

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
The Rapid Conference Room
250 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW, Grand Rapids, 49503**

Cameron Van Wyngarden, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the March 20, 2024, meeting to order at 9:31 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Thad Beard		City of Rockford
Tim Burkman		City of Grand Rapids
Mark Bennett		Tallmadge Charter Township
Heather Bowden		MDOT
Tim Bradshaw		Caledonia Township
Zachary Fields		Allendale Charter Township
Karyn Ferrick		City of Grand Rapids
Lisa Golder		City of Kentwood
Ariana Jeske		City of Grand Rapids
Tyler Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
Doug LaFave, <i>Vice Chair</i>		City of Lowell
Greg Madura		City of East Grand Rapids
Kris Pachla		Alpine Township
Darrel Schmalzel		Kent County
Terry Schweitzer	<i>Proxy for Casey Ries</i>	City of Walker
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Rod Weersing</i>	City of Kentwood
Jeff Thornton		Kent County Road Commission
Steve Walkes	<i>Proxy for Mike Devries</i>	Gaines Township
Kevin Wisselink		Village of Caledonia
Cameron Van Wyngarden, <i>Chair</i>		Grand Rapids Township
		The Rapid
		Plainfield Charter Township

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Clover Brown	GVMC
Andrea Faber	GVMC
Mara Gericke	GVMC
Robert Johnson	GVMC
Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Peter Kimball	GVMC
Blake Wright	MDOT
George Yang	GVMC
Michael Zonyk	GVMC
Jayce Kim	Plainfield Township

Voting Members Not Present

Robert Arnoys
 Sue Becker
 Terry Brod
 Mike Burns
 Jerry Byrne
 Michael DeVries
 Francisco Garcia
 Kevin Green
 Jerry Hale
 Wayne Harrall
 Bryan Harrison
 Ken Krombeen
 James Lower
 Matt McConnon
 Tom Noreen
 Rob Postema
 Casey Ries
 Dean Smith
 Jade Smith
 Justin Stadt
 Dan Strikwerda
 Julius Suchy
 Don Tillema
 Rod Weersing
 Member Awaiting Appointment
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City of Wyoming
 Alpine Township
 Cannon Township
 City of Lowell
 Kent County Road Commission
 Grand Rapids Charter Township
 Ottawa County Road Commission
 Algoma Township
 Lowell Charter Township
 Grand Rapids Charter Township
 Caledonia Charter Township
 City of Grandville
 Village of Sparta
 Courtland Township
 Nelson Township
 City of Wyoming
 GRFIA
 Jamestown Charter Township
 Cascade Charter Township
 Georgetown Charter Township
 City of Hudsonville
 Ada Township
 Byron Township
 Gaines Charter Township
 City of Cedar Springs
 Village of Sand Lake

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Referring to Item II: Attachment A & B, Van Wyngarden entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15th, 2023, Policy Committee meeting and January 24th, 2024, combined Technical and Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by LaFave, to approve the Policy Committee minutes dated November 15, 2023, and combined Technical and Policy Committee minutes dated January 24, 2024. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A,

- MDOT requested approval for changes in added phases, year, and costs as identified in the agenda packet. The added CON phase for Phragmite control and the moving of the PE phase for Leonard St to FY26 are needing federal approval as line items. The added ROW phases for M-37 SB and US-131 are contributing to the need for a GPA threshold amendment for Trunkline Traffic

Operations and Safety, along with moving their M-37 project to FY24 for Signal Modernization.

- T. Kent provided updates on the projects from the S/TIP Exempt List.
- OCRC has been awarded bridge funds for Adams Street over Kampen-Struk Drain and needs to be added to the TIP. This has triggered a GPA amendment for Local Bridge.
- On behalf of Walker, KCRC and The Rapid the following administrative modifications to the FY2023-2026 TIP were requested and were presented to the Policy Committee for discussion. Staff estimates there will be no need for federal amendments or GPA threshold changes.
 - The City of Walker's FY24 Center Dr. Roundabout project has come in under budget, freeing up Carbon Reduction funds that will be flexed to The Rapid for buses in FY24.
 - KCRC is moving their 84th @ Cherry Valley project from FY24 to FY26, freeing up CMAQ funds to be flexed to The Rapid in FY24 for buses.
 - The Rapid will transfer CMAQ funds gained in FY24 back to KCRC in FY26 to better align with the timing of their 84th @ Cherry Valley project.
 - Joseph and Wisselink clarified the reasons for the swapping of funds.

MOTION by Schmalzel, SUPPORT by Pachla, to approve the TIP amendments and modifications requested by MDOT, Ottawa County Road Commission, Kent County Road Commission, Walker, and The Rapid. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Referring to Item V: Attachment A, Faber stated that staff has completed the first draft of the 2050 MTP and is asking for the Committee's approval to bring the document to the public for comment. Faber reviewed the milestones that have been completed up to this point and mentioned several upcoming public engagement opportunities.

MOTION by Thornton, SUPPORT by Sprague, to approve bringing the Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan forward for public comment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- Joseph mentioned the UPWP and asked the group for input on development.
- Joseph mentioned the Public Participation Plan will be updated.
- The Transportation Demand Management plan is done and will be used to fill in TDM tasks in 2025 UPWP.
- Committees and staff have a desire to work together on active transportation facilities.
- Joseph also mentioned the potential safety audit program. Schweitzer asked about staff capacity, Joseph mentioned that new staff is helping with workload.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Asset Management Vehicle Map Application

- Zonyk presented the recently developed pavement data condition application, which provides users with PASER data, and the data and images collected by GVMC's pavement data collection vehicle.
- Sprague mentioned that KCRC has used this application to show where there are deficiencies and help validate issues.

Safety Action Plan

- Joseph mentioned that the consultant has developed the draft high-injury network and is developing the high-risk network. The consultant team will be starting public engagement for the plan.

MDOT Updates

- T. Kent mentioned M-37 through the Village of Caledonia will begin development.
- T. Kent mentioned projects that will impact travel along US-131 this construction season, including directional closures. MDOT will host a virtual public meeting at the end of March regarding a project that will close US-131 at Plaster Creek in April/May.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Van Wyngarden adjourned the March 18, 2024, Policy Committee meeting at 9:54 a.m.