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TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

1:00 pm

The Rapid Central Station Conference Room

250 Grandville Ave SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

AGENDA

- I. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—**ACTION**: Dated April 13, 2022
Please refer to Item II: Attachment A
- III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. **FY2023 CMAQ FUNDING**—**DISCUSSION/ACTION**: The Subcommittee will be asked to recommend programming for surplus FY2023 CMAQ funding.
Please refer to Item IV: Attachment A
- V. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
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250 Grandville Ave SW
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I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Conners, Subcommittee Chair, called the April 13, 2022 Combined Nonmotorized/TPSG meeting to order at 9:00am. Those present introduced themselves to the Subcommittee.

TPSG Voting Members Present

Kristin Bennett	City of Grand Rapids
Scott Conners (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Walker
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Tyler Kent	MDOT
Jim Kirkwood	City of Kentwood
Russ Henckel	City of Wyoming
Nicole Hofert	City of Wyoming
Doug LaFave	City of East Grand Rapids
Jeff Oonk	City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague	Kent County Road Commission
	Grand Rapids Township
Charlie Sundblad	City of Grandville
Kevin Wisselink	ITP - The Rapid

*Proxy for
Mike Devries*

Nonmotorized Members Present

Sue Becker	Alpine Township
Tim Bradshaw	Caledonia Charter Township
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Travis Mabry	City of Wyoming
Brian Mulligan	Kent County Parks
Stephanie Ogren	Grand Rapids Public Museum
Scott Post	City of East Grand Rapids
Dale Robinson	Grand Rapids Public Museum

Proxy for

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Brad Doane	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

TPSG Voting Members Not Present

Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Charter Township
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township

Shay Gallagher
Art Green
Wayne Harrall
Dennis Kent
Bill LaRose
Brett Laughlin
Robert Miller
Clint Nemeth
Liz Schelling
Dan Strikwerda
Jeff Thornton
Phil Vincent
Luke Walters
Steve Warren
Member Awaiting Appointment

Village of Sparta
MDOT - GRTSC
Kent County
MDOT- Grand Region
City of Cedar Springs
Ottawa County Road Commission
City of Hudsonville
GFIAA
ITP – The Rapid
City of Hudsonville
Village of Caledonia
City of Rockford
MDOT
Kent County Road Commission
Village of Sand Lake

Nonmotorized Members Not Present

Alex Arends
Dave Bee
Brian Bigorowski
Terry Brod
Mike Burns
Dan Delooff
Kim Dixon
Adam Elenbaas
Bill Fischer
Dale Fitz
Jay Fowler

Allendale Township
WMRPC
City of East Grand Rapids
Cannon Township
City of Lowell
KC Parks
City of Grand Rapids
Allendale Township
Plainfield Township
City of Grand Rapids
Greater Grand Rapids
Bicycle Coalition
Algoma Township
City of Grandville
Courtland Township
ITP – The Rapid
KC Parks
KC Parks
Cascade Township
City of Kentwood
Tallmadge Township
City of Wyoming
Ada Township
City of Walker
Plainfield Township
City of Grand Rapids
Jamestown Township
City of Rockford
Georgetown Township

Madison Jacoby
Ken Krombeen
Matt McConnon
Nick Monoyios
Brian Mulligan
Jill Myer
Sandra Otey
Joe Pung
Greg Ransford
Rebecca Rembrandt
John Said
Darrel Schmalzel
Rick Solle
Jay Steffen
Laurie VanHaitsma
Phil Vincent
Rod Weersing

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Referring to Item II: Attachment A, Connors entertained a motion to approve the March 8, 2022, TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Lafave, to approve the March 8, 2022
TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Robertson of the Grand Rapids Public Museum stepped forward for a comment. Robertson, President & CEO of the museum, provided a background of the museum and its relation to education in Grand Rapids. Robertson continued, saying the museum is expanding and part of the expansion is removing the barrier between the carousel and the museum and would like to allow full access from the carousel to the riverwalk. Robertson said they hope to have support for the River Edges West trail project between the Grand River and the museum.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO DRAFT PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FY2023-2026 TIP

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A,

2023

TAP

Joseph updated members on 2023 TAP funding. There is \$732,644 in TAP funds for FY23. Joseph continued, saying any project programmed with these funds needs to be ready to go to get obligated. They are working on a scenario where large MPO TAP funding allocations streamline their process to select projects.

Rick Devries proposed Grand Rapids' Collindale Nonmotorized Pathway (Project #1557) Lake Michigan Dr to Burritt St totaling \$577,664. Kristin Bennett presented their Beacons project (Fulton/Alten, Cesar Chavez/Beacon, Bridge/Garfield, Eastern/Logan, Leonard/Davis) totaling \$359,216.

Doug Lafave presented East Grand Rapids' Plymouth Ave/Cascade Rd/E Beltline sidewalk project (Project #2108) involving East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township, and Kent County Road Commission with an estimated cost of \$1,103,255 to be obligated in any year. Scott Post Said it's a big project to try to get obligated in 2023, so a later year would be fantastic. Joseph said projects like this typically have 70/30 Federal/Local funding.

Discussion ensued.

Bennett stated the Grand Rapids Beacons project could be pushed back to 2023. Conners summarized the current requests as Grand Rapids' Collindale nonmotorized pathway, Grand Rapids' Various Beacons project, and East Grand Rapids' sidewalk project. Totaling roughly \$1.2 million of \$1.4 million available. Joseph agreed, saying that is their allocation and MDOT would want the amount

available adjusted down to \$1.3 million. Based on the expected budget MDOT gave Joseph, she informed members there is \$588,000 to deal with in 2023.

Joseph said she wondered if instead of trying to push the East Grand Rapids project into 2023, they should utilize carryover and give them an extra year since it's such a big project. Joseph said they will add the leftover carryover to 2024 from 2022 and 2023 to the East Grand Rapids project. Connors said if there's any extra it should be added to the East Grand Rapids project. Haagsma asked what the total of the East Grand Rapids project is. Joseph said it will use the leftover from 2022 (\$607,000) and 2023 (\$130,000).

Members recommended obligating Grand Rapids' Collindale Nonmotorized Pathway and Multiple Beacons projects for TAP funds in 2023 as well as East Grand Rapids' Plymouth Ave/Cascade Rd/E Beltline sidewalk project for 2024.

Connors entertained a motion to approve FY2023 and FY2024 TAP funds.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Hofert to approve the FY2023 and 2024 TAP Adjustments as discussed to the Draft Program of Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2025

TAP and CRP

Joseph updated members on the 2025 TAP and CRP funding. Connors asked members to propose eligible projects.

Tyler Kent presented MDOT's M-44/E Beltline over I-96 bridge project (Project #2145), explaining the opportunity for trail connections to the project. Kent asked for \$1 million for the project in 2025. The total cost stands at \$2 million.

Kent presented MDOT's US-131 pedestrian tunnels project (Project #2146) to be obligated in 2025 and 2027. Kent asked for \$1,059,357 from a combination of TAP and CRP funds.

Terry Schweitzer presented Kentwood's Forest Hill Ave over I-96 bridge connectivity project (Project #2040). Schweitzer stated it will be a \$3 million project and they're possibly looking at 2026 for funding. Kent said the project is tentatively programmed for 2028 for MDOT but money can still be used to obligate. Kent said, should there be any type of grant that comes forward for that project, you might want to leave some wiggle room to use a match. The other option is to use it as first priority for the next TIP cycle.

Travis Mabry called attention to Walker's Fruit Ridge over I-96 bridge project. Mabry suggested having a further talk with MDOT about grant allocation types, seeing as there are so many projects that are addressing pinch points over interstates.

Mabry presented Walker's Kinney Ave rotary/sidewalk construction project (Project #2144) between Leonard and Lake Michigan Dr. Mabry said it is currently at 50% match, they are asking for \$175,000 to put them at 70/30. Mabry said they'd like to build the project in 2024 and get reimbursed in 2025.

Sue Becker presented Alpine Township/KCRC's Fruit Ridge Ave sidewalk project. (Project #1676)

Joseph acknowledged the museum's proposal for the River Edges West project. (Project #1561)

Rick Devries presented Grand Rapids' Lakeside Avenue Sidewalk project (Project #1567). Bennett presented Grand Rapids' set of after-street projects: Fuller Ave from Adams Park Apartments to Boston, Fuller NE of Northlawn, Wealthy & Straight, Cesar Chavez from Grandville Ave to Cordelia St, West Leonard & Fremont, and Ann St & Lafayette. Bennett said all projects will be constructed in 2023, 2024, and 2025. Bennett presented a second combination of street projects: 1st/2nd St NW Separated Bicycle Facilities, Mount Vernon Ave NW Separated Bicycle Facilities, and Turner Ave Separated Bicycle Facilities. (Project #1501, 1514, and 1523 respectively) Joseph asked what their ask would be for the second set of projects. Bennett said they would take all the CRP funds, but they could also scale the project.

Nicole Hofert presented Wyoming's Trails and Paths (Phase II) projects consisting of their Grace Christian University to Grand Rapids Plaster Creek Trail section (Project #2115) and their Jenkins St to Grace Christian University section (Project #2116) both at a 70/30 split.

Discussion ensued.

Members recommended using the 2025 funding for the Fruit Ridge Ave project in Alpine Township project for \$140,000 in Federal, Kinney Ave project in Walker for \$175,000, M-44/E Beltline over I-96 Bridge project for \$180,000 in TAP, and Grace Christian University to Grand Rapids Plaster Creek Trail section in Wyoming for \$680,000 in CRP funding.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Kirkwood to approve the FY2025 Adjustments as discussed to the Draft Program of Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2026

TAP and CRP

Joseph updated members on the 2026 TAP and CRP funding. Joseph asked members for 2026 proposals.

Henckel requested funding for Wyoming's Jenkins St to Grace Christian University section of their Trails and Paths (Phase II) project (Project #2116) for the remainder of CRP funding.

Bennett proposed Grand Rapids' 1st/2nd St NW Separated Bicycle Facilities, Mount Vernon Ave NW Separated Bicycle Facilities, and Turner Ave Separated Bicycle Facilities projects (Project #1501, 1514, and 1523 respectively) for the remainder of TAP funding.

Bennett also recommended pushing Grand Rapids' Breton Rd/Elliott St project (Project #1839) from 2026 to Illustrative as an option. Joseph said if they wanted to move the project out of its current place in the TIP, available TAP funds would be \$506,000 if they wanted to replace it with another project. Devries recommended replacing it with the Lakeside Avenue Sidewalk project (Project #1567) and two pieces of Turner Ave Project (4th St to Bridge St/Stocking Ave to 2nd St).

Members recommended using the remaining CRP funds for Wyoming's Jenkins St to Grace Christian University section of their Trails and Paths (Phase II) project and moving Grand Rapids' Breton Rd/Elliott St project to the illustrative list for 2027 and replacing it with the Lakeside Avenue Sidewalk project and two pieces of Turner Ave Bikeway project (4th St to Bridge St/Stocking Ave to 2nd St) for the remaining TAP funding.

MOTION by Schweitzer with a notation for future consideration for the Breton/Elliott project for the next round of funding, SUPPORT by Haagsma to approve the FY2026 Adjustments as discussed to the Draft Program of Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Conners, Subcommittee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2022

TO: TPSG Subcommittee

FROM: Laurel Joseph, Director of Transportation Planning

RE: **FY2023 Surplus CMAQ Funding**

At the July Combined Technical and Policy Committee meeting, the City of Kentwood requested to abandon their FY2022 CMAQ project on East Paris Ave because the scope of that project had been rolled into a larger project they were completing, and the final project cost was such that the CMAQ funding was not able to be utilized. To prevent the loss of that funding, GVMC's Clean Air Action program for FY2023 was moved to FY2022, opening up \$131,654 in FY2023 CMAQ funds for future programming. At this time, the TPSG Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing proposals for utilizing that funding and making a recommendation that will move forward for Technical and Policy Committee consideration at their September meetings. The following proposals have been received to date.

The City of Kentwood is proposing an 8-foot-wide nonmotorized facility along 52nd street between Stauffer and Breton to be constructed at the same time as their mill and fill project scheduled for FY2023 (see attached).

The City of Grand Rapids has two proposals: bicycle lanes on Lake Drive from Genesee to Carlton, and a signal communications/detection project in partnership with Grandville (see attached).

The Kent County Road Commission is proposing to use around \$90,000 toward their 84th Street and Kalamazoo roundabout project (see attached).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (616) 776-7610.

August 30, 2022, TPSG Meeting Purpose Program \$131,654 in Remaining CMAQ Funds

Prospective Kentwood Non-motorized Project

52nd Street Trail — Stauffer Avenue to Breton Avenue

8-foot wide shared-use path; 0.644 miles (3,400 feet)

Total project cost — \$305,000

CMAQ Grant: \$131,654 (43.17%)

Local match: \$173,346 (56.83%)

The project is a subset of Illustrative Project number 2029, and it would connect with the Paul Henry Trail, which is an existing 10-foot wide shared-use path to the West of Stauffer Avenue, and then continue with an 8-foot wide shared-use path, along the north side of 52nd Street, east to Breton Avenue. The city has a 2023 project (52nd Street Improvements; Job Number 205689) to mill and fill 52nd Street from Kalamazoo Avenue to Breton Avenue, and to replace the existing 12-inch cast iron water main with a new 12-inch ductile iron water main. The project is in design and includes the 8-foot wide shared-use path. This project is on track to take bids in the MDOT's January 2023 letting and will be constructed in the spring/summer of 2023.

From: [Bennett, Kristin](#)
To: [Laurel Joseph](#)
Cc: [Mara Gericke](#); [Bartlett, John](#); [DeVries, Rick](#); [Irving, Cindy](#); [Naramore, Josh](#)
Subject: RE: TPSG Subcommittee Mtg on Aug 30, 2022 (FY23 CMAQ Funding)
Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 6:00:02 PM

Laurel – given the short timeline we are submitting two projects for consideration understanding that only one of these can be funded of the two. Each project would use the full amount of available CMAQ funds. We are prepared to discuss the merits of both projects with the TPSG Committee on Aug 30. Any questions please let me know.

Lake Drive Bicycle Lanes – Genesee St SE to Carlton Ave SE – construct, mark, and sign new bicycle lanes between Carlton Ave SE and Genesee St SE.

- Proposed project is part of Illustrative Non-Motorized Project #1584 – Lake Dr SE Bicycle Lanes and Pedestrian Crossing Improvements - Fulton St to Genesee St.
 - “Add new and upgrade existing bicycle lanes, intersections modifications, pedestrian crossing improvements at Carlton Ave, Dwight Ave, Calkins.”
- This section of Lake Dr is a key gap in the bicycle lane network in the neighborhood – there are bicycle lanes on Lake Dr between the East Grand Rapids city limit and Genesee St (constructed in Fall 2020 with a street resurfacing project) and between Carlton Ave and Diamond Ave (added in 2010 and upgraded in 2020).
- Carlton Ave is an existing Bicycle Route between Lake and Fulton St E, which also has bicycle lanes from Fuller to the east city limit (connections with Fulton Heights business district and neighborhood and Aquinas College).
- A small section of bicycle lanes will be constructed on Wealthy St in 2023 to connect existing bicycle lanes on Wealthy in East Grand Rapids (Lovett/Gaslight Village business district to the city limit near Woodmere).
- This fills a gap in the Eastown business district and neighborhood on a Major Street carrying ~13,000 ADT
- These lanes connect with a Rapid transit route on Lake Dr, and there are two existing bike/scooter share parking areas within the project limits.
- Adding bicycle facilities on Lake Dr in this section is in the City’s Vital Streets and Bicycle Action Plans and the Uptown Corridor Improvement Authority Strategic Plan. (The Eastown business district is part of the Uptown CIA.)

Signal Communications/Detection – Grand Rapids/Grandville Intersections

- Proposed project is not specifically listed in the Roads Illustrative List, but all locations are at existing signalized intersections on Major Streets.
- Upgrade communications equipment to provide constant communication with our TMC and the Tactics system allowing for remote updates and modifications to the signals as well as real time indications of outages.
- Staff is still completing the scope and estimate for this scalable project, but the following

intersections are currently included in the project; additional intersections are being considered:

- Leonard St NE at Leffingwell Ave NE, Maryland Ave NE, I-96 EB, I-96 WB, Perkins Ave NE, and Plymouth Ave NE (6)
 - Canal Ave at Grandville Marketplace Entrance and Rivertown Parkway (2)
 - Wilson Ave at 40th St, 44th St, Chicago Dr, Prairie St, and Rivertown Parkway (5)
 - Ivanrest Ave at 30th St, 44th St, Prairie St, and Century Center St (4)
 - Kenowa Ave at 36th St/Tyler St and 44th St (2)
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- The City of Grandville has agreed to participate in the local share on this proposed project.
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From: [Harrall, Wayne](#)
To: [Laurel Joseph](#)
Subject: Fwd: TPSG Subcommittee Meeting on August 30, 2022
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 12:05:47 PM

Laurel,
Actually our 84th Street and Kalamazoo Avenue roundabout project could use \$90,000
CMAQ funds
Based on current estimate

Wayne Harrall, P.E.

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Tim & Jeremy,

The 84th St./ Kalamazoo Ave. roundabout project currently has \$932,721 of Federal funding :

Safety (\$600,000) and Carbon Reduction (\$332,721)

@ 80/20 = \$1,165,901 Project Cost

Safety Fund application estimated cost was \$1,278,054

If we are comfortable with that estimate from what we know right now, we could request \$90,000 more in 2023 CMAQ funds.

Thoughts?

Wayne
