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**TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP**

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

9:30 AM

The Rapid Central Station Conference Room  
250 Grandville Ave SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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**AGENDA**

Laughlin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Scott Conners		City of Walker
Rick Devries		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for</i>	Kent County Road Commission
	<i>Mike Devries</i>	Grand Rapids Charter Township
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT- Grand Region
	<i>Mike Burns</i>	City of Lowell
Tyler Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Luke Walters</i>	MDOT
Jim Kirkwood		City of Kentwood
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Brett Laughlin (Chair)		OCRC
Jeff Oonk	<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Wyoming
	<i>Nicole Hofert</i>	City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague		Kent County Road Commission
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville
Josh Naramore	<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Grand Rapids
	<i>Kristin Bennett</i>	
Clint Nemeth	<i>Proxy for</i>	GFIAA
	<i>Casey Ries</i>	
Robert Miller		City of Hudsonville
Steve Warren		Kent County Road Commission
Kevin Wisselink		The Rapid



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**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Max Dillivari  
Bradley Doane  
Andrea Faber  
Laurel Joseph  
William Loehle  
Mike Zonyk

ITP  
GVMC Staff  
GVMC Staff  
GVMC Staff  
MDOT  
GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Tim Bradshaw (Vice Chair)  
Brad Boomstra  
Mike Burns  
Mike DeVries  
Adam Elenbaas  
Jeff Franklin  
Shay Gallagher  
Rachel Gokey  
Steve Hartman  
Russ Henckel  
Nicole Hofert  
Joan Konyndyk  
Bill LaRose  
Travis Mabry  
Jon Moxey  
Steve Peterson  
Liz Schelling  
Max Smith  
Dan Strikwerda  
Jeff Thornton  
Phil Vincent  
Mike Womack

Caledonia Township  
City of Kentwood  
City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Charter Township  
Allendale Township  
MDOT  
Village of Sparta  
Village of Sand Lake  
Hope Network West Michigan  
City of Wyoming  
City of Wyoming  
Hope Network West Michigan  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Walker  
Village of Caledonia  
Cascade Charter Township  
ITP – The Rapid  
Hope Network West Michigan  
City of Hudsonville  
Village of Caledonia  
City of Rockford  
City of Cedar Springs

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dennis Kent stated he should be listed as a proxy for Mike Burns from Lowell.

Laughlin entertained a motion to approve the November 10, 2021, TPSG minutes.

**MOTION by Connors, SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



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**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**IV. FY2022 TAP AND CMAQ PROGRAMMING**

**Referring to Item IV: Attachment A:**

**FY2022 TAP**

Joseph explained that during their meeting to recommend a program of projects for regional TAP funds for the FY 2023-26 TIP, the Nonmotorized Committee recommended moving the KCRC/Ada/Kentwood Argo Ave sidewalk project from FY2022 to FY 2024. This left the \$125,790 available to be programmed in FY22. Because of the timing, being FY22 already, it was recommended that the funding was allocation to the existing Kentwood Burton St sidepath project. If approved, the updated funding would be 65% Federal and 35% Local, totaling \$302,100 which would adhere to match requirements.

**FY2022 CMAQ**

Joseph explained when the FY2020-2023 TIP was developed it was unclear whether the Grand Rapids TOC would be covered under the state set-aside or if it would need to be funded with the regional allocation of CMAQ funds. Therefore, when it was programmed, it was assumed to count against the regional CMAQ target. The state has decided to fund this TOC with the state set-aside after all. Therefore, there is a surplus of regional FY2022 CMAQ funds (\$502,661) that needs to be programmed.

Discussion ensued.

Harrall recommended moving a FY2024 project forward and applying the funding to the MDOT M-37 project from 68<sup>th</sup> to Caledonia and linking it to 84<sup>th</sup> and Cherry Valley.

Joseph said there is still CMAQ room in FY2024. Joseph recommended giving more funding to The Rapid in FY22 for bus replacement and making up for that in FY24. Wisselink said that might work.



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Joseph suggested moving \$340,000 in bus replacement for FY24 and \$100,000 from the van pool into FY22 to zero the FY24 projects out.

Wisselink said he wanted to check on the van pool program first, but the bus replacement is viable. Wisselink said he hoped to get a final answer by the following day.

Joseph asked Kirkwood and Schweitzer if there was any need to increase Kentwood's budget. Kirkwood said they'd have to consult Brad Boomstra. Pending confirmation with Boomstra the remaining amount will go to Kentwood's FY22 Minor Widening project.

**MOTION by Devries, SUPPORT by Haagsma to approve the FY2022 TAP and CMAQ Programming changes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. PROGRAMMING OF PROJECTS FOR FY2023-2026 TIP**

**Referring to Item V: Attachment A:** Joseph explained the Committee will be tasked with developing/recommending a draft list of FY2023-26 projects for the FY2023-26 TIP. The remaining projects will be placed in an illustrative list of projects to be included in the TIP document. The Committee will review the recommendations from last meeting implemented by staff, updated CMAQ projects, updated EDC projects, transit projects, and MDOT projects.

**FY2023**

STP Urban: No comments.

HICU (Covid): No comments.

STP Flex: Joseph explained the match was modified to meet the target.

NHPP: Joseph explained the match was modified to meet the target.

EDF-C: No comments.

STP Rural: Joseph explained the 100<sup>th</sup> St project was added at the Rural Subcommittee meeting.

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CMAQ: Joseph explained Grand Rapids' Signal Optimization project did not get more funding. Joseph said the new project is a two-way bikeway on Turner Ave that goes along with a road project on Turner. Including the new Turner project, \$51,000 is still left on the table. Joseph asked the Committee if they had any ideas on what to do with the extra money.

Faber stated the Clean Air Action program could always take additional funding. Schweitzer expressed support for giving the extra amount to Clean Air Action.

TAP: Joseph explained two Covell Ave sidewalk projects from the City of Grand Rapids, a Coit Ave sidewalk project from Plainfield Township, and a Beacon Crossing project from the City of Grand Rapids was added.

**FY2024**

STP Urban: Harrall pointed out the 84<sup>th</sup> St, East Paris to Patterson project was a duplication from FY2023 and suggested the scope be changed from Kraft to Broadmoor. Haagsma asked to extend the limit past Broadmoor to Cherry Valley.

STP-Flex: No comments.

NHPP: No comments.

EDF-C: No comments.

STP Rural: No comments.

CMAQ: Dennis Kent asked for an explanation of the Multiple Signalized Intersections project between Kentwood and Walker. Connors explained it will be done to facilitate the fiber optic network between Kentwood and Walker. Naramore added this was an area where they wanted to extend the network.

Joseph said the Committee had discussed moving the Bus Replacement project up to FY22. Joseph recalled Harrall's proposal of using those extra funds on county intersections along M-37.

TAP: No comments.

**FY2025**

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Harrall, referring to the NHPP Patterson, M-37 to Burton project, noted the funding amounts hadn't been updated since the last TPSG meeting. Joseph noted the change.

STP-Urban: No comments.

STP-Flex: No comments

NHPP: No further comments.

EDF-C: No comments.

STP-Rural: No comments.

CMAQ: No comments.

TAP: Joseph explained Alpine Township chose the 4 Mile Rd, Hachmuth to Yorkland project in this section.

**FY2026**

STP-Urban: No comments.

STP-Flex: Harrall said KCRC is going to combine the Myers Lake, 12 Mile Rd to 13 Mile Rd project with the STP-Urban Myers Lake 13 Mile Rd to 14 Mile Rd project. He added they would like to allocate \$66,250 of the Flex dollars to the STP-Urban project. Joseph suggested combining them into one project.

NHPP: No comments.

EDF-C: No comments.

STP-Rural: No comments.

CMAQ: No comments.

TAP: No comments.

Haagsma asked if the CMAQ dollars going to the traffic operations center were going to be funded by the state. Joseph said yes. Haagsma asked if that resulted in extra money. Joseph said no.



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Devries said there were pages submitted to the illustrative list that didn't show up. Joseph said staff will send out an updated illustrative list before the next Technical Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Naramore to approve the FY2023-2026 TIP as corrected. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Kevin Wisselink of The Rapid presented FY2023-2026 TIP candidate projects for Sections 5307, 5339, CMAQ, and Illustrative list.

Joseph asked if they have received any information about increases to 5307 or 5339. Wisselink said they did not have any official word.

**MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Lafave to approve The Rapid FY2023-2026 TIP Candidate Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dennis Kent of MDOT presented FY2023-2026 TIP candidate projects for years 2023 to 2026. Tyler Kent added bond project I-196 over Market Ave and Grand River bridge replacement is programmed for 2023-24 and is currently in the works. Dennis Kent added another bond project I-196 in Hudsonville which is programmed for 2022.

Devries asked if the US-131 interchange had to show up anywhere on the TIP. Dennis Kent said he's hesitant to put it on the TIP and couldn't answer right this second. Connors asked if it would help to throw it on as an illustrative project under Grand Rapids' name. Dennis Kent said it is something they are looking at.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Naramore to approve MDOT's FY2023-2026 TIP Candidate Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Laughlin, Committee Chair, adjourned the December 1, 2021 TPSG Subcommittee Meeting at 10:32 am.*

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A



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