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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

9:30 AM

The Rapid Central Station Conference Room
250 Grandville Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

AGENDA

Schweitzer, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the November 17, 2021, meeting to order at 9:37 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT-Grand Region City of Lowell
Melissa LaGrand		Kent County
Greg Madura		Alpine Township
Jim Miedema	<i>Proxy for Laurie Van Haitsma</i>	OCRC Jamestown Township
Josh Naramore, <i>Vice Chair</i>		City of Grand Rapids
Clint Nemeth	<i>Proxy for Casey Ries</i>	GRFIA GRFIA
Darrel Schmalzel		City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer, <i>Chair</i>		City of Kentwood
Luke Walters	<i>Proxy for Jeff Franklin</i>	MDOT-Statewide Planning MDOT
Steve Warren	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries Robert DeWard</i>	Kent County Road Commission Grand Rapids Charter Township Gaines Charter Township
Kevin Wisselink		The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Tyler Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Aman Pannu	GVMC
George Yang	GVMC



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Voting Members Not Present

Mark Bennett
Terry Brod
Mike Burns
Scott Connors
Dan Burrill
Jamie Davies
Michael DeVries

Robert DeWard
Adam Elenbaas
Karyn Ferrick
Jeff Franklin
Shay Gallagher
Kevin Green
Jerry Hale
Bryan Harrison
Jim Holtvluwer
Ken Krombeen
Doug LaFave
Matt McConnon
Tom Noreen
Rob Postema
Darrel Schmalzel
Rick Sprague
Dan Strikwerda
Julius Suchy
Ben Swayze
Don Tillema
Jeff Thornton
Laurie Van Haitsma
Cameron Van Wyngarden
Steve Warren
Rod Weersing
Mike Womack

Tallmadge Charter Township
Cannon Township
City of Lowell
City of Walker
City of Wyoming
City of Rockford
Grand Rapids Charter
Township
Gaines Charter Township
Allendale Township
City of Grand Rapids
MDOT
Village of Sparta
Algoma Township
Lowell Township
Caledonia Charter Township
Ottawa County
City of Grandville
City of East Grand Rapids
Courtland Township
Nelson Township
City of Wyoming
City of Walker
KCRC
City of Hudsonville
Ada Township
Cascade Charter Township
Byron Township
Village of Caledonia
Jamestown Township
Plainfield Township
KCRC
Georgetown Township
City of Cedar Springs

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schweitzer entertained the following motion:

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by LaGrand, to approve the September 15, 2021, Policy Committee minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A, Joseph introduced the following amendments/modifications to the FY2020-2023 TIP. They are as follows:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP projects listed in the attached pending projects and GPA summary. Two of these changes triggered a GPA threshold increase for the FY2022 Trunkline Traffic Operations and Safety GPA (shown in the summary attachment). MDOT is also requesting review of the S/TIP exempt project list, which has been modified to only show the projects that have undergone changes since the last Committee meeting.
- KCRC is requesting several changes to the FY2022 TIP, including adding a bridge project, moving a project to FY2022 from FY2023, moving an illustrative project in FY2022, removing a project from FY2022, and replacing it with a project from the illustrative list.
- The City of Grand Rapids has received funding for a FY2023 safety project and is requesting approval to add it to the TIP. This triggered a GPA threshold increase for the FY2023 Local Traffic Operations and Safety GPA.
- Staff, on behalf of The Rapid, is requesting a technical correction to a FY2022 Rapid project that needed to be moved from one GPA to another, triggering a GPA threshold increase to the FY2022 Transit Operating GPA.

D Kent added that two of the projects that had a price increase are related to the traffic operations center that is now operating 24/7. Another freeway project, Safety Service Patrol funded by FY2022, will be operational in FY2023. A presentation about this project will be shown to the committee as the project goes into its implementation phase. It is a service that will patrol the freeway and look for minor breakdowns and help with addressing incidents and incident clearing.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Wisselink, to approve the TIP amendments requested by MDOT, the Kent County Road Commission, The City of Grand Rapids, and The Rapid. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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V. **2022 SAFETY TARGETS**—GVMC staff presented the State’s safety targets for 2022 and provided GVMC data for comparison and discussion.

- Yang explained that the state safety targets for the federal performance measures are based on five-year rolling averages. MDOT’s safety performance targets are based on two models developed and maintained by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI). For both models, the economic factors, such as the GDP, median annual household income, the unemployment rate among 16-24 year olds, and alcohol consumption had the greatest impact at approximately 85 percent. The MPO is required to establish safety targets either by supporting the MDOT safety targets or by establishing our own traffic safety targets by February 27, 2022. Yang added that the five-year rolling average for the number of fatalities and the fatality rate has been decreasing, but the number of serious injuries has been increasing since the last few years. However, the average for nonmotorized serious injuries and fatalities have remained stable over the last few years.

Joseph added that, in addition to the performance-based measures compared to the state, staff looked at the safety funding that we received compared to our share of fatalities and injuries in the state. We received about 9% of the local safety funding and MDOT spent about 11.5% of the funding in the GVMC region. Both of these shares are higher than the number of serious injuries that occur in this region of the state. Joseph explained that the majority of the funds were spent on signal modernization upgrade projects, and the safety funds that the state is spending in our region were more diversified in terms of project types. She noted that our recommendation as staff would be that we continue to support the state targets as an MPO but also that we establish regional goals for reducing serious injuries and fatalities in our region as a parallel effort. Staff will continue to look at data and report back to the committee on the safety data for our region.

Madura asked a question regarding the nonmotorized crashes that if we differentiate between dedicated lanes and shared-use bike lane incidents. Naramore added 80% of the nonmotorized incidents happen within 100ft of intersections when looking at the statewide data, and not necessarily on dedicated/shared-use lanes. Joseph added that staff could explore this topic in more detail in the future.

LaGrand asked if it is possible to look at data specifically in the region. Joseph added that the GVMC’s interactive map application shows crashes



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from the last five years and there are filters that show fatalities, serious injuries, property damage, etc. by jurisdiction.

Discussion Ensued.

MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Naramore, to support MDOT statewide safety targets. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Naramore, to establish regional goals for safety for the MPO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. THE RAPID SAFETY PLAN AND TARGETS

Referring to Item VI: Attachment A, Joseph explained that The Rapid was required to develop and submit a public transportation agency safety plan (PTASP) by the end of July 2021 and provide it also to the MPO for its acknowledgement. As part of this acknowledgement the MPO should express its support for the transit agency safety targets that are included in this PTASP.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by LaGrand, to acknowledge and support The Rapid Transit Safety Targets. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The two-terms for the Committee’s chair and vice chair will expire at the end of the year, so the Committee will need to elect a new chair and vice chair. The committee selects Josh Naramore for Chair and Cameron Van Wyngarden for Vice Chair.

MOTION by Schmalzel, SUPPORT by LaGrand, to recommend Josh Naramore for Chair and Cameron Van Wyngarden for the Policy Committee Vice Chair. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Special Studies Update: Joseph gave an update that we are very close on developing a contract for the Airport Access Study. The draft contract will be directed to the board soon. The RFP is also out for the Transportation Demand Management Study and is available on the GVMC website, American Planning Association, Planetizen and Michigan Association of Planning website as well.



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- Nemeth made an announcement that the Airport authority is looking to hire an Airport Planner. He asked the committee members to circulate this job opening and recommend potential candidates.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Schweitzer, Chair of the Policy Committee, adjourned the November 17, 2021 Policy Committee meeting at 10:16am.