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MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Grand Valley Metro Council

678 Front Ave NW

The TPSG committee members elected Conners to Chair this meeting in Laughlin’s absence.

Conners, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Voting Members Present**

Wayne Harrall	<i>(Vice Chair)</i>		County of Kent
Tonya Baker		<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Cedar Springs
		<i>Bill LaRose</i>	City of Cedar Springs
Kristin Bennett			City of Grand Rapids
Scott Conners			City of Walker
Mike DeVries			Grand Rapids Township
Rick DeVries			City of Grand Rapids
Tom Doyle			MDOT
Jeff Oonk		<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Wyoming
		<i>Bill Dooley</i>	City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer			City of Kentwood
Conrad Venema			ITP-The Rapid

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Steve Hartman		Hope Network
Abed Itani		GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph		GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent		MDOT Grand Region
Kerri Smit		GVMC Staff
Rick Sprague		Kent County Road Commission
Kevin Wisselink		ITP-The Rapid

**Voting Members Not Present**

Tim Bradshaw		City of Kentwood
Mike Burns		City of Lowell
Sharon DeLange		Village of Sparta
Bill Dooley		City of Wyoming
Adam Elenbaas		Allendale Township
Roy Hawkins		GRFIA
Doug LaFave		East Grand Rapids
Bill LaRose		City of Cedar Springs
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Sandy Stelma		Village of Caledonia

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Dan Strikwerda  
Charlie Sundblad  
Phil Vincent  
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**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Connors entertained a motion to approve the December 3 and 5, 2019 TPSG meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by DeVries, besides a couple minor changes to spelling, to approve the December 3 and 5, 2019 TPSG Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**III. PROGRAMMING OF PROJECTS FOR FY2019 STP – Urban Funds**

DISCUSSION/ACTION: The Committee will be asked to program under-programmed 2019 STP – Urban funds.

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

Joseph explained that when originally programing the 2017/2020 TIP the allocation assumption was that the funds would be 8.2 million for STP however it was actually 8.7 million for 2019. Which is a surplus of \$484,322 and will be excepting proposals from the committee on how to allocate the funds.

Itani also advised on several options to use the funding.

Harrall asked if adding to existing projects that have not been obligated if it can be done as an administrative change. Joseph replied by saying yes and explained that as long as the total cost of the project does not go up or down by more than 25%, if you’re messing with match. It would be an administrative adjustment (admin mod)

Harrall presented his proposal on the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge replacement project that is in the TIP as an MDOT project. Kent discussed the trail and the funds associated with that part of the project. Itani asked if this entire project was currently in the TIP. Kent replied that it was and it is all under the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project, to include bridge, trail and approaches. Discussion ensued.

ITP advised that if they were given the funds they could buy another bus.

DeVries offered the Hasting Street project for the funding. Grand Valley recently opened a new training facility on Hastings along with additional building. When the traffic study was performed it was advised to have traffic going both ways on Hastings all the way to College Ave to allow

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Michigan Street to continue to work properly. \$182,000 is the requested amount and DeVries added the Federal funding would be helpful.

Discussion’s continued including discussion on obligation authority issues. Harrall explained more details regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Project including the truck traffic and the pedestrian traffic. Bennett expressed her concern of not having the trail connect and pedestrian traffic would be directed to heavy traffic with nowhere to go safely.

Conners recapped the proposal for the funds:

- o Allocate \$183,000 to the City of Grand Rapids Hastings Street project (Prospect to College reconstruction), which is currently significantly over-matched. *New federal amount would be \$630,450 and the new local participating amount would be \$1,588,499. Total project cost won’t change.*
- o Allocate the rest (\$301,322) to KCRC for their portion of the approach work on the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project. *This work is being done under the Trunkline bridge replacement project that is currently in the TIP, and therefore the funding would be transferred to an MDOT funding template.*
- o If for some reason the Grand Rapids is unable to make obligation in 2019, the subcommittee recommends flexing the unobligated amount to ITP to go toward the purchase of a bus.

**MOTION by DeVries, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to approve the \$484,322 STP-Urban Funds.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn 9:43