

# **Grand Valley Metro Council**

## **Executive Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**October 16, 2003**

40 Pearl St. NW – Suite 410  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

#### **Present**

Brian Berdanier – GVMC Staff  
Leon Branderhorst – GVMC Staff  
Jim Buck – City of Grandville  
Daryl Delabbio – Kent County  
Cindy Heinbeck – Alpine Township  
Don Hilton – Gaines Township  
Abed Itani – GVMC Staff  
Kurt Kimball – City of Grand Rapids  
Gayle McCrath – GVMC Staff  
Cy Moore – Treasurer  
Don Stypula – GVMC Staff

#### **Absent**

Judy Frey – City of East Grand Rapids  
Mark Knudsen – Ottawa County  
Frank Sessions – Tallmadge Township  
Rob VerHeulen – City of Walker

#### **1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Chair Jim Buck.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Buck asked if there were any changes to be made to the September 2003 Executive Committee Minutes. There were none.

**MOTION – to Approve the September 2003 minutes of the GVMC Executive Committee Meeting. MOVE – Heinbeck. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **3. Oath of Office – Bryan Harrison – Caledonia Township**

Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk, will officially swear in Bryan Harrison as the representative of Caledonia Township to the Metro Council.

#### **4. Transportation**

##### **A. 2002-2004 and 2004 – 2006 TIP Amendments**

Abed Itani explained the request for TIP amendments. A list of 5307 projects submitted by ITP to be amended to the FY2004 TIP was included in the agenda packet. The request is do to the Federal Transit Administration providing ITP with final numbers for the apportionment for 5307 (section 9) Urbanized Area Formula funds for FY 2004.

The Technical and Policy Committees have recommended approval.

**MOTION – To Approve the TIP Amendments for 2002-2004 and 2004-2006.**

**MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **B. ITP Corridor Study Update**

Abed Itani updated the committee on the progress on the ITP Corridor Study. Mr. Itani reported that last week they got the SE data from the City of Grand Rapids. For the whole region, the growth is projected to be 83,000 households between 2000 – 2030. The REMI information on that was 12% lower. Local projections will be normalized to reflect REMI's projections. Each jurisdiction will be sent a map with their future projections.

The MPO had promised a model by November. MDOT has approved the model and its calibrated. This is the last of the information need for ITP to complete Phase I.

For Phase II, Mr. Varga is looking for a different origin destination study than what MDOT is looking for. With the sampling already done, its accuracy is 95% +/- 4-5%. With the addition of 1,200 more samples, the accuracy will still be 95%, but with a deviation of +/- 1-2.2%. The addition of 1,200 more samples will cost \$167,000 at a minimal change in accuracy.

Between everything we already have and everything we are currently doing, it is enough for Phases I & II.

**MOTION – Not to Approve \$160,000 for Additional Samples Because it Would be Fiscally Irresponsible due to the Minimal Impact it Would Have on the Study's Accuracy. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION Carried.**

Don Hilton stated that contact needed to be made to Peter Varga to inform him of the decision not to fund the additional samples.

#### **5. Local Government Curriculum**

Don Stypula reported he talked with Michael Young and knocked around a few ideas on how to meet with the schools and tell them about the scholarship for the in-service fee for training on the local government curriculum. They decided to work through the ISDs. Don will start this week, or no later than next week meeting with them to discuss the scholarship program.

Don stated that Mr. Young understood that the scholarship was a line item amount in the GVMC budget only for in-services and was not a donation to be used for other costs.

## **6. Legislative Update**

Don Stypula reported that the Budget Estimating Conference was held on October 14 and the news is bad. It looks as if there will be at least an \$800 million hole in the budget.

The MTA, MML and MAC are together on their position in support of revenue sharing.

Many GVMC members attended the conference and talked to the media about the importance of revenue sharing.

Holding of a media event was discussed to get the message out regarding the importance of revenue sharing before any cuts are finalized.

Kurt Kimball stated that higher education has a mechanism for recouping its losses, but local government doesn't due to Headley and Proposal A.

Mr. Stypula reported that Proposal A and 312 could possibly be targeted as the situation has reached critical mass.

The Governor's Executive Order could come as quickly as November 4.

## **7. November 3 Governor's Conference on Regional Cooperation**

Kurt Kimball reported that planning is progressing nicely for the event. Reservations are coming in in droves. Over 500 people have responded so far. In order to accommodate the huge number of people, the format has been changed from a sit-down lunch to a box lunch as the room will fit more people set up theater style. Also the proposed continental breakfast has been dropped. \$10,000 has been secured from the State to fund the event.

## **8. Other Items**

Don Stypula discussed a request from the City of Ionia to support legislation scheduled for debate and action in a Senate Committee on Tuesday, October 21. The legislation would authorize the State Treasurer to sell the remaining bonds from the State's 1998 Clean Michigan Initiative to support brownfield cleanup efforts.

Mr. Stypula asked for a motion to authorize GVMC to support the "brownfields cleanup

financing package.”

**MOTION – To Authorize GVMC to Support the Brownfields Cleanup Financing Package. MOVE – Heinbeck. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION Carried.**

**Adjourn – 1:30 p.m.**