

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP  
Monday, November 21st, 2022  
Walker City Hall  
4243 Remembrance Rd NW, Walker, MI 49534**

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Conners, Chair of the Subcommittee, called the November 21st, 2022, Transportation Programming Study Group meeting to order at 10:32 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Subcommittee.

**Voting Members Present**

Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Scott Conners ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Walker
Shay Gallagher		Village of Sparta
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County
		Grand Rapids Charter Township
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Jim Kirkwood		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**

Clover Brown	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Tyler Kent	MDOT – Grand Region

**Voting Members Not Present**

Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Charter Township
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Charter Township
Nicole Hofert	City of Wyoming
Bill LaRose	City of Cedar Springs
Brett Laughlin	OCRC
Doug LaFave	City of East Grand Rapids
Robert Miller	City of Hudsonville
Clint Nemeth	GFIAA
Liz Schelling	ITP – The Rapid
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Dan Strikwerda	City of Hudsonville
Jeff Thornton	Village of Caledonia
Phil Vincent	City of Rockford
Steve Warren	Kent County Road Commission
Member Awaiting Appointment	Village of Sand Lake

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Referring to Item II: Attachment A, Connors entertained a motion to approve the August 30th, 2022, TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Sundblad, to approve the August 30th, 2022, TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**IV. FY2023 FUNDING— Referring to Item IV: Attachment A, Joseph presented the discussion on the FY2023 funding.**

GVMC recently received updated revenue targets for FY2023 as well as authority to spend some of the carryover funding as MDOT's way of paying back the local program for spending more than 75% of the FY2022 August redistribution funding. Additionally, up for consideration is \$199,500 in HIP-COVID relief funding that needs to be programmed and obligated prior to the end of FY2024. This was switched out for a different funding source in a FY2022 project and remains unprogrammed currently.

At this meeting, the TPSG Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing the FY2023 TIP list and making recommendations that will move forward for Technical and Policy Committee consideration at their combined December meeting.

***STP-TMA, STP- Flex Kent, STP-Rural, and STP-Flex-TMA***

Joseph noted a correction to the STP urban funding. Due to the Federal Aid Buyout of \$61,000, the amount of STP urban funding that needs to be programmed is now \$1,400,000.

Connors proposed to bring all the projects to 80/20; however, Joseph stated this would take \$2,000,000, so that cannot be accomplished. Connors instead proposed to increase funding percentages proportionally until all STP urban money is spent on existing projects that have not been maxed out yet. Harrall noted that the Kent County Road Commission would like their 100<sup>th</sup> Street project to be funded to the full 80/20. Joseph suggested they could use flex funds for this. Discussion ensued.

Henckel expressed concern regarding obligating funds for the Gezon Parkway project because the City of Wyoming is waiting on the survey to be completed. Discussion ensued.

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

Connors suggested the Alpine project for the City of Walker could be added back to FY2023 if needed. Harrall noted that the 28<sup>th</sup> Street project has received environmental clearance and this project could be moved quickly as well.

It was recommended that the STP-TMA, STP-Flex Kent County, STP-Rural, and STP-Flex-TMA funds are utilized as close to the maximum federal limit as possible.

### ***TAP***

Joseph explained there is \$3,600 in TAP funding that must be allocated to a project. It was recommended that the \$3,600 in TAP funding be allocated to the Collindale Avenue project for the City of Grand Rapids.

### ***CRP***

There is \$7,470 in CRP funds that must come out of a CRP funded project. The two CRP funded projects are the City of Grand Rapid's Turner Ave project and Kent County's 84<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout project. Bennett agreed to have the \$7,470 of CRP funding be decreased from the Turner Ave project.

### ***EDC***

The EDC target has been updated and is now approximately \$990,000; however, Joseph explained it is not necessary to make recommendations with EDC funds today.

Harrall requested that the \$650,000 in EDC funds be allocated to the Kent County Northland Dr. project. Joseph stated that due to utilizing EDC carryover funds, \$650,000 could not be allocated without impacting future year projects. However, the difference between the original target and the new target could be allocated, which is \$11,000. It was recommended to add \$11,000 in EDC funds to the Kent County Northland Drive project.

### ***HIP-COVID***

The HIP-COVID relief funding can be obligated in FY2024; however, that is the last year it can be utilized.

Bennett suggested applying the \$199,500 in HIP-COVID funds to the Turner Ave project to supplement the removal of the CRP funds, then the remaining HIP-COVID relief funds could be used to supplement other projects that are below 80/20. Discussion ensued.

Harrall noted that Kent County has a bridge project in FY2024 for Packer Drive and Rouge River Drive that is unfunded. If the HIP-COVID relief funds were allocated to this project, it could be obligated in FY2023 instead. Discussion ensued.

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Bennett inquired if there is an outcome where no one loses any project funding. It was then instead recommended to decrease the Kent County 84<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout CRP funding by \$7,470, and then allocate all \$199,500 of the HIP-COVID relief funding to the Kent County bridge in FY2024 instead.

Conners entertained a motion to allocate the FY2023 funding.

**MOTION by Kirkwood, SUPPORT by Harrall, to recommend to the Technical Committee to approve the FY2023 STP, EDC, CRP, TAP, and HIP-COVID relief funding allocations as discussed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Conners adjourned the November 21st, 2022, Transportation Programming Study Group meeting at 11:20 am.