

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW, Grands Rapids, MI**

Schmalzel, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Darrell Schmalzel, <i>Chair</i>		City of Walker
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Karyn Ferrick		City of Grand Rapids
Jim Holtrop		City of Hudsonville
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Don Mayle Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
		MDOT
		City of Lowell
Ken Krombeen		City of Grandville
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Greg Madura		Alpine Township
Casey Ries		GFIAA
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	KCRC
		Grand Rapids Township
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Cameron Van Wyngarden		Plainfield Township
Steve Warren		KCRC
Kevin Wisselink	<i>Proxy for Andrew Johnson</i>	The Rapid
		The Rapid
Stephen Wooden		Kent County Commission

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Faber	GVMC
Abed Itani	GVMC
Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Terry Martin	Carrier & Gable
Kerri Smit	GVMC
George Yang	GVMC
Mike Zonyk	GVMC

Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman	Jamestown Township
Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Dan Burrill	City of Wyoming
Jamie Davies	City of Rockford

Michael DeVries
 Robert DeWard
 Adam Elenbaas
 Betty Gajewski
 Rachel Gokey
 Kevin Green
 Tim Grifhorst
 George Haga
 Jerry Hale
 Bryan Harrison
 Jim Holtvluwer
 Tom Hooker
 Andrew Johnson
 Brett Laughlin
 Don Mayle
 Jim Miedema
 Josh Naramore
 Tom Noreen
 Rob Postema
 Julius Suchy
 Ben Swayze
 Jeff Thornton
 Toby VanEss
 Rod Weersing
 Mike Womack
 Member awaiting appointment

Grand Rapids Charter Township
 Gaines Charter Township
 Allendale Township
 OCRC
 Village of Sand Lake
 Algoma Township
 Tallmadge Township
 Ada Township
 Lowell Township
 Caledonia Charter Township
 Ottawa County
 Byron Township
 The Rapid
 OCRC
 MDOT
 OCRC
 City of Grand Rapids
 Nelson Township
 City of Wyoming
 Village of Sparta
 Cascade Charter Township
 Village of Caledonia
 Tallmadge Township
 Georgetown Township
 City of Cedar Springs
 Courtland Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Van Wyngarden, to approve the September 18, 2019 Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. POLICIES AND PRACTICES DOCUMENT REVISION

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained that Staff is requesting the Committee review and recommendation for approval of the revised Non-Motorized section of the Policies and Practices for Programming Projects document.

As part of the MTP update process, staff reviews the Policies and Practices document to ensure the MPO’s policies and practices align with the goals and objectives of the MTP.

Staff has completed this review and updated the Non-Motorized section, which referred to specific objectives from the 2040 MTP that were not retained in the 2045 MTP goals and objectives as a result of the significant effort that was made to condense the MTP’s goals

and objectives. This reduction in the number of Plan goals and objectives was a recommendation that came out of the MPO's last federal certification review.

Joseph also noted the modifications made, which included adding the language "new" to the statement "as opposed to a roadway project that includes 'new' bike/pedestrian facilities."

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by LaFave, to accept the POLICIES AND PRACTICES DOCUMENT REVISION with the change to the statement adding the word "new." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. 2045 MTP DEFICIENCIES AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** Faber advised that Staff will present the findings of GVMC's modal needs analysis. To determine current and future transportation need by mode, GVMC worked with various stakeholders from organizations representing transit, passenger rail, air travel, freight movement, and non-motorized modes of transportation. As part of this effort, staff also analyzed deficiencies for pavement and bridge condition, traffic congestion, safety and reliability for all users of the transportation system based on the performance measure targets the Committee has previously supported. These analyses will be the basis for proposing solutions to meet the current and forecasted transportation needs by mode and deficiencies for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

The modal analysis was open for public comment through Tuesday, October 15. Two comments were received and addressed, and the Technical Committee recommended that a subgroup meet to revise and enhance the analysis based on feedback provided at the meeting before presenting the document to the Policy Committee for approval. The subgroup met on Wednesday, October 9, and the results of that meeting have been incorporated into the attached needs and deficiencies analysis. For more information, or to submit comments, please visit www.gvmc.org/mtp. A corresponding map is also available on this webpage.

Endorsing the analysis will allow staff to move forward with the next phases of MTP development, which include selecting preferred alternatives to address current and projected system needs and deficiencies and creating a financially constrained project list.

Yang discussed Congestion and Safety. Itani followed up on the process and how the federal funds are figured and distributed. Zonyk advised the committee on the conditions and explained the scenarios. \$41 million was estimated as a base line for federal roads. Itani continued with discussion of the congestion analysis.

Staff asked Committee for comments:

Ferrick asked if funds could be able to compete with other funds including CMAQ funding. Itani answered. Faber followed up by advising that CMAQ funds are still being received. However only half the funds. Wooden asked about TAP funds; staff advised that TAP funds are not for transit. Kent followed up on CMAQ funds. Discussion ensued. Ferrick asked about the safety assessment. Itani advised that it is unknown how much the funds are for safety and it has not been discussed. Kent followed up on the discussion. Itani also addressed safety, local and federal funding. Discussion ensued. Ferrick asked about the comment period. Faber provided an explanation.

Schmalzel asked about the tables listed in the back of the agenda packet and how they were ranked. Yang responded and discussion ensued. Faber added that a survey was completed, and pavement condition was the number one concern from the public. Congestion was also a concern. Warren asked to see a copy of the survey. Faber agreed to send the results.

Schweitzer asked that the impact of the marijuana law be added to the distracted driver section.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Madura, to approve the revised draft of the 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Faber advised the committee that GVMC's consultation plan was open for comment and it is located on the GVMC website. It will be out for review until October 31st.

Itani announced Jim Holtrop's retirement.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the October 16, 2019 Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Holtrop SUPPORT by Madura, to adjourn the October 16, 2019 Policy Committee meeting at 10:10 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.