



Executive Committee

**Thursday June 16, 2011 • 12 Noon
GVMC Offices – Riverview Center -- 678 Front Ave. NW**

Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2011**
- 2. Strategic Initiatives**
 - a. Report and Recommendations of the GVMC Task Force on Governance, Structure and Operations**
- 3. Legislative Advocacy**
 - a. Update from the GVMC / Grand Rapids Chamber Workgroup on the Personal Property Tax**
 - b. Issues Update**
- 4. Transportation Department**
 - a. Amendments to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for various agencies**
- 5. Hold-the-Date Advisory: September 12 meeting with Michael Finney, President and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation**
- 6. Other Items**



Memorandum

To: GVMC Executive Committee

From: Donald J. Stypula, Executive Director

Date: June 13, 2011

Re: Agenda items for our June 16, 2011 Executive Committee meeting

Attached are the agenda and relevant documents for our next GVMC Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for **12 noon Thursday June 16, 2011 here the GVMC offices**. This month we will focus on the work of the GVMC Task Force on Governance, Structure and Operations by reviewing, in-detail, the Task Force recommendations. I will also bring the latest updates from Lansing and Washington and we have a series of TIP amendments that we are presenting for your consideration

We'll start by reviewing and approving the attached minutes from our May 19, 2011 meeting.

GVMC TASK FORCE ON GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Since December, 2010, the GVMC Task Force on Governance, Structure and Operations has been reviewing GVMC's current structure and operating procedures toward the goal of developing – for Executive Committee and full Council consideration – positive changes to GVMC's bylaws and operations to improve operational efficiency and bring greater value for GVMC members. The Task Force was chaired by Greenville Mayor Ken Snow and the Vice Chair is Cascade Township Trustee Cindy Fox. Members include GVMC Chair Jim Buck, Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, Kent County Administrator Daryl Delabbio, Ottawa County Administrator Al Vanderberg, Jamestown Township Supervisor Jim Miedema, Rockford City Manager Michael Young and GVMC at-large board member and Crystal Flash Energy President Tom Fehsenfeld.

Draft recommendations from the Task Force include changes to the Board meeting structure, as well as suggested changes to several of the GVMC standing committees. The final meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday. If the Task Force concurs, I will prepare the final recommendations and send those to you via email by early Thursday morning.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY – REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee met on June 8 and received a detailed phone conference report on legislative activities in Lansing from MML lobbyist Andy Schor. With the FY 2012 state budget now complete, he expects the Legislature to tackle the very controversial New International Trade Crossing (a second bridge spanning the Detroit River) and complete action on several bills – strongly backed by GVMC – to improve prospects for intergovernmental cooperation and service sharing.

Intergovernmental Collaboration – There is good news emerging in the Legislature on some of GVMC’s top legislative priorities. As you know, we have been pushing over the past two legislative sessions for legislation that would remove legal obstacles to intergovernmental collaboration and cross-jurisdictional service sharing. Bills amending the 1967 Urban Cooperation Acts have passed the State House and are poised for discussion and possible action this Wednesday morning (June 15) in Sen. Mark Jansen’s Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing. Those bills are expected to move to the Senate floor for final action.

Companion measures to create a new **Municipal Partnership Act (MPA)** have moved into position for debate and passage on the Senate floor. Last Wednesday morning, at the urging of Wyoming City Manager Curtis Holt and Grand Rapids Deputy City Manager Eric DeLong, the Senate Committee on Reforms Restructuring and Reinvention approved and sent to the Senate floor a three bill package of legislation to create the new MPA. Senate Bills 8, 9 and 10 would create an entirely new legal mechanism enabling two or more local governments to develop a service-sharing arrangement. The bills streamline the intergovernmental collaboration process and supersede local charter provisions that have, for decades, inhibited local units desiring to develop more efficient, cross-jurisdictional service-sharing agreements.

Personal Property Tax

Since the beginning of June, GVMC has been meeting with representatives of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss the pending demise of the personal property tax (PPT) and agree on a mechanism for replacing the lost revenue with a new levy that would “hold harmless” local taxing entities that rely on the PPT. I have attached a more detailed briefing memo on this critical issue for your review.

Governor Snyder’s Special Message on Infrastructure – I am continuing discussions with municipal utilities folks from this region and around the state to develop recommendations for Governor Snyder as he prepares his special message to the Legislature on infrastructure financing, slated for the second week of October. His staff says he will address both transportation-related infrastructure (roads, bridges, transit, air, freight and passenger rail), together with municipal water and sewer infrastructure. I met last month with a small work group of local utilities folks to develop a wish list of ideas for improving our ability to finance

water and sewer infrastructure. I also engaged the Michigan Municipal Utility Directors Association to weigh in on this topic, and I am reaching out to my long-time associates from Southeast Michigan to gather their input.

The topic of state transportation funding is being addressed by two Michigan House members – Rep. Roy Schmidt (D-Grand Rapids) and Rep. Rick Olson (R-Saline) – who are working with members of the Transportation Asset Management Council – to gather ideas on increasing transportation investments. We have lots of eyes and ears around that table so I will wait for the appropriate moment to engage the Governor’s office and legislators on this issue.

TRANSPORTATION: AMENDMENT TO THE 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ITP the Rapid, the City of Hudsonville, the Kent County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation and GVMC transportation staff are requesting amendments to the GVMC FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to fund various transportation improvement projects. I have attached a briefing memo prepared by GVMC Transportation Planner Darrell Robinson; together with supporting documents from the requesting agencies. The amendments have been reviewed and approved by the GVMC Technical Committee and are poised for approval by the Policy Committee on Wednesday.

Proposed Action: Review, endorse and forward to Metro Council the proposed amendment to the GVMC FY 2011-2014 TIP.

As always, we’re looking forward to seeing you and having a fruitful discussion on Thursday. 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.

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 19, 2011
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
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

Absent

Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Michael Young	City of Rockford

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 April 2011. MOVE – Moore. SUPPORT - Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance

Don Stypula reviewed the FY 2002 GVMC Transportation MPO and Unified Planning Work Program budget.

Abed Itani reported they met with Federal Highway, FTA, and MDOT to review the requirements for next year. Based on that direction he created the Unified Planning Work Program. New activities include developing a financial planning process for the long range transportation plan and TIP, planning and environmental linkages, freight planning, climate change and performance measurements. The budget was created with the assumptions that we will have no increase in the number of staff nor a cost of living adjustment. The calculation of local dues has been adjusted for the new census figures. Salaries increased largely due to the shifting of Land Use hours and also some step increase.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC Transportation and Unified Work Program Budget. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

MDOT Audit

Don Stypula reported phase I of the audit has been settled for at \$364,924.73, though they are still working on the terms. Phase II (including REGIS) will be taken up in June.

Transportation Needs Assessment

Don Stypula discussed the Transportation Needs Assessment. They are in the final stages of the study and will be making a presentation at the next Board meeting. We will have a link on the web site to the full study.

Abed Itani commented that they had a good committee, subcommittee, contractor, and staff direction (Andrea Dewey) for the project and he appreciated everyone's work.

4. Legislative

Don Stypula reported a deal on the State budget has been reached. There will be an announcement at 3:30 today.

GVMC received a pretty positive response from our cover letter and resolution regarding the Governor's reinvention efforts. Included in the packet were GVMC's legislative priorities and a request for GVMC to offer input on pertinent issues.

The Governor will deliver a special message on infrastructure in October.

Don Stypula said he would like to bring together some finance people to review infrastructure funding, preferably the 2nd week in June.

The Senate has approved SB7 and is being taken up in the House.

The July Board meeting will be held on its regularly scheduled date, July 7th.

GVMC will hold its Quarterly Luncheon on July 11th or 18th in the Secchia Center.

5. Adjournment – 1:15 p.m.

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



MEMORANDUM

TO: GVMC Executive Committee
FROM: Donald J. Stypula, Executive Director
DATE: June 13, 2011
RE: Personal Property Tax Replacement

The Grand Valley Metro Council is collaborating with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce to reach consensus on a plan to replace the Personal Property Tax (PPT) with an alternative source of sustainable revenue for counties, cities, village, townships, K-12 school systems and other taxing authorities that derive revenues from the current PPT. Governor Snyder and legislative leadership have declared elimination of the PPT as a top priority and our advocacy groups in Lansing are pushing hard to ensure that a mechanism for generating replacement revenue is part of the package.

FIRST MEETING – JUNE 2

Representing GVMC in these discussions are Kentwood Mayor Rick Root; Steve Duarte, Director of Fiscal Services for Kent County; Matthew Wolford, Kent County Equalization Director; Bob Spaman, Director of Fiscal Services for Ottawa County; Haris Alibasic, Director of Sustainability for the City of Grand Rapids; Curtis Holt, City Manager, City of Wyoming; and Bob Homan, Township Manager, Plainfield Township.

Representing the Grand Rapids Chamber are Chris Glass from the Chamber's Advocacy Division; Wayne Roberts from Dykema Gossett; Ed Kisscorni, a private practice tax consultant; Curtis Ruppall from Plante Moran; and Jeff DeVree from Varnum Riddering.

We held our first meeting on Thursday June 2 at the GVMC offices and all participants agreed that a replacement source of revenue – most likely an increase in the state sales tax, with a distribution formula to local taxing authorities – is the preferred alternative. The group decided to work off of a recommendation developed by the City of Grand Rapids in their March, 2011 policy paper entitled "Real Revenue Sharing for Real Results." The section on the PPT reads as follows:

Approach One - Local Return Sales Tax:

Many states authorize sales taxes to be collected on behalf of both the State and local units of government. The Michigan Constitution reserves the right to levy a sales tax solely for the state.

Each 1% of sales tax levy yields approximately \$1 billion on a statewide basis. So, authorization of a local sales tax of 1% would fully replace statutory revenue sharing.

This concept entails the following:

- 1. Retaining the current constitutional revenue sharing provision as is without change.*
- 2. A new 1% local sales tax to be levied by the State with a provision that would require the State to return the tax revenue to the county of origin that would be implemented and enforced by amendment of the State constitution.*
- 3. Much like Proposal A before it, the 1% levy would be mandatory in each county of the State.*
- 4. The levy would be required to be used to support essential services of police and fire.*
- 5. At the county level, funds would be distributed to local units of government based upon a formula that focuses on where people work, where people live, and other metrics that will be responsive to communities in need and where existing capacity (e.g. water and sewer services, electrical grid capacity, etc.) already exists, which are generally urban core communities.*
- 6. Counties should be enabled to have optional additional sales taxes levied and collected on their behalf for transportation and other services if approved by a county-wide referendum.*
- 7. An opportunity exists for elimination of the Personal Property Tax if the sales tax rate is increased by a second 1%. A hold harmless provision would need to be implemented for communities that rely extensively on the Personal Property Tax.*

GVMC and Chamber participants agreed that there was merit in further analyzing the City of Grand Rapids' proposal. The group determined that an analysis of the proposal and the revenue impacts from various scenarios, conducted by the Michigan Department of Treasury with the assistance of Grand Valley State University, was the preferred approach. To that end, we have transmitted letters to State Treasurer Andy Dillon, and GVSU President Thomas Hass requesting their assistance with this project, which could have positive, statewide implications.

SECOND MEETING – JUNE 13

The workgroup met again on Monday June 13 and discussed, in detail, a second option developed by the City of Grand Rapids to broaden the base of the sales tax and decrease the tax

rate by ½ percent to 5.5%.

Approach Two – Broaden the Sales Tax Base:

Michigan’s current sales tax applies to fewer services than almost any other state in the union. Broadening the base would significantly increase sales tax revenues, depending on the final formulation. Broadening the base while maintaining the current sales tax rate would provide the revenue required to fund local government essential services – if allocation promises could be relied upon.

The concept entails the following:

1. Retaining the current constitutional revenue sharing provision as is without change.
2. Modernizing the current sales tax by broadening the base of the sales tax to conform to current and future economic activity. Careful attention would need to be paid to business impacts. The enabling statute would include language requiring return of an amount equal to revenues that would be generated by a 1% local sales tax to the county of origin. Initially, this would be implemented by statute and could later be enforced by amendment of the State constitution or other suitable method.
3. The revenue would be required to be used to support essential services of police and fire.
4. Establishing a mechanism to limit the impact of the current “annual appropriation” approach.
5. At the county level, funds would be distributed to local units of government based upon a formula that focuses on where people work, where people live, and other metrics that will be responsive to communities in need and where existing capacity (e.g. water and sewer services, electrical grid capacity, etc.) already exists, which are generally urban core communities.
6. Opportunity exists for elimination of the Personal Property Tax if the application of sales tax is broadened sufficiently. A hold-harmless provision would need to be implemented for communities that rely extensively on the Personal Property Tax.

The workgroup agreed that a PPT replacement vehicle involving changes to the state sales tax was politically complex, and could be labeled a “tax shift” by opponents. All participants agreed that no matter what vehicle was chosen, a replacement tax must hold harmless all taxing entities and be sustainable long into the future.

At the request of the work group participants, Chris Glass of the GRACC staff will make contact with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, together with State Senators Mark Jansen and Dave Hildebrand to schedule a meeting with them in Lansing to discuss the various options and determine what is politically possible to achieve in the current political environment.

I will report progress on this very critical issue as we move forward.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 2011
TO: GVMC Board
FROM: Darrell T. Robinson, Transportation Planner
RE: FY2011 TIP Changes

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

- ITP The Rapid is requesting to add more funds to two Activity Line Items for the 5307 program in FY2011. (Please see attached).
- The City of Hudsonville is requesting an administrative modification of 32nd Avenue (an advance construction project in FY2011 with conversion in FY2012) to remove the advance construction designation and construct the project in FY2012. (Please see attached).
- The KCRC is requesting to add several awarded FY2012 Safety projects as well as one FY2011 Enhancement project to the TIP. (Please see attached).
- MDOT is requesting several Administrative Modifications as well as Amendments to the FY2011-2014 TIP. (Please see attached).
- Staff is requesting the approval of amending the FY2011 – 2014 TIP to add the FHWA/MDOT approved FY2011 CMAQ projects proposed earlier this year as the result of several changes (including the delay of one project to FY2012) to the FY2011 program. Also, staff is requesting to possibly add several awarded Safety, Enhancement and Bridge projects provided that the sponsoring jurisdiction is prepared to add those projects to the TIP (projects could be added at a later time). (Please see attachments).

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



Interurban Transit Partnership

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May 24, 2011

Mr. Darrell Robinson
Grand Valley Metro Council
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Grand Rapids MI 49504-5319

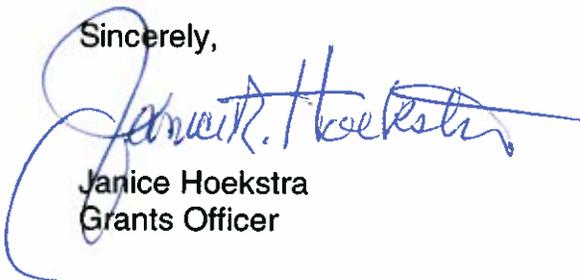
Dear Darrell,

With the release of the FY 2011 5307 apportionments 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 in federal funding all other ALI's will remain the same.

Project	Original Budget	Amended Request
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 1,000	\$136,572
Security Surveillance Equip	\$79,472	\$ 82,094

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

Sincerely,



Janice Hoekstra
Grants Officer



Daniel J. Strikwerda, A ICP
Planning Director/Zoning Administrator

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May 24, 2011

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

Dear Darrell,

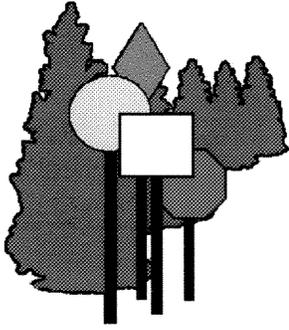
I respectfully submit this request to adjust our Year 2012 repaving job for 32nd Avenue with limits from M-121 to Highland Drive from an advance construct project to being repaved in 2012, the year the funds were approved for.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Strikwerda". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Daniel J. Strikwerda, AICP
Planning Director/Zoning Administrator



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Re: 2011 – 2014 TIP Amendment

Dear Darrell:

Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) hereby requests the following 2012 Safety projects be added to the TIP:

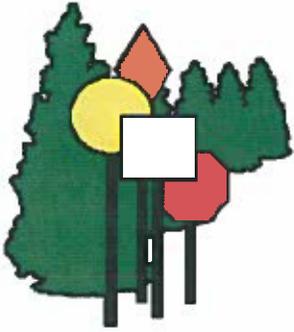
SAFETY PROJECTS				
JOB #	LOCATION	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	FEDERAL \$	TOTAL \$
113617A	Lincoln Lake Avenue – 5 Mile Road to 6 Mile Road	Clear Zone	\$16,000	\$20,000
113617A	Fruit Ridge Avenue – 6 Mile Road to 8 Mile Road	Clear Zone & Surface	\$76,000	\$95,000
113618A	68 th Street & Eastern Avenue	Traffic Signal Modernization	\$68,000	\$85,000
113618A	68 th Street & Clay Avenue	Traffic Signal Modernization	\$68,000	\$85,000
113618A	76 th Street & Byron Center Avenue	Traffic Signal Modernization	\$68,000	\$85,000
113618A	84 th Street & Burlingame Avenue	Traffic Signal Modernization	\$68,000	\$85,000
113618A	84 th Street @ Division Avenue	Traffic Signal Modernization	\$68,000	\$85,000
113619A	Bailey Drive @ Parnell Avenue	Sight Distance	\$160,000	\$200,000
113621A	17 Mile Road @ Myers Lake Avenue	Sight Distance	\$200,000	\$250,000

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

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June 10, 2011

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

Re: 2011 – 2014 TIP Amendment

Dear Darrell:

Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) hereby requests the following revision to the 2011 – 2014 Transportation Improvement Plan amendment being presented to the GVMC Policy Committee on June 15, 2011:

1. Please add the Paul Henry Non-Motorized Trail between 76th Street to 68th Street (see attached map). This project is being funded with Transportation Enhancement Funds and is the second phase of the 2008 project that constructed the trail between 76th Street and Main Street in the Village of Caledonia. The estimated cost of this phase is \$265,000. Federal funds cover \$186,692 (70.45%) of construction costs.

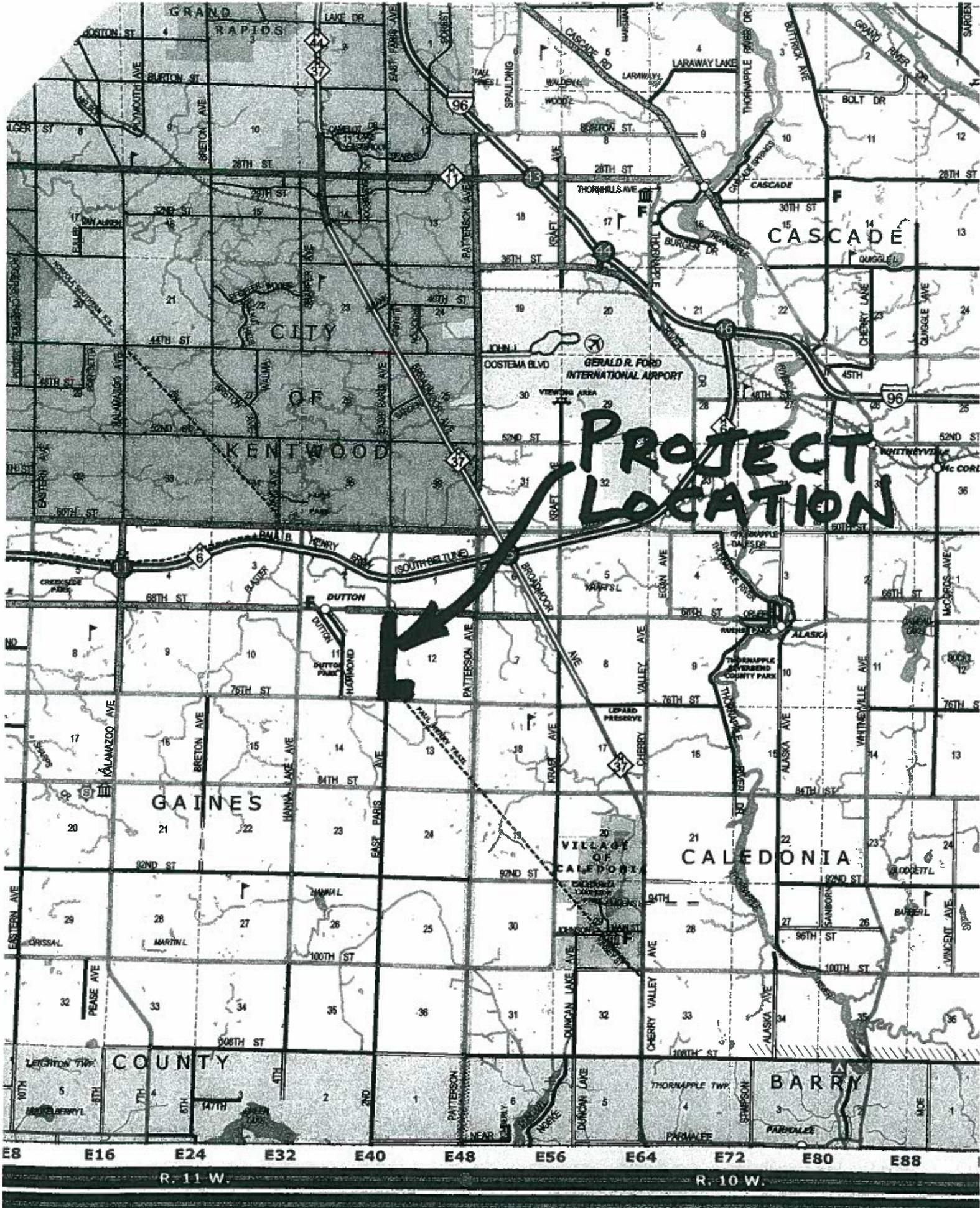
Please call me at (616) 242-6914 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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

WAH:kl
Enclosure

C: Jon Rice
Steve Warren
Tom Byle
Roger Sabine (KCPD)
David Kuipers (OMM)



**PROJECT
LOCATION**

STATE, & U.S. ROUTES **COUNTY PRIMARY ROADS** **LOCAL ROADS**
 THICK LINE THICK LINE THIN LINE
 DASHED LINE 4 OR MORE DIVIDED LANES DASHED LINE



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 LANSING

RICK SNYDER
 GOVERNOR

KIRK T. STEUDLE
 DIRECTOR

DATE: May 25, 2011

TO: Abed Itani, Transportation Director
 Grand Valley Metro Council

FROM: Dennis Kent, Region Transportation Planner
 MDOT/Grand Region

SUBJECT: **FY 2011-14 TIP Amendment #5 / FY 2011-2014 MDOT Projects**

MDOT is requesting amendments and administrative modifications to the GVMC FY 2011-14 MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the following projects. Also included is an Illustrative Projects list, for inclusion in the TIP public participation process, per MPO Practices:

FY 2013 – Trunkline Project Amendments

JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est.
90164	M-37	@ 13 Mile Road	Carpool Lot Crack Seal	Construct	\$3,000
102918	M-6	@ 8 th Avenue	Carpool Lot Crack Seal	Construct	\$3,000
110037	US-131	@ 17 Mile Road	HMA Crack Treatment	Construct	\$3,000
109661	M-11	@ Patterson Ave.	Intersection Reconstruction	Construct	\$1,204,000
109763	M-21	Grand River Dr to the Grand River	Mill, Joint Repairs, Resurface	Construct	\$2,000,000

N/A	GPA	Areawide	Traffic/Safety GPA	Construct	\$4,000,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Railroad Safety GPA	Construct	\$10,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Trunkline Project Development/Scoping GPA	EPE	\$400,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Trunkline Pre-Construction GPA	PE/ROW	\$2,000,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	CPM – Trunkline Road GPA	Construct	\$1,560,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	CPM – Trunkline Bridge GPA	Construct	\$10,000

FY 2014 – Trunkline Project Amendments

JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est.
105712	M-44 Con	I-96 to Airway St.	Mill, Joint Repairs, Resurface	Construct	\$5,500,000
109856	I-196EB	Over the Grand River (Market St.)	Deep Overlay, beam repair, railing replacement, substructure repair	Construct	\$4,000,000
108915	M-37	52 nd Street, north to 44 th Street	Concrete Pavemt Repairs and Diamond Grinding	Construct	\$2,100,000

FY 2014 – Trunkline Project Amendments (continued)

JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est.
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Traffic/Safety GPA	Construct	\$1,200,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Railroad Safety GPA	Construct	\$10,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Trunkline Project Development/Scoping GPA	EPE	\$400,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	Trunkline Pre-Construction GPA	PE/ROW	\$2,000,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	CPM – Trunkline Road GPA	Construct	\$1,560,000
N/A	GPA	Areawide	CPM – Trunkline Bridge GPA	Construct	\$300,000

FY 2011 – Trunkline Project Administrative Modification

JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est.
110085	US-131	44 th Street, north to 36 th Street	Add weave/merge lane	Construct	\$660,000 (cost change)

ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECTS

JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est.
109853	I-196 WB	Over the Grand River (Market St.)	Floodcoating, Deck, Superstructure & Substructure Repairs	Construct	\$1,985,000
105714	M-11	M-37 to I-96 (w/o Patterson Ave.)	Mill, Joint Repairs and Concrete Reconstruction	Construct	\$7,814,000
106328	ITS	Areawide	DMS/VSS Repair & Replacement	Construct	\$2,000,000
106793	I-96	Under M-50	Bridge Replacement	Construct	\$4,120,000
112942	US-131SB	Over Bridge St.	Deep Overlay, Substructure & Superstructure Repairs	Construct	\$1,740,000
105715	M-44 Con	Airway Street to M-44 (E. Beltline)	HMA Mill and Resurface	Construct	\$2,800,000
106327	ITS (I-96)	Areawide	Phase II GVMC Deploymt-3 locations	Construct	\$5,000,000

Please amend and/or modify the GVMC FY 2011-14 MPO TIP to include these projects. Feel free to contact me at 616/451-3091 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc GVMC MPO Committees
V. Weerstra, MDOT
E. Kind, MDOT

D. Robinson, GVMC
D. McBurrows, MDOT
R. Lenze, MDOT



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Michigan Division

March 25, 2011

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In Reply Refer To:
HDA-MI

Mr. Peter J. Porciello
Bureau of Transportation Planning (B340)
Michigan Department of Transportation
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Porciello:

Your letter dated March 9, 2011 was a request for a CMAQ eligibility determination for three FY2011 projects in Grand Rapids. We have reviewed the project applications and emissions benefits and determined they are eligible for CMAQ funding.

These projects must be amended into the FY 2011-2014 STIP before they can be authorized for federal funding. If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact me at (517) 702-1823.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Sarah B. Van Buren, AICP
Transportation Planner

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FY2011 CMAQ Program

FY2011 CMAQ Local PROJECT	LIMITS	PROJECT SCOPE	JURISDICTION	LENGTH	FED/STATE	NON-FED	TOTAL	STAFF COMMENTS
Ozone Action! Program	Areawide	Ozone Action Awareness Program	GVMC	0.00	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	
Westrain	Areawide	Marketing for the GR/Chicago Amtrak train	GVMC	0.00	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$12,500	
Non-motorized Trail/Forest Hill Ave.	NCL to I-96	Construct a non-motorized trail on E. side of Forest Hill	Kentwood	1.50	\$168,600	\$356,400	\$525,000	
Ozone Action Days	Areawide	Free Fare On Ozone Action Days	ITP	0.00	\$96,000	\$24,000	\$120,000	
Rideshare	Areawide	Commuting Alternatives	ITP	0.00	\$144,703	\$0	\$144,703	
VanPool Expansion Vans	Areawide	Purchase of 8 Expansion Vans	ITP	0.00	\$178,960	\$44,740	\$223,700	
Replacement Bus (1)	Line Haul Bus	40' Low Floor Buses	ITP	0.00	\$302,400	\$75,600	\$378,000	
Signal Optimization (Phase 6)	Areawide	Signal optimization at up to 120 locations on Federal Aid Roads (Phase 6)	Grand Rapids	0.00	\$240,000	\$60,000	\$300,000	
HD Widearea Surveillance for the ITS System	CBD and Vicinity	Upgrade existing and install new cameras on tall struct. to provide overview of entire	Grand Rapids	0.00	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000	
Traffic Signal System Communications	Areawide	Com. Upgrade Phase II - Bridgewiew/Belknap to Remotes, Remote to Remote Links	Grand Rapids	0.00	\$280,000	\$70,000	\$350,000	Moved from ITS Set-aside
Replacement Buses (1)	Areawide	40' Low Floor Buses	ITP		\$307,466	\$76,867	\$384,333	Moved from FY2012
Traffic Management Center		Upgrade TMC to implement new equipment and communications	City of GR		\$332,534	\$83,134	\$415,668	Moved from FY2013
College and Michigan		Design and implementation of capacity improvements through gometric alteration to the Michigan a	City of GR		\$0	\$0	\$0	Moved to FY2012 & 2013
Total Programmed					\$2,340,663			
Target					\$2,340,671			
Difference						\$8		

FY2011 CMAQ MDOT

I-96	At Cascade	WB on ramp, extend ramp	MDOT	0.20	\$720,000	\$180,000	\$900,000	
M-11 (Wilson Ave.)	Hall St. - Riverbend Dr.	Add/Extend Center LT Lane	MDOT	0.40	\$468,000	\$117,000	\$585,000	
M-50 (Alden Nash Ave.)	@ I-96 Vic	Expand Carpool Parking Lot	MDOT	0.00	\$261,000	\$65,000	\$327,000	
US-131	44th to 36th	Add NB W/M lane between ramps	MDOT	0.80	\$720,000	\$180,000	\$900,000	
Total Programmed					\$2,169,000			
Target					\$2,340,671			
Difference						\$171,671		

Approved Changes

FY 2011 - 2014 Proposed additions

Required Fields																	
Fiscal Year	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Phase Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.	Total Project Cost (\$1000s)
2011	OTTAWA	OCRC	New Holland Road	Crossing of New Holland Road with CSX		Traffic ops/safety	Close at-grade crossing	CON	\$7,500	STR					\$7,500		\$7,500
2011	KENT	City of Kentwood	48th Street	Meadowlawn Elementary School, City of Kentwood	0	Roadside facility	Bike/ped safety improvements	CON	\$63,935	SRSI	\$0		\$0		\$63,935	111484	\$63,935
2013	KENT	Kent County	84th Street SE	Over Thornapple River, Kent County	0	Bridge - other	Preventative Maintenance	CON			\$171,000	MCS	\$9,000	CNTY	\$180,000	112222	\$180,000
2013	KENT	City of Wyoming	Burlingame Avenue SW	Over Buck Creek, City of Wyoming	0	Restore & rehabilitate	Bridge Rehabilitation	CON	\$826,877	BHT	\$155,039	M	\$51,680	CITY	\$1,033,596	112267	\$1,034,000
2011	KENT	City of Grand Rapids	Turner Street	Crossing of Turner Street with Grand Rapids Eastern		Traffic ops/safety	Upgrade lenses to 12"	CON			\$25,000	M			\$25,000		\$25,000
2012	KENT	City of Grandville	Chicago Drive SW	From Division to Ottawa	0	Roadside facility	Streetscape Improvements	CON	\$945,170	STE	\$0		\$945,170	CNTY	\$1,890,340	112428	\$1,890,340
2012	KENT	City of Grand Rapids	Ball Avenue	Leonard Street and Michigan Street	0	Traffic ops/safety	Traffic and pedestrian signal upgrades	CON	\$160,000	STH	\$0		\$40,000	CNTY	\$200,000	113622	\$200,000
2012	KENT	???? Unknown	River Street	River Street	0	Traffic ops/safety	Guardrail upgrade	CON	\$20,960	STH	\$0		\$5,240	CNTY	\$26,200	113623	\$26,000