



**GRAND VALLEY
METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

Executive Committee

**Thursday December 16, 2010 • 12 Noon
GVMC Offices – Riverview Center
678 Front Ave. NW – Second Floor – South Entrance**

Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2010**
- 2. GVMC Strategic Initiatives**
 - a. Debrief of December 15 Task Force on Governance, Structure and Operations**
 - b. Implementation Update**
 - c. Membership Communications Protocols**
- 3. Legislative Advocacy**
 - a. Report of the Legislative Committee**
 - b. Special Legislative Committee meeting with area legislators - January 24, 2011**
 - c. Legislative Issues and State Government Transition Update**
- 4. Transportation Department:**
 - a. Amendments to the GVMC FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Kent County Road Commission, the City of Hudsonville and ITP-The Rapid**
 - b. Amendment to the GVMC FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program for the US-131/I-96 Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis**
- 5. Other Items**

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 18, 2010

12:00 noon

Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI

MEETING NOTES

Present

Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Absent

Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
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Other

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of October. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT - Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Strategic Initiatives: GVMC Task Force on Governance, Structure and Operations

Don Stypula reviewed the GVMC Board members who have expressed interest in serving on the GVMC Task Force on Governance, Structure and Operations. Don asked those on the Executive Committee who have volunteered for the task force to forward him their availability for the initial meeting. Task force members include:

Jim Buck, Mayor, Grandville

Daryl Delabbio, Administrator, Kent County

Brian Donovan, City Manager, East Grand Rapids

Tom Fehsenfeld, President and CEO, Crystal Flash Energy

Cindy Fox, Trustee, Cascade Charter Township

George Heartwell, Mayor, Grand Rapids

Jim Miedema, Supervisor, Jamestown Charter Township

Kenneth Snow, Mayor, City of Greenville

Al Vanderberg, Administrator, Ottawa County

Michael Young, Manager, City of Rockford

4. Transportation Amendments to the GVMC FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Abed Itani reported on the request for amendments to the GVMC GY2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

The FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities that the GVMC Transportation Division, the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), will undertake. Any changes in the federal funding amounts under work items in the UWP warrant a UWP amendment and approval by the GVMC Board.

Staff is requesting the amendment of the FY2011 UWP, to reflect federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, previously obligated unspent funds from FY2010. The unspent funds are related to work items "1.3"- Geographic

Information System (GIS), “3.3”- Clean Air Action! Program, “4.1”- Pavement Management System (PMS), and “4.2”- Congestion Management System (CMS).

Staff is requesting to amend “Work Item 1.3” for the amount of \$159,452, “Work Item 3.3” for the amount of \$111,085, “Work Item 4.1” for the amount of \$82,763, and “Work Item 4.2” for the amount of \$108,750. The annual expenditures of the GVMC Transportation Department for FY2011 will not increase due to the FY2010 previously obligated unspent funds.

In order for GVMC to retain these funds the FY2011 UPWP needs to be amended.

MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the GVMC FY 2011 UPWP. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Legislative Advocacy

Rick Root reported there was robust discussion in the Legislative committee regarding getting together with the new legislators. We are looking at a more formal and less expensive meeting, not our typical lunch or breakfast meeting.

Don Stypula stated he had looked at Mondays or Fridays in January. It would be an opportunity to meet new legislators one on one and explain who we are and our legislative priorities. It will probably be the 24th or 31st. We also talked about including are partners such as K-12 schools, ISDs, Chamber of Commerce, etc. and putting together a multi-layer meeting. We are also considering inviting the new governor to West Michigan, probably later in February or the first part of March.

Rick Root said the later in the session we get, the less likely we are to be heard.

Al Vanderberg reported we need to be having these discussions right now. If we wait until late December, things will already be decided and we cannot let things slip into the same paradigm, local government fighting to save revenue sharing and the state fighting to cut it. We should be giving our input and saying if they are going to cut, this is what we want in return.

Don Stypula will work on scheduling the meeting earlier and will keep everyone informed as the transition process goes forward.

6. Executive Session

Staff excused for executive session on annual review of Executive Director.

7. Adjournment – 1:35 p.m.



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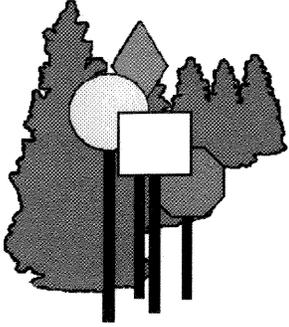
MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2010
TO: Grand Valley Metro Council Board
FROM: Darrell T. Robinson, Transportation Planner
RE: FY2011 TIP Changes

Due to several changes being requested by KCRC, the City of Hudsonville and ITP to the FY2011-2014 TIP, staff is requesting approval of the following changes:

- The KCRC is requesting to add two trail projects to the FY2011-2014 TIP. The first trail project is the “Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail” at a total cost of \$4,021,919. The second trail is West Michigan Regional Trail Network Connection “Musketawa Trail to White Pine Trail Connector” at a total cost of \$2,400,000 (please see attached).
- The City of Hudsonville is requesting to Advance Construct an FY2012 project, 32nd Avenue from M-121 to Highland Drive in FY2011 (please see attached).
- ITP The Rapid has several changes to the FY2011 – 2014 TIP. An updated list of projects and the requested changes are attached.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (616) 776-7609.



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of the County of Kent

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Mr. Darrell Robinson
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave., NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Re: 2011 – 2014 TIP Ammendment

Dear Darrell:

Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) hereby requests the following projects be added to the TIP for fiscal year 2011. Please refer to the attached award letter and conditional commitment letters for your records.

- **Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail –**
Project Number ENH200700110
Total Project Cost = \$4,021,919
Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding = \$1,931,919
[Please note that a portion of this project (approximately 31%) is within the Macatawa MPO.]
- **West Michigan Regional Trail Network Connection
Musketawa Trail to White Pine Trail Connector**
Job Number 105117A
Total Project Cost = \$2,400,000
Federal HPP Funds = \$1,920,000

Please call me at (616) 242-6914 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,


Wayne A. Harrall, P.E.
Director of Engineering

WAH:kll

C: Brett Laughlin (OCRC)
Joe Camp (Moore & Bruggink)



Daniel J. Strikwerda, AICP
Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

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November 10, 2010

Mr. Darrell Robinson, Transportation Planner
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
678 Front Avenue, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

RE: Advance construct the resurfacing of 32nd Avenue from M-121 to Highland Drive

Dear Darrell,

This is a request for a TIP amendment to advance construct our resurfacing job for 32nd Avenue, which is set for FY2012. This will enable Hudsonville to repave 32nd Avenue during the summer of 2011. The quality of this roadway has steadily decreased, and for a small portion of the roadway an old undersized watermain is having an increasing number of breaks, so it needs to be replaced as soon as possible. This is a main traffic corridor through the city and it is not good to have city crews frequently working on repairs in this roadway. In addition, the city has been receiving an increasing number of complaints from residents about this road.

Thank you for allowing this request to be considered. It will be a great benefit for the city to be able to replace the watermain and resurface 32nd Avenue during the summer of 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Strikwerda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D'.

Daniel J. Strikwerda, AICP
Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

cc: Don DeVries, Flies & Vandenbrink
Patrick Waterman, City Manager
Dutch Besteman, DPW Director



Interurban Transit Partnership

300 Ellsworth Avenue SW Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4005 616.456.7514 • Fax 616.774.1195

November 23, 2010

Mr. Darrell Robinson
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave, N.W., Suite 200
Grand Rapids MI 49504-5319

Dear Darrell,

In preparation of the FY 2011 Section 5307/5309/5339 grants The Rapid is requesting an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year 2011. The Activity Line Items (ALI's) listed reflect the changes all other ALI's will remain the same.

If you have any questions or require additional information please call me at 774-1183.

Sincerely,

Janice Hoekstra
Grants Officer

The Rapid
FY 2011 TIP Amendment
November 23rd 2010

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amendment Requested</u>
Section 5307		
Paratransit Replacement Vehicles (up to 3)	163,508	215,076
Paratransit Expansion Vehicles (up to 2)	0	133,879
Replacement 40' Buses (up to 7)	4,351,770	2,800,000
Expansion 40' Buses (up to 3)	0	1,200,000
Associated Capital Maintenance Items	586,885	691,817
Preventive Maintenance	1,625,000	1,250
A&E	50,000	100,000
Wealthy Facility Renovation	938,120	1,012,253
Security Surveillance	88,382	99,340
ADA Vehicle Equipment	150,000	0
ITS	1,250	0
Terminals	0	900,000
Planning	793,150	985,187
Section 5309		
DABRT	19,303,000	1,434,000
Expansion 40' Buses (up to 2)	768,900	0
Wealthy Operation Center	862,632	0
Terminal	750,000	0
Amtrak Rail Relocation	750,000	0
ITS	2,800,000	0
Section 5339		
Streetcar Study	125,000	0
Feasibility Study	0	3,125,000



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November 22, 2010

Mr. Darrell Robinson
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave, NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids MI 49504-5319

Dear Darrell,

ITP is requesting an amendment the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal year's 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 Section 5309 Very Small Starts funding for the Division Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (DABRT) project.

Year	Presently in TIP	Amended Request
FY 2011	\$ 19,303,000	\$ 1,434,000
FY 2012	\$ 1,503,000	\$ 15,931,000
FY 2013	\$ 0	\$ 18,576,000
FY 2014	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000

If you have any questions or require additional information please give me a call at 774-1183.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Hoekstra
Grants Officer

CC: Peter Varga
Taiwo Jaiyeoba
Conrad Venema



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GVMC Executive Committee Members
FROM: Abed Itani, Director of Transportation Planning
DATE: Monday, December 13, 2010
RE: FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

The FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities that the GVMC Transportation Division, the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), will undertake. Any changes in the federal funding amounts under work items in the UWP warrant a UWP amendment and approval by the GVMC Board.

Staff is requesting the amendment of the FY2011 UWP, to add federal State Planning and Research (SPR) Program funds to initiate a US-131 corridor feasibility study from 100th street to M-57. GVMC will assist the MDOT Grand Region in this feasibility corridor study by providing the modeling support needed, using the Grand Rapids urbanized area Travel Demand Model, to assess the impacts and feasibility of various multi-modal integrated transportation options, and sustainable land use patterns, within the corridor study area. GVMC will also assist MDOT with public and agency involvement activities for the corridor study. The corridor study is expected to take two years to complete.

Staff is requesting to amend "Work Item 3.2", Technical Assistance, for the amount of \$75,000 in SPR funds.

In order for GVMC to retain these funds the FY2011 UPWP needs to be amended.

Recommendation: Approval to Amend 2011 UPWP.

2011UWPAMEND

3.2 Technical Assistance

Objectives

Provide technical assistance to GVMC member communities and MDOT as requested, to improve traffic flow and safety and/or to assess the traffic impact of proposed developments on major corridors. Review and respond to air quality conformity guidelines being issued by the EPA and state MDNRE. Participate in the implementation of the revised State Implementation Plan. Conclude the Latent Demand Transit study undertaken jointly with ITP and MDOT.

Procedures and Tasks

Technical assistance is a long standing service provided by GVMC. This service has typically consisted of traffic impact studies, level of service analysis along corridors and/or intersections, site plan review assistance, and air quality planning. Technical assistance will also include assisting member governments and agencies to prepare documentation for projects submitted to the Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund. Staff will also be involved in developing a safety profile for this region along with other stakeholders. GVMC will continue to work with consultant to complete the transit latent demand study. GVMC in partnership with the City of Grand Rapids will hire a consultant to address traffic circulation and transit access and concerns on Michigan Street between Monroe Avenue and the East Beltline. GVMC will assist the MDOT Grand Region in this US-131 pre-engineering corridor feasibility study by providing the modeling support needed, using the Grand Rapids urbanized area Travel Demand Model, to assess the impacts and feasibility of various multi-modal integrated transportation options, and sustainable land use patterns, within the corridor study area. GVMC will also assist MDOT with public and agency involvement activities for the corridor study.

GVMC staff will be involved in the following tasks:

- A - Corridor Advisory Boards
 - 1 - East Beltline Land Use Advisory Committee
 - 2 - 28th Street Corridor Development Committee
- B - Air Quality Planning
- C- WESTRAIN
- D- Completion of the Latent Demand Transit Study
- E- Selecting a consultant for the Michigan Street Study
- F- Land use Visioning and public involvement meetings with communities along US-131

Products

- Documentation related to services provided will be described and included in monthly progress reports.
- A Latent Demand transit Study Report

Budget
Funding Source

STP	\$0.00 Person Weeks	9.50
PL-112	\$70,395.90 Salaries	\$8,356.33
CMAQ	\$0.00 Fringes	\$3,030.00
MDOT-SPR	\$75,000.00 Direct Cost	\$0.00
FTA-Sec 5303	\$27,203.92 Indirect Cost	\$8,624.56
GVMC- Match	\$22,411.07 Contractual-SPR	\$75,000.00
ITP-Match	N/A Contractual-STP	N/a
STP-FLEX	N/A Contractual-PL-112	\$75,000.00
	Contractual-Sec-5303	\$25,000.00
TOTAL	\$195,010.88 TOTAL	\$195,010.88