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## **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP**

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**Kent County Road Commission Offices  
Commissioners Board Room  
1500 SCRIBNER NW, GRAND RAPIDS**

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### **AGENDA**

- I. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—**ACTION**: Dated October 23, 2019 **Please refer to Item II: Attachment A**
- III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. **FY2020-2023 STP-URBAN PROGRAMMING REQUEST**—**DISCUSSION/ACTION**: The Subcommittee will be tasked with discussing and making a recommendation regarding a City of Rockford request to move their FY2020 project to FY2023  
**Please refer to Item IV: Attachment A**
- V. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP  
Wednesday October 23, 2019**

**Grand Valley Metro Council**

**678 Front Ave NW**

Laughlin, chair of the TPSG Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and the organization they represented.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Brett Laughlin (*Chair*)  
Tim Bradshaw  
Scott Conners  
Mike DeVries  
Wayne Harrall (*Vice Chair*)  
Terry Schweitzer  
Rick Sprague  
Charlie Sundblad  
Steve Warren

Ottawa County Road Commission  
City of Kentwood  
City of Walker  
Grand Rapids Township  
County of Kent  
City of Kentwood  
Kent County Road Commission  
City of Grandville  
KCRC

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Andera Faber  
Russ Henckel  
Nicole Hofery  
Itani Itani  
Laurel Joseph  
Dennis Kent  
Tyler Kent  
Brad Poane  
Kerri Smit  
Jeff Thornton  
Kevin Wisselink  
George Yang  
Mike Zonyk

GVMC Staff  
City of Wyoming  
City of Wyoming  
GVMC Staff  
GVMC Staff  
MDOT  
MDOT  
GVMC Staff  
GVMC Staff  
Village of Caledonia  
The Rapid  
GVMC Staff  
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**Voting Members Not Present**

Kristin Bennett  
Mike Burns  
Sharon DeLange  
Rick DeVries  
Bill Dooley  
Tom Doyle  
Adam Elenbaas  
Roy Hawkins  
Doug LaFave  
Bill LaRose

City of Grand Rapids  
City of Lowell  
Village of Sparta  
City of Grand Rapids  
City of Wyoming  
MDOT  
Allendale Township  
GRFIA  
East Grand Rapids  
City of Cedar Springs

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Sandy Stelma  
Dan Strikwerda  
Phil Vincent  
Conrad Venema

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**ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A**

Village of Caledonia  
City of Hudsonville  
City of Rockford  
ITP-The Rapid

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Laughlin entertained a motion to approve the August 27, 2019 TPSG meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Sprague, to approve the August 27, 2019 TPSG Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**III. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) PRIORITISATION OF DEFICIENCIES**

**Please refer to Item IV: Attachment A**

Itani explained to the committee that annual allocations of funds and projects need to be added to the 2045 MTP project list. There is currently a financial estimate of \$2.8 Billion available that includes local funds. Of those funds, \$463 million are Federal funds. Federal funds increase 2% per year.

Faber – Reviewed the agenda packet and advised the TPSG Committee on the process for the 2045 MTP. Faber mentioned that the process started by sending a survey out to the public. The feed back from the public was to improve roadway pavement condition, to use technology to reduce traffic congestion delays and to widen busy roads and interchanges.

**MTP Investment Priorities**

On Thursday, October 17, the MTP Steering Committee met and affirmed the following priorities for the 2045 MTP:

Priority	Rationale
<b>System Preservation (includes bridge*)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preserve the System</i> is a goal of the 2045 MTP.</li> <li>• Maintaining the system in a state of good repair (pavement and bridge) is a federal performance measure. GVMC has supported the State’s targets to show positive movement in this area.</li> <li>• Our infrastructure is crumbling, and as repairs are delayed, they become more costly.</li> <li>• Poor pavement condition creates a safety issue for all users of the transportation system.</li> <li>• In order to achieve a PASER rating of 5 (fair condition), we would need a 50% increase in the annual budget by the year 2030.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our public survey showed that the public’s top priority is improving pavement condition.</li> <li>• *Bridge rehabilitation activities are determined by the state and the locals.</li> </ul>
<b>Congestion Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhance Safety and Reduce Congestion</i> is a goal of the 2045 MTP.</li> <li>• Increasing the percentage of the person-miles traveled on the interstate and non-interstate NHS that are reliable is a federal performance measure, and GVMC supported the State’s targets to show positive movement in this area.</li> <li>• Improving the Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index is a federal performance measure, and GVMC supported the State’s targets to show positive movement in this area.</li> <li>• Not all busy roadways can be widened, so as population grows, promoting a transportation mode shift from a single occupancy vehicles (SOV) to transit or active modes of transportation would be beneficial in reducing congestion.</li> <li>• Based on the deficiency analysis, there is \$1.02 - \$1.52 billion in identified need to improve congestion in the GVMC region</li> <li>• Our public survey showed that the public’s second highest priority was using technology to reduce traffic congestion and delays, and the public’s third highest priority was widening busy roads and interchanges.</li> </ul>
<b>Nonmotorized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Further Develop an Efficient Multimodal System</i> is a goal of the 2045 MTP.</li> <li>• <i>Ensure Equity, Access and Mobility</i> is a goal of the 2045 MTP.</li> <li>• There is \$80 million in unfunded need for nonmotorized projects in the GVMC region.</li> <li>• Shifting toward nonmotorized modes of transportation can help alleviate congestion.</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enhance Safety and Reduce Congestion</i> is a goal of the 2045 MTP.</li> <li>• Reducing the number and rate of fatalities and serious injuries and nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads is a federal performance measure, and GVMC supported the state’s targets to show positive movement in this area.</li> </ul>
<b>Transit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Further Develop an Efficient Multimodal System</i> is a goal of the 2045 MTP.</li> <li>• Transit asset management is a federal performance measure.</li> <li>• Increasing transit and rideshare usage means less cars on the road and reduced congestion.</li> <li>• Our public survey showed that the public’s fourth highest priority is enhancing transit service.</li> </ul>

**Funding Sources**

The MTP Steering Committee agreed to fund these priorities in the following ways:

Priority	Fund Source
<b>System Preservation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STP Funds</li> <li>• STP Flex</li> <li>• NHPP</li> </ul>
<b>Congestion Management</b>	<p><i>Expand and Improve Projects:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STP Funds (Ottawa County Only)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STP Flex (EDFC) Kent County</li> <li>• NHPP</li> </ul> <p><i>System Signal Operations and Intersection Improvements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMAQ (less than 50% of available funds)</li> </ul>
<b>Nonmotorized</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All TAP funds</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STP Funds (\$50 million over the life of the plan proposed)</li> </ul>
<b>Transit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMAQ (at least 50% of all available funds)</li> <li>• FTA funds</li> </ul>

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Eligible Work</b>
<b>CMAQ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signal System Operations</li> <li>• Intersection Improvements</li> <li>• Transit (at least 50% of available funds)</li> <li>• Other eligible projects</li> </ul>
<b>NHPP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System preservation</li> <li>• Expand and improve</li> </ul>
<b>STP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System preservation</li> <li>• Other eligible deficiencies</li> <li>• Expand and Improve (Ottawa County only)</li> <li>• Safety (\$50 million over the life of the plan proposed)</li> </ul>
<b>STP FLEX</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System preservation</li> <li>• Expand and Improve (Kent County only)</li> </ul>
<b>TAP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonmotorized</li> </ul>
<b>FTA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit</li> </ul>

Yang discussed the congestion analysis.

Kent added that the MDOT list needed to be based on deficiencies and explained where the funds could be used on the MDOT projects.

Itani asked the committee to advise GVMC Staff on how projects need to be listed in the 2045 MTP project list. Schweitzer advised Staff that EDFC funding was not identified in the agenda packet. Staff looked up the EDFC numbers and presented it to the committee. Discussion ensued. Bradshaw asked when the project list be reviewed again, Itani answered that it would be in three years. Kent explained the project planning process to the TPSG Committee. From adding to the MTP then moving forward on the TIP and that most projects are estimates. Discussion ensued.

Discussion was had between Conners, Henckel and Staff on not understanding the current project list. Itani suggested that Staff for back and clear up the project list and meet again later. Conners asked to add volume and capacity to the list.

Warren asked the terminology for system preservation be changed to “maintain the system to a state of good repair”. Warren also asked if Staff could develop a list from a system standpoint. Peak hour, daily V/C ratios, etc. and to have it broken down by jurisdiction.

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**ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A**

Discussion on Safety was had by the TPSG Committee. Conners added that as a group the safety targets are already within the existing funding. Harall advised that most projects already include safety improvements. Itani asked the committee how Staff should move forward with the allocation. Warren asked if allocation is required. Itani explained. Discussion ensued.

At some point an analysis will be completed to ensure the performance measure targets are being met. Itani advised the TPSG Committee that the GVMC Staff will populate the tables from the projects and the project draft list will go to the Technical and Policy Committees for approval.

**MOTION by Henckel, SUPPORT by Wisselink, to approve revising the congestion deficient project list to include expand and improve projects and 24-hour and peak congestion as well as logical segments. This list will be resent to the TPSG Committee along with the 2040 MTP project list. The TPSG Committee will then let staff know where to place expand and improve projects on the project list. Staff will also proceed with programming funding bins for the 2045 MTP project list within band years based on today's discussion, which includes revising the CMAQ policy to allocate up to 50% of available funding for transit. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

City of Rockford is requesting to move project from FY2020 to FY2023.

M. DeVries reemphasized that the safety concern is a high priority for the TPSG committee.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment at 11:05

**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Warren to adjourn the October 23, 2019 TPSG Committee Meeting at 11:05am.**



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**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** October 30, 2019

**TO:** TPSG Subcommittee

**FROM:** Laurel Joseph, Transportation Planner

**RE:** **FY2020-2023 STP-Urban Programming Request**

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At the next TPSG meeting, which will take place on November 6, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Kent County Road Commission immediately prior to the Technical Committee meeting, the Subcommittee will be tasked with discussing and making a recommendation regarding a City of Rockford request (see attached) to move their FY2020 project to FY2023.

To maintain fiscal constraint, accommodating this move will require the same amount of federal funding to come out of FY2023 by either moving up other jurisdictions' projects into FY2020 or moving projects out of the TIP.

The federal funding associated with this project that will be considered for reprogramming is **\$396,000**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (616) 776-7610.

## Laurel Joseph

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**From:** Andrea Faber  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** Phil Vincent (pvincent@rockford.mi.us)  
**Cc:** Laurel Joseph  
**Subject:** FW: Rockford

Thanks for your email, Phil. I'm forwarding it to Laurel Joseph, who manages our TIP. There is next to no funding remaining in 2023, so we will need to find someone to trade projects with you to accommodate your request. Laurel is on vacation through tomorrow, but should be in contact with you about this later this week.

Andrea

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**From:** Phil Vincent [mailto:pvincent@rockford.mi.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2019 11:24 AM  
**To:** Andrea Faber <andrea.faber@gvmc.org>  
**Subject:** Rockford

Andrea,

The city of Rockford would like to see if we could move our 2020 STP project to 2023.

Courtland St./Northland Dr.

Courtland St from Monroe St to Northland

Dr. Northland Dr. from Courtland St. to Wolverine Blvd.

Resurface with misc. utility work and sidewalk improvements

City of Rockford \$ 396,000 \$ 99,000 \$ 4 95,000 80% 20% \$510,000 in non-participating  
sanitary sewer  
anticipated cost.

Thanks,



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