

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW, Grands Rapids, MI**

Schmalzel, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Darrell Schmalzel, <i>Chair</i>		City of Walker
Dan Burrill		City of Wyoming
Karyn Ferrick		City of Grand Rapids
Jim Holtrop		City of Hudsonville
Tom Hooker		Byron Township
Andrew Johnson		The Rapid
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Eric Mullen</i>	MDOT
		MDOT
Greg Madura		Alpine Township
Josh Naramore		City of Grand Rapids
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Wayne Harrall</i>	KCRC
		Kent County
Julius Suchy		Village of Sparta
Ben Swayze		Cascade Charter Township
Cameron Van Wyngarden		Plainfield Township
Steve Warren	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	KCRC
		Grand Rapids Township
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township
Stephen Wooden		Kent County Commission

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Amanda Chatel	Public Transit User
Andrea Faber	GVMC
Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Terry Martin	Carrier & Gable
Don Mayle	MDOT
Norm Sevensma	RWBC-WMEWAC
Kerri Smit	GVMC
Dan Strikwerda	City of Hudsonville
George Yang	GVMC
Mike Zonyk	GVMC

Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman	Jamestown Township
Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Terry Brod	Cannon Township
Mike Burns	City of Lowell

Jamie Davies
 Michael DeVries
 Robert DeWard
 Adam Elenbaas
 Betty Gajewski
 Rachel Gokey
 Kevin Green
 Tim Grifhorst
 George Haga
 Jerry Hale
 Bryan Harrison
 Jim Holtvluwer
 Ken Krombeen
 Doug LaFave
 Brett Laughlin
 Jim Miedema
 Eric Mullen
 Josh Naramore
 Tom Noreen
 Rob Postema
 Casey Ries
 Terry Schweitzer
 Sandy Stelma
 Toby VanEss
 Mike Womack
 Member awaiting appointment

City of Rockford
 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
 City of Grandville
 City of East Grand Rapids
 OCRC
 OCRC
 MDOT
 City of Grand Rapids
 Nelson Township
 City of Wyoming
 GFIAA
 City of Kentwood
 Village of Caledonia
 Tallmadge Township
 City of Cedar Springs
 Courtland Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the May 15 and July 17, 2019 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Suchy, SUPPORT by Naramore, to approve the May 15 and July 17, 2019 Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FY2017- 2020 AND FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained that MDOT, Kentwood, Kent County Road Commission, Grand Rapids, and staff on behalf of Ottawa County and GVMC are requesting to amend/modify the FY2017-2020/FY2020-2023 TIP. Any action taken on FY2020-2023 projects will not go into effect until the FY2020-2023 TIP has final approval and becomes active. Here are the specific requests:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached summaries. Please note that projects with the date of 6/6/2019 in the “Local Fed Approval Date” column were previously acted upon during the development of the FY2020-2023 TIP. Pending jobs without the 6/6/19 approval date have been highlighted

for Committee reference. MDOT is also requesting Committee review of the S/TIP exempt project list.

Kent explained all the details of the MDOT requests to the Committee.

Strikwerda advised the Committee that the City of Hudsonville may need to change its limits depending on funding.

Joseph continued to address the remaining requests.

- The City of Kentwood is requesting to increase the budget for a FY2020 project. This increase will not change the federal funding associated with the project.
- Kent County Road Commission is requesting to move a project from the illustrative list into FY2020 to utilize STP Rural funds they are purchasing from Montcalm County.
- The City of Grand Rapids is requesting a TIP amendment to reduce the budget of a 2019 project by more than 25%. The federal amount will not change.
- Staff on behalf of Ottawa County Road Commission is requesting to change the funding source of a 2019 local bridge project from federal to state. This has triggered a GPA threshold amendment in the 2019 Local Bridge GPA. However, being so close to the end of the fiscal year, it is likely this project will need to move to FY2020, so that should be considered by the Committee.
- Staff is requesting Committee review and approval of a technical correction amendment to the FY2020 Planning Studies project. This project was transferred into JobNet from the E-file in the incorrect phase type. Therefore, the original job number needs to be abandoned and a replacement job has been created.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to accept the FY2017-2020 AND FY2020-FY20-23 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. 2045 MTP VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIONS

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** Faber advised the committee that one of the first steps in updating the MTP is to review the vision statement, goals and objectives to assure that they remain relevant and satisfy federal transportation planning factors. The goals and objectives in the 2040 MTP were too long and needed condensing. Taking into consideration the 10 planning factors from the FAST Act, data from the recent MTP survey, and performance-based planning requirements, the revision process began. The MTP Steering Committee met on Monday, August 26 to further refine them and the unanimously approved vision, goals and objectives are included in your agenda packet. Staff is asking for the committee to review and approve.

Naramore requested to strike the word “alternative” and use another term, such as “active.” Johnson followed up by suggesting the term “modes”.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Warren, to approve the revised 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND

**OBJECTIVES with the term “alternative” being substituted with another term.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VI. FY2020-2023 DRAFT TAP PROJECT LIST

Referring to **Item VI: Attachment A** Joseph explained the proposed non-motorized projects and that they have gone through the non-motorized, TPSG and Technical Committees. Changes were made after the Technical meeting due to the City of Wyoming's notification that the FY2020 Plaster Creek project will not be ready for obligation in that year so it was moved to FY2021. Staff is asking the Policy Committee to review and take action to support the attached pool of projects and to move forward in the MGS application system and go through the MDOT technical review process for potential regional TAP funding. Staff is asking for an action of support to move forward.

**MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Johnson, to approve to move forward with the
FY2020-2023 DRAFT TAP PROJECT LIST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Faber discussed the e-mail that was sent to the Committee with the request for financial information for the long-range plan. Also advised them if they had questions to let staff know. Naramore asked that the week deadline of the request be extended. Schmalzel asked if this was new to request financial information for the long range plan. Faber discussed.

Zonyk gave an update on the MPO.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the September 18, 2019 Policy Committee meeting at 10:56 am.

**MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Burrill, to adjourn the September 18, 2019 Policy
Committee meeting at 10:56 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**