

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
JOINT TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
Rapid Central Station Conference Room  
250 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Naramore, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the December 7, 2022, joint Technical/Policy Committee meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Sue Becker		Alpine Township
Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Mark Bennett		Tallmadge Charter Township
Tim Bradshaw		Caledonia Charter Township
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Scott Connors		City of Walker
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Karyn Ferrick		City of Grand Rapids
Jeff Franklin		MDOT
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County
Russ Henckel		Grand Rapids Charter Township
Brian Hilbrands	<i>Proxy for John Said</i>	City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	Cascade Charter Township
Jim Kirkwood		Ada Township
Doug LaFave		MDOT
Greg Madura		City of Lowell
Jim Miedema		City of Kentwood
Tim Mroz		City of East Grand Rapids
Josh Naramore		Alpine Township
Jeff Oonk	<i>Proxy for Nicole Hofert</i>	OCRC
Casey Ries		The Right Place
Darrel Schmalzel		City of Grand Rapids
Terry Schweitzer		City of Wyoming
Rick Solle		City of Wyoming
Rick Sprague		GRFIA
Jeff Thornton		City of Walker
Cameron Van Wyngarden		City of Kentwood
Luke Walters		Plainfield Charter Township
Steve Warren		KCRC
Kevin Wisselink		Village of Caledonia
		Plainfield Charter Township
		MDOT
		Kent County Road Commission
		The Rapid

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Clover Brown  
Andrea Faber  
Mara Gericke  
Laurel Joseph  
Tyler Kent  
Peter Kimball  
George Yang  
Mike Zonyk

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**Voting Members Not Present**

Mike Burns  
Michael DeVries  
Adam Elenbaas  
Shay Gallagher  
Kevin Green  
Tim Haagsma  
Jerry Hale  
Bryan Harrison  
Nicole Hofert  
Jim Holtvluwer  
Ken Krombeen  
Melissa LaGrand  
Bill LaRose  
Brett Laughlin  
Matt McConnon  
Robert Miller  
Clint Nemeth  
Tom Noreen  
Rob Postema  
John Said  
Dan Strikwerda  
Julius Suchy  
Charlie Sundblad  
Ben Swayze  
Don Tillema  
Laurie Van Haitsma  
Phil Vincent  
Rod Weersing  
Mike Womack  
Member Awaiting Appointment  
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City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Charter Township  
Allendale Charter Township  
Village of Sparta  
Algoma Township  
Gaines Charter Township  
Lowell Charter Township  
Caledonia Charter Township  
City of Wyoming  
Ottawa County  
City of Grandville  
Kent County  
City of Cedar Springs  
OCRC  
Courtland Township  
City of Hudsonville  
GRFIA  
Nelson Township  
City of Wyoming  
Ada Township  
City of Hudsonville  
Ada Township  
City of Grandville  
Cascade Charter Township  
Byron Township  
Jamestown Charter Township  
City of Rockford  
Georgetown Charter Township  
City of Cedar Springs  
Gaines Charter Township  
City of Rockford  
City of Wyoming  
Village of Sand Lake

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action will be deferred until the Technical and Policy Committees meet individually.

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**IV. TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS**

**Referring to Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph introduced the amendments/modifications to the FY2023-2026 TIP that were described in the agenda package. They are as follows:

In late October, GVMC received updated funding allocations from MDOT for FY2023. In addition to solidifying the expected FY2023 revenue, MPOs were given the authority to program and spend a portion of carryover funds as MDOT's way of paying back the local program for spending more than 75% of the FY2022 August redistribution funding. In all, an additional \$2.5 million in funding needs to be programmed. The TPSG Subcommittee met on November 21 to develop programming recommendations for this funding. Today, the Technical and Policy Committees are tasked with reviewing and taking action on these recommendations.

Joseph presented Item IV: Attachment A, which shows the recommended adjustments to funding levels for FY2023 projects aligning with the general recommendation from TPSG. These recommendations absorb the funding into projects that are currently programmed to get everyone as close to maxed out for federal funding as possible. Most, if not all, of these changes will be able to be processed as administrative adjustments if approved by Committees, but staff will submit a TIP amendment package to MDOT/FHWA/FTA if necessary.

Additionally up for consideration is \$199,500 in HIP-COVID relief funding that needs to be obligated prior to the end of FY2024. TPSG has recommended that this funding be allocated to a FY2024 KCRC bridge project that includes bridge preventative maintenance work on three bridges: Rogue River Drive over the Rogue River, Packer Drive over the Rogue River, and Packer Drive over the White Pine Trail. This job was previously abandoned by MDOT to be funded with local funds, but if approved, staff will coordinate with MDOT to get it reprogrammed.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Schmalzel, to approve the TIP amendments/modifications as recommended by the TPSG Subcommittee.**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Joseph announced that there will be a combined Technical and Policy Committee meeting in January on the Policy Committee meeting date.
- Warren mentioned that currently MDOT has a call for projects to buy federal aid for FY2024. Warren asked if anyone is currently considering this. Joseph noted that some jurisdictions did participate in this for FY2023, but is unsure about FY2024.

- Warren noted that construction on the new Kent County Road Commission central complex facility should be complete by spring of 2023. KCRC is hopeful to host a Committee meeting at this facility in the summer or early fall of 2023.
- Harrall asked if there is an update regarding the Safe Streets for All grant. Joseph noted GVMC should hear back about the grant in January 2023.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Naramore adjourned the December 7, 2022, joint Technical/Policy Committee meeting at 9:43 a.m.