

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Rapid Central Station Conference Room
250 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Bradshaw, Chair of the Technical Committee, called the May 4, 2022, meeting to order at 9:30 am. 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 <i>(Chair)</i>		Caledonia Charter Township
Scott Conners <i>(Vice Chair)</i>		City of Walker
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County
		Grand Rapids Charter Township
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
		City of Lowell
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Clint Nemeth		Gerald R. Ford Intl. Airport
Jeff Oonk	<i>Proxy for Nicole Hofert</i>	City of Wyoming
		City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Steve Warren</i>	Kent County Road Commission
		Kent County Road Commission
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville
Luke Walters		MDOT
Kevin Wisselink		ITP - The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Brad Doane	GVMC Staff
Mara Gericke	GVMC Staff
Art Green	MDOT
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Tyler Kent	MDOT
Terry Martin	Carrier and Gable
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Terry Brod	Cannon Township
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Mike Burns
Mike DeVries
Adam Elenbaas
Shay Gallagher
Kevin Green
Jerry Hale
Brian Hilbrands
Nicole Hofert
Jim Holtvluwer
Jim Kirkwood
Bill LaRose
Matt McConnon
Robert Miller
Tom Noreen
John Said
Rick Solle
Jeff Thornton
Don Tillema
Laurie Van Haitsma
Phil Vincent
Steve Warren
Rod Weersing

City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Charter Township
Allendale Charter Township
Village of Sparta
Algoma Township
Lowell Charter Township
Cascade Charter Township
City of Wyoming
Ottawa County
City of Kentwood
City of Cedar Springs
Courtland Township
City of Hudsonville
Nelson Township
Ada Township
Plainfield Charter Township
Village of Caledonia
Byron Township
Jamestown Charter Township
City of Rockford
Kent County Road Commission
Georgetown Charter Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Referring to Item II: Attachment A, Bradshaw entertained the following motion:

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by R. DeVries, to approve the March 2, 2022 Technical Committee Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A, Joseph introduced the amendments to the FY2020-2023 TIP that were described in the agenda package. They are as follows:

MDOT:

Joseph noted that a couple of MDOT projects are being added into the TIP. There will be a request to pre-approve a budget increase which will be included in the Policy packet for full review.

D. Kent shared that the fiscal years on two projects will be switched. These projects are the M-6 rehabilitation project and M-21 rehabilitation project. The M-21 project was moved from 2025 to 2022 for obligation and M-6 in to 2025, removing it from the current TIP and adding it to the FY2023-2026 TIP. The remaining amendments are due to project manager changes.

In addition, MDOT is requesting an amendment to JN 210038, a bridge project on I-196 over the Grand River and Market Ave. There is both a scope change and a cost increase.

ITP - The Rapid:

Joseph announced that the final FY2022 apportionments were received. Four existing jobs required adjustments and in addition, The Rapid qualifies for some additional funding. With this, three new projects were added. This has contributed to a GPA threshold increase for the FY2022 Transit Capital GPA. Joseph noted that one of the three jobs being added to the TIP is completely state funded (by EGLE), meaning it is not required to be added to the TIP. Joseph asked the Committee whether or not they would like it to be added. The Committee agreed to not require the project to be added to the TIP.

Hope Network:

The budget for Hope Network's FY2022 project increased, which triggered a GPA threshold amendment for the FY2022 Transit Capital GPA.

Georgetown Seniors:

Georgetown Seniors was awarded a project in FY2022. Adding it triggered a GPA threshold amendment for the FY2022 Transit Capital GPA.

Grand Rapids:

The City of Grand Rapids added a project (Turner Ave NW: 4th to Ann bikeway project) to FY2023 as part of the development process for the FY2023-2026 TIP. Since FY2023 overlaps both TIPs, staff is requesting to amend it into the current TIP as well as include it as part of the action related to the FY2023-2026 TIP.

Kent County Road Commission:

Kent County Road Commission added a project to FY2023 from the illustrative project list (100th St: East Paris to Patterson reconstruction project) as part of the development process for the FY2023-2026 TIP. Since FY2023 overlaps both TIPs, staff is requesting to amend it into the current TIP as well as include it as part of the action related to the FY2023-2026 TIP.

Harrall inquired about a project (28th St: Kraft to Cascade resurfacing project) in the illustrative list that the Kent County Road Commission would like to move to FY2023. Harrall asked about the TIP development and amendment timeline, and whether or not the project would best be added to the current FY2020-2023 TIP or the FY2023-2026 TIP. Because FY2023 is the overlap year, Joseph noted that there will be an amendment freeze that runs through October 2022. Walters noted that May is the last month for changes or amendments ahead of the freeze. Local approval can happen ahead of time, but federal approval can not take place ahead of October 2022.

Joseph recommended programming the project into an existing GPA, as it would only require an Administrative Modification. Harrall asked that the project go through the Policy Committee in May, rather than wait until October. Further details will be

provided ahead of the May 18th Policy Committee meeting and the project added to the FY2023-2026 TIP if approved by the Policy Committee.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by LaFave, to recommend approval of the TIP amendments requested by Georgetown Seniors, Grand Rapids, Hope Network, Kent County Road Commission, MDOT, and The Rapid, and to add the Kent County Road Commission project presented at the meeting to the FY2023-2026 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (FY2023-2026 TIP)

No public comments.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FY2023-2026 TIP

Referring to Item VI: Attachment A, Joseph thanked the GVMC staff and Committee members for the work that was put in to the FY2023-2026 TIP development effort. The full TIP document can be found on the GVMC website, meets all requirements, and is fiscally constrained. Joseph noted that the program includes a good list of projects that will improve the regional transportation system and work toward local, state, and federal goals.

On behalf of the Technical Committee, Bradshaw thanked the Metropolitan Council and GVMC staff members for guiding the Committee through the TIP development process, acknowledging there was more change during the development than ever before.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Conners, to approve the draft FY2023-2026 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Joseph reported that a component of the TIP development includes an Air Quality Conformity Report. This report is currently on the GVMC website and in the FY2023-2026 TIP document appendix for public review and comment.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.