

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022
Rapid Central Station Conference Room
250 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Bradshaw, Chair of the Technical Committee, called the November 2, 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
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Wayne Harrall		Kent County
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Brian Hilbrands		Cascade Charter Township
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
Jim Kirkwood		City of Lowell
Doug LaFave		City of Kentwood
Brett Laughlin		City of East Grand Rapids
Travis Mabry	<i>Proxy for Scott Connors</i>	Ottawa County Road Commission
Clint Nemeth		City of Walker
Jeff Oonk	<i>Proxy for Nicole Hofert</i>	Gerald R. Ford Intl. Airport
John Said		City of Wyoming
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Steve Warren</i>	City of Wyoming
Steve Waalkes	<i>Proxy for Mike Devries</i>	Ada Township
Luke Walters		Kent County Road Commission
Kevin Wisselink		Kent County Road Commission
		Grand Rapids Charter Township
		Grand Rapids Charter Township
		MDOT
		ITP - The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Clover Brown	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Mara Gericke	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Tyler Kent	MDOT
Peter Kimball	GVMC Staff
Terry Martin	Carrier and Gable

Tim Schneider
Aric Thorne
George Yang
Mike Zonyk

MDOT
Cascade Charter Township
GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Mike Burns
Scott Conners
Mike DeVries
Adam Elenbaas
Shay Gallagher
Kevin Green
Jerry Hale
Nicole Hofert
Jim Holtvluwer
Bill LaRose
Matt McConnon
Robert Miller
Tom Noreen
Rick Solle
Charlie Sundblad
Jeff Thornton
Don Tillema
Laurie Van Haitsma
Phil Vincent
Steve Warren
Rod Weersing

City of Lowell
City of Walker
Grand Rapids Charter Township
Allendale Charter Township
Village of Sparta
Algoma Township
Lowell Charter Township
City of Wyoming
Ottawa County
City of Cedar Springs
Courtland Township
City of Hudsonville
Nelson Township
Plainfield Charter Township
City of Grandville
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 K. Bennett, to approve the September 7, 2022 Technical Committee Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

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

MDOT:

MDOT is requesting approval for a GPA threshold change for their I-96 CPM project where money was added to match final estimates. This has triggered a GPA amendment for Trunkline Roads. Also, they are requesting to move their Leonard Street Traffic Safety signing project to the obligation date of 2023.

D. Kent noted that the M-37 project appears on the STIP exempt list because it is a state funded grant project. Joseph added that even though the construction phase is funded with state funds, it is a regionally significant project and should eventually be in the TIP.

Grand Rapids:

Grand Rapids is requesting to add two Transportation Alternatives projects to the TIP for FY2023. One is for the addition of a sidewalk/sidepath along Collindale Ave and the other is for adding flashing beacons at 6 intersections throughout the city. These were previously programmed during the TIP development process, but now that they've gone through MGS, they're officially being added to the TIP. This has triggered a GPA threshold amendment.

K. Bennett noted that the City of Grand Rapids projects are on track.

Kent County Road Commission:

Kent County Road Commission has been awarded Local Bridge money for their 18 Mile project over the Rogue River. This has triggered a GPA threshold amendment and needs committee approval. They have also purchased Cass County CRC Rural and Flex Funds and are adding them to their 100th St and Northland Drive projects respectively. Finally, KCRC is suspending their 28th St project between Kraft Avenue and Cascade Road that was set to use Montcalm CRC money, which they are no longer purchasing.

Harrall noted that the funding from Cass County may increase slightly. If the funding does increase, it will be allocated to the Northland Drive resurfacing project.

Harrall explained that as the 28th street project was developed, there were approximately \$100,000 in additional costs due to sidewalk and bus infrastructure that needed to be updated to meet ADA standards.

MOTION by Wisselink, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to approve the TIP amendments requested by MDOT, Grand Rapids, and the Kent County Road Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. MTP AMENDMENT

Referring to Item V: Attachment A, Faber introduced the MTP amendment that was described in the agenda packet. It is as follows:

MDOT is requesting to amend the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to accommodate a grant from the Michigan Legislature for a boulevard on M-37 from south of 92nd Street to north of 76th Street in Caledonia Township. This project is currently on the illustrative list in the MTP and includes connected road and bridge preservation, non-motorized, and operational and safety improvements.

Faber noted that GVMC has received one public comment regarding the M-37 project. Faber presented the Committee with a copy of the public comment.

D. Kent noted that MDOT is meeting with Kent County and GVMC next week to begin the formal environmental assessment process for the M-37 project.

MOTION by Bradshaw, SUPPORT by Waalkes, to approve the MTP amendment requested by MDOT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. 2023 SAFETY TARGETS

Referring to Item VI: Attachment A, Yang presented the state's safety targets for 2023 and provided GVMC data for comparison and discussion. Yang explained that GVMC has also established a regional safety goal to decrease all five performance measures.

Joseph explained that safety is a performance measure that needs to be updated annually. Since the federal targets are based on data and trends, those targets are not as aspirational as GVMC would like. Joseph added the MPO does not control safety funding, so if GVMC did establish their own regional targets, there would not be a funding source that could be utilized. Joseph stated it is staff's recommendation that GVMC continues to support state safety targets while also continuing to work toward regional goals to improve upon GVMC's baseline condition for all safety performance measures.

Joseph noted that GVMC is waiting to hear if GVMC will receive the Safe Streets for All safety action plan grant for the region. This planning document would require aspirational goals of attaining zero deaths.

Harrall inquired when the decision on the Safe Streets for All grant will be made by. Joseph noted it should be in January.

Joseph announced GVMC is working to get the safety committee together to do regional safety planning and policy work as a working group.

Walters thanked GVMC for presenting the regional targets to the Committee.

MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to adopt the state safety targets for FY2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA UPDATE APPLICATION

Referring to Item VII: Attachment A, Zonyk presented the GIS application and Excel table that has been developed to assist with the 2050 MTP SE data update/assignment process. The mapping application can be found here:

[Socioeconomic Data Resource Map - 2050 MTP \(arcgis.com\)](#). Zonyk asked the Committee for feedback on this mapping application. Discussion ensued.

Joseph noted that this virtual meeting option could be more efficient than in person meetings with paper maps.

Zonyk stated that GVMC will be reaching out to jurisdictions to see which would like to utilize this mapping application to allocate their growth, and which would like to continue to meet in person.

VIII. FREEWAY SAFETY SERVICE PATROL PRESENTATION

Schneider provided a presentation on MDOT's new Freeway Safety Service Patrol program. Schneider noted that MDOT has a three-year contract for the service, with extensions as an option. The service has been advertised through social media, news outlets, and the MDOT website.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan public survey closing soon (More information: www.gvmc.org/mtp)

Faber reminded the Committee that the MTP survey is closing on November 11th, 2022, and asked the Committee to take and share the survey.

2. Airport Access Study: TAC Meeting #3

Joseph noted that the third Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the Airport Access Study has happened. The Airport Access Study went through the second phase of public engagement. Joseph noted if anyone would like GVMC to brief their committees, commissions, or councils on the study to reach out.

3. New Fiscal Year 2023 Local Program Urban Allocations

Joseph presented a handout on the new FY2023 allocations for GVMC funding. The Committee decided on a combined December Committee meeting in order to take action on potential programming for these allocations.

4. MDOT Updates

No MDOT updates.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Bradshaw adjourned the November 2, 2022 Technical Committee meeting at 10:24a.m.