

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
Kent County Road Commission Offices | Commissioners Board Room  
1500 Scribner NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Conners, Subcommittee Chair, called the March 8, 2022 TPSG Subcommittee meeting to order at 1:00. Those present introduced themselves to the Subcommittee.

**Voting Members Present**

Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Scott Conners <i>(Chair)</i>		City of Walker
Mike DeVries		Grand Rapids Charter Township
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Shay Gallagher		Village of Sparta
Art Green		MDOT - GRTSC
Wayne Harrall		Kent County
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT- Grand Region
Jim Kirkwood		City of Kentwood
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Clint Nemeth		GFIAA
Jeff Oonk	<i>Proxy for Nicole Hofert</i>	City of Wyoming
		City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague		Kent County Road Commission
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Kevin Wisselink		ITP - The Rapid

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Sue Becker	Alpine Township
Brad Doane	GVMC Staff
Mara Gericke	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Nicole Hofert	City of Wyoming
Tyler Kent	MDOT
Bill LaRose	City of Cedar Springs
Robert Miller	City of Hudsonville
Liz Schelling	ITP – The Rapid
Charlie Sundblad	City of Grandville

Jeff Thornton  
Phil Vincent  
Luke Walters  
Steve Warren  
Member Awaiting Appointment

Village of Caledonia  
City of Rockford  
MDOT  
Kent County Road Commission  
Village of Sand Lake

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Referring to Item II: Attachment A,** Connors entertained a motion to approve the March 2, 2022, TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by M. DeVries, to approve the March 2, 2022 TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

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

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

**2023**

Joseph mentioned one miscalculation on STP-Urban funding that was allocated at the March 2, 2022 meeting. The City of Grand Rapids has an Advance Construct Conversion listed in 2023, which is being paid back that year. The correction being made changes federal funding to 100% instead of 81.85% Adjustments were made to get back into fiscal constraint with administrative modifications.

**TAP**

Joseph gave an update on the FY2023 TAP funding and asked the Subcommittee whether or not they would like to fund the currently programmed TAP projects at 80/20 to maximize federal funding. This was recommended due to the timeline of the TAP application process. The Subcommittee agreed to this for FY2023, however, the TAP funding discussion will continue for the remaining years. Joseph asked the Subcommittee whether any recommendations that come from the upcoming combined Nonmotorized / TPSG Subcommittee meeting should come back to the group ahead of the May Technical Committee meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to bring the recommendations straight to the May Technical Committee meeting rather than schedule another TPSG meeting.

Joseph presented the new FY2023 CMAQ / CRP funding based off of the recommendation made at the March 2, 2022 TPSG Subcommittee meeting to replace the lowered CMAQ funding with CRP funding. Harrall asked about the project criteria for CRP funding. Joseph noted that guidance lists projects as eligible if they are CMAQ eligible, as long as they do not add new capacity. D. Kent added

that a through lane could not be added, however, turn lanes, etc. could be eligible. As of now, there is no committee for this funding source similar to the one formed for CMAQ funding decisions.

## **2024**

### ***CMAQ and CRP***

Joseph noted that CMAQ funding will be reduced by \$712,721. It was recommended that this loss is supplemented with CRP funds. This leaves \$558,279 to be programmed. Conners recommended adding the funding to the City of Walker roundabout project at Center Dr at Weatherford Dr, east of Alpine Ave. It was suggested that more time be given to gather estimates for FY2025 and 2026 projects. The Subcommittee recommended that the funding be allocated to the City of Walker roundabout project.

### ***TAP***

\$850,742 in TAP funding remains unprogrammed. Joseph stated that the Kent County Road Commission Argo Ave project is working with Safe Routes to School, and due to the timeline, may need to be moved to FY2025. If so, this leaves a significant amount of funding to be put towards the Grand Rapids Township Crahen Valley Park Trail project.

Discussion ensued.

The Subcommittee recommended adding the full amount of FY2024 TAP funding to the Crahen Valley Park Trail Project and moving the Argo Avenue project from FY2024 to FY2025.

**MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Harrall to approve the FY2024 Adjustments as discussed to the Draft Program of Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **2025**

### ***STP-Urban***

It was suggested that the remaining \$748,000 is absorbed into currently programmed projects to get the projects as close to 80/20 as possible.

### ***STP-Flex-Kent Co.***

\$99,000 remains unprogrammed. It was suggested this funding be used for the City of Grand Rapids Ann St project to extend the limits.

### ***STP-Flex-TMA***

This funding includes former NHPP funding and totals \$373,000. It was previously recommended to go to the Kent County Road Commission West River Dr project. This is a FY2024 project with Advance Construct Conversion in FY2025.

***STP-Rural***

\$74,000 in STP-Rural funding is available. This can be absorbed into the Lincoln Lake Ave project, with the estimated project cost being raised from \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million.

***EDC***

\$140,000 remains unprogrammed with all projects maxed out at an 80/20 split. This funding can either be rolled over to a future year or added to a new project. A follow up is needed on allocating this funding.

***CMAQ and CRP***

Joseph confirmed with the Subcommittee that they would like to move forward with supplementing the lost \$712,721 in CMAQ funding with CRP, and leave the remaining \$558,279 unprogrammed for now. The Subcommittee asked for additional time to package together funding estimates and project proposals. Joseph asked that decisions are finalized at the upcoming combined Nonmotorized / TPSG Subcommittee meeting.

A discussion about proposed projects to receive this funding ensued.

***TAP***

It was suggested that funding is added to the City of Grand Rapids Fulton St project to bring it up to the full 70/30 split.

**MOTION by M. DeVries, SUPPORT by Schweitzer to approve the FY2025 TAP recommendation and FY2025 Adjustments as discussed to the Draft Program of Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2026**

***STP-Urban***

It was recommended that the \$773,000 be absorbed into currently programmed projects to get most to a 20% local match after an adjustment to the City of Walker Alpine Ave project to increase the total budget to \$1.2 million.

***STP-Flex TMA***

\$382,000 is available to program. Laughlin suggested using this funding to add two Ottawa County Road Commission projects back from the illustrative list to the project list. These projects, 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, will utilize the full \$382,000 available.

***STP-Flex-Kent Co.***

It was recommended the \$102,000 be absorbed into the Kent County Road Commission Myers Lake Ave project after a new cost estimate was made.

***Rural***

The \$76,000 can be absorbed into the currently programmed Kent County Road Commission Lincoln Lake Ave project.

***EDC***

There is approximately \$555,000 in FY2026 funding and additional carryover from previous years available. The Subcommittee agreed to allocate the \$49,285 to the Kent County Road Commission 10 Mile Rd project with the remainder used to add a project from the illustrative list.

Discussion about project eligibility ensued.

***CMAQ and CRP***

It was suggested that the lost CMAQ funding is supplemented with CRP, leaving \$644,281 unprogrammed.

The 36<sup>th</sup> and Schaffer roundabout project cost estimate is up to \$1.4 million. It was suggested that these funds could be used on this project to get it to an 80/20 split. Joseph will report on what is left at the combined Nonmotorized / TPSG Subcommittee meeting.

***TAP***

Decisions will be made at the combined Nonmotorized / TPSG Subcommittee meeting in April. Joseph will increase all projects to a 70/30 split and report back on what is left to program.

**MOTION by K. Bennett, SUPPORT by LaFave to approve the FY2026 Adjustments as discussed to the Draft Program of Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Conners, Subcommittee Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

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