moved to FY 2009 as a TIP modification:

FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Cost Est.
09	90165	US-131	@ W. River Dr.	Resurf. Carpool Lot	\$20,000
09	90169	US-131	@ 10 Mile Rd.	Crack Seal Carpool Lot	\$10,000
09	90167	M-44	@ 7 Mile Rd.	Resurf. Carpool Lot	\$20,000
09	75540	M-121	40 th Avenue, east to Rush Creek (Hudsonville)	Joint Repairs, Mill and HMA Resurface	\$2,948,000
09	78623	M-21	Over the Flat River (Lowell)	Superstructure Replacement	\$2,962,000

The following General Program Accounts (GPA) should be amended into the FY 2010 TIP list:

FY	Location	Work Description	Cost Est.
010	Regionwide	GPA CPM & CSM - Bridge Trunkline	\$2,661,000
010	Regionwide	GPA CPM - Road Trunkline	\$4,084,000
010	Regionwide	GPA EPE/PE/ROW - Trunkline	\$128,000
010	Regionwide	GPA Highway Safety - Trunkline	\$3,777,000
010	Regionwide	GPA Enhancements - Local	\$3,822,000

The following project phases should be amended into the FY 2008-011 MPO TIP, as indicated:

FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Cost Est.
09	105714	M-11	M-37 E. to I-96 (Gap Patterson Ave. intersection)	Mill, Resurf., Joint Repairs, and Reconstruct.	PE	\$700,000
09	105712	M-44 Con.	I-96 to Airway St.	Resurface	PE	\$397,000
010	105712	M-44 Con.	I-96 to Airway St.	Resurface	ROW	\$45,000
010	102897	I-96	@ M-44 (East Beltline)	Crack Sealing - Carpool Lot	Const.	\$9,000

The following ITS projects should be amended into the FY2008-2011 MPO TIP. These projects will cover ITS operating costs in 2010, 2011, and 2012, as indicated.

FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Cost Est.
09	107924	Various	Areawide MDOT ITS	Maintenance (for 2010)	\$520,000
09	107932	Various	Areawide MDOT ITS	Operations (for 2010)	\$400,000
09	107925	Various	Areawide MDOT ITS	Maintenance (for 2011)	\$587,500
09	107933	Various	Areawide MDOT ITS	Operations (for 2011)	\$450,000
09/010	N/A	Various	Areawide City of Grand Rapids TMS	Regional Traffic Signal Operations (for 2010)	\$385,000
09/010	N/A	Various	Areawide City of Grand Rapids TMS	Regional Traffic Signal Operations (for 2011)	\$405,000

7. Legislative

Don Stypula reported legislative leaders were meeting today on the 2010 budget. They will meet all day to resolve various issues. There currently is a \$2.7 billion gap between revenues and expenditures. Cuts across the board have been suggested by republicans.

Dillon's healthcare proposal briefing occurs at the same time today. The bill is not perfect. Our side of the state has done a remarkable job controlling costs. The message to the Speaker is don't mess with what we have done.

County revenue sharing is slated to start coming back on line, however it is doubtful the full amount will be received. There is a proposal to restore it to the 2004 level when the advanced funds run out.

Daryl Delabbio reported two bills were introduced requiring counties to reimburse revenue sharing reserve funds, which would delay the state's restoration of revenue sharing. Statutory revenue sharing has always been susceptible. Engler wanted to eliminate it. We successfully fought off that in the past. However, counties were cut out and if we don't stick together, there will be serious repercussions to services.

Al Vanderberg stated we can't give up the high ground and agree to give up the funds. This money was agreed by the state to be reimbursed to local government. We are not just another interest group.

8. Other

The next meeting will be October 1. The Quarterly Luncheon will be October 12 with Bob Isreals speaking.

9. Adjourn – 9:30 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.



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September 28, 2009

Mayor James Buck
Chair, Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Street, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Dear Mayor Buck,

The Nominating Committee has approved the following slate of nominees:

Chair: Jim Buck
Vice Chair: Don Hilton
Secretary: Daryl Delabbio

Executive Committee:

Jim Miedema	Cindy Fox
Cy Moore	Rick Root
Al Vanderberg	Rob Verheulen**
George Heartwell*	

*Mayor Heartwell will replace Eric DeLong as the appointee for the City of Grand Rapids on the Executive Committee.

**Mayor Verheulen stepped down from the Executive Committee for a period of time resulting in the appointment of Carol Sheets, Mayor of Wyoming. Mayor Sheets is resigning from the Executive Committee and Mayor VerHeulen is willing to continue his service.

Sincerely,

Alan G. Vanderberg
County Administrator
Chair – GVMC Nominating Committee



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2009
TO: Grand Valley Metro Council Board
FROM: Darrell T. Robinson, Transportation Planner
RE: FY2008-2011 TIP Amendments

The City of Kentwood and staff are requesting TIP amendments to the FY2008 – 2011 TIP.

- The City of Kentwood is requesting to Advance Construct two programmed (draft) FY2013 projects in FY2011. The projects are: Forest Hill Avenue from Burton Street to I-96 with \$400,000 Federal, \$900,000 Non-Federal and Forest Hill Avenue from I-96 to North City Limits with \$1,411,830 Federal, \$688,170 Non-Federal. This action is being requested to coordinate work being done by the Kent County Road Commission and a non-motorized trail on this corridor. These two projects have had an Environmental Justice review as well as had Public involvement per the Grand Valley Metro Council public involvement process. Lastly, these projects are air quality neutral and do not require air quality conformity analysis. (please see attached).
Staff is requesting to the Amend the FY2010 project list to add a potential \$350,000 Service Development New Technology grant from MDOT (\$280,000 federal, \$35,000 CTF, and \$35,000 local). MDOT held an unprecedented second call for SDNT projects in order to utilize approximately \$1M in unspent SDNT grants. The SDNT grant request is for a potential Phase II to the current SDNT grant for the Kent County Transit Needs Assessment study. The project would explore the relationship between transit demand, land use, urban form, housing, and energy use to show what development criteria must be in place for sustainable transit systems of varying types. While the grant has yet to be awarded, the Federal Transit Administration requires TIP inclusion for projects to be considered for funding.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 776-7609.

Recommendation: Approval of requested amendments.



August 25, 2009

Abed Itani
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. N.W., Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

RE: Draft FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan

Dear Abed:

In April and May of this year a draft list of projects was developed for the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan. Within the draft list two segments of Forest Hill Avenue were collectively identified as a 2013 STP project:

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Non-Federal</u>
Burton Street to I-96	\$ 400,000	\$900,000
I-96 to North City Limits	\$ 1,411,830	\$688,170

In an effort to more effectively coordinate in 2011 with a non-motorized trail project and other projects programmed by the Kent County Road Commission for the Forest Hill corridor, the City of Kentwood would like to advance construct the segments of Forest Hill Avenue from Burton to I-96 and I-96 to the North City Limits in 2011.

We appreciate your assistance in forwarding this request through the GVMC process. If questions arise, please contact me at 554-0710.

Sincerely,

Terry Schweitzer
Community Development Director

