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## **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

1:00 PM

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

### **AGENDA**

Laughlin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### **I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

##### **Voting Members Present**

Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Bradshaw (Vice Chair)		Caledonia Township
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Rick Devries		City of Grand Rapids
Shay Gallagher		Village of Sparta
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for Mike Devries</i>	Kent County Road Commission
		Grand Rapids Charter Township
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT- Grand Region
		City of Lowell
Jim Kirkwood		City of Kentwood
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Brett Laughlin (Chair)		OCRC
Jeff Oonk	<i>Proxy for Nicole Hofert</i>	City of Wyoming
		City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague		Kent County Road Commission
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville

##### **Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Bradley Doane	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Art Green	MDOT
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Aman Pannu	GVMC Staff



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George Yang  
Mike Zonyk

GVMC Staff  
GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Brad Boomstra  
Mike Burns  
Mike DeVries  
Adam Elenbaas  
Jeff Franklin  
Rachel Gokey  
Steve Hartman  
Nicole Hofert  
Joan Konyndyk  
Bill LaRose  
Travis Mabry  
Robert Miller  
Jon Moxey  
Clint Nemeth  
Steve Peterson  
Liz Schelling  
Max Smith  
Jeff Thornton  
Phil Vincent  
Steve Warren  
Kevin Wisselink  
Mike Womack

City of Kentwood  
City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Charter Township  
Allendale Township  
MDOT  
Village of Sand Lake  
Hope Network West Michigan  
City of Wyoming  
Hope Network West Michigan  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Walker  
City of Hudsonville  
Village of Caledonia  
GFIAA  
Cascade Charter Township  
ITP – The Rapid  
Hope Network West Michigan  
Village of Caledonia  
City of Rockford  
Kent County Road Commission  
The Rapid  
City of Cedar Springs

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Laughlin entertained a motion to approve the April 23, 2021, TPSG minutes.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Sprague, to approve the TPSG Subcommittee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**IV. PROGRAMMING OF PROJECTS FOR FY2023-2026 TIP**

**Referring to Item IV: Attachment A:** Joseph explained that programming decisions can be made for STP-Urban, STP-Flex, EDF-C, NHPP, and CMAQ funds for all the years of the next TIP. Joseph added that the CMAQ projects



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have to go into JobNet in draft form by December 1, 2021, so that the statewide CMAQ committee can evaluate projects and make sure that they are eligible for CMAQ funds. Joseph stated that the infrastructure bill has also passed at the federal level and that will have unknown impacts. It is anticipated that with the new infrastructure bill, the funding targets will go up from FY2022 and will impact the current TIP and the one that is presently under development. For FY2023-2026 STP-Rural programming, GVMC staff will plan to have a separate meeting at a later date. The proposed pool of TAP projects for FY2023-2026 needs to be developed by the Nonmotorized Committee prior to consideration by TPSG and will be addressed by that group between TPSG meetings.

### **FY2023**

STP Urban: Joseph explained that there are some new/modified submissions, and we are currently overprogrammed by around \$1 million, partially because of the new/modified projects and because the target went down slightly. The committee discussed to move and change projects to meet the new federal funding target for FY2023.

Discussion ensued.

Laughlin recommended to adjust the local matches to accommodate the overprogrammed amount. Conners added that the local matches can be adjusted later if there is an increase in the target due to the federal infrastructure bill.

STP-Flex FY2023: Henckel agreed to update the federal amount for the Gezon Parkway project to reflect the new federal target amount.

NHPP FY2023: Henckel agreed to update the 54<sup>th</sup> Street project to reflect the updated federal target amount.

EDF-C FY2023: The surplus from the EDF-C FY2023 will be carried over to FY2024.

CMAQ FY2023: \$100,000 from the carryover CMAQ funds are requested to be added to ITP's replacement bus project. The remainder of the carryover funds are to be added to the City of Grand Rapids' signal optimization project on Market Ave.

**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by LaFave, to approve the FY2023 draft project lists for the FY2023-2026 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **FY2024**



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STP-Urban: Joseph explained that this category is overprogrammed by \$8.4 million. Joseph recommended projects be moved to other funding sources to accommodate the federal target amount.

Discussion ensued to move projects from STP Urban to STP Flex and NHPP to meet the federal targets in each category.

STP-Flex FY2024: Conners recommended to move the Kinney Ave project from the STP-Urban list to the STP-Flex list for FY2024 and update the federal amount to reflect the federal target, with support by Henckel.

NHPP FY2024: Rick DeVries requested to move the Division Ave project from the STP-Urban list to NHPP and lower the federal amount to reflect the target amount for NHPP funds.

EDF-C FY2024: Joseph noted that the traffic volumes on both the projects listed in this category do not meet the eligibility requirements. She added that the decision can be deferred to the next meeting if more time is required by members to discuss this category. Zonyk confirmed that the latest volumes for the projects are under the eligibility requirement. The Committee agreed to defer the decision until the next meeting.

CMAQ FY2024: Joseph noted that there is a surplus in this category. Conners requested the mid-block crossing projects for the regional trail system to be moved from the illustrative list to the CMAQ FY2024 list. Haagsma and Bennett requested to add the Buchanan and Kirtland project to this list and update the federal amount to reflect the target amount.

Laughlin recommended to adjust the local matches to accommodate the remainder of the federal target amount.

**MOTION by Rick DeVries, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to approve the project lists for FY2024 in the FY2023-2026 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FY2025**

STP-Urban: Joseph noted that there is an overage of \$4 million in this funding category. She noted a project that can be moved to a different category to accommodate the federal target. Henckel recommended to move the Burlingame Ave Project from 52<sup>nd</sup> St. to Gezon Parkway to the illustrative list. Laughlin requested to move the 28<sup>th</sup> Ave project to the STP-Urban FY2026 list. Harrall recommended to move the Myers Lake project to the STP-Flex FY2026 project list.

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STP-Flex: Rick DeVries agreed to move the Ann Street project to the STP-Flex category.

The Committee agreed to adjust the match for the projects to accommodate the remaining overage for the federal target amount.

NHPP: Harrall agreed to update the federal amount to accommodate the surplus on the Patterson Avenue project.

EDF-C: Joseph noted that 76th Street widening projects do not meet the traffic volumes requirement. The Committee agreed to discuss these projects at the next meeting.

CMAQ: Joseph noted that there is surplus in this category. Bennett asked if signal detection is eligible for CMAQ funding. Kent answered that it would probably be eligible if it is new detection. Joseph added that funding for The Rapid does not add up to half of the CMAQ funding, so the remainder of the funding will be added towards The Rapid projects.

**MOTION by Bradshaw, SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the FY2025 amendments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FY2026**

STP-Urban: Laughlin requested to remove the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue projects and add them to the illustrative list. Conners recommended to lower the total amount on the Alpine Avenue project. Conners also requested to remove the 84<sup>th</sup> Street from Broadmoor Avenue to Thornapple Rive Drive project and move it to the illustrative list.

STP-Flex: Joseph noted that the flex category has already been overprogrammed. Note from above, Myers Lake Avenue project has been added to this category from STP-Urban in FY2025.

NHPP: Harrall recommended to remove the Kalamazoo Ave project from this category and be moved to the illustrative list. He also requested that the surplus from this category be added to the Division Ave project.

CMAQ: Schweitzer asked Kent if the 36<sup>th</sup> & Shaffer project will be eligible for CMAQ funds. Kent answered that the roundabout portion of the project is eligible, but the road diet is not eligible for these funds. Kent recommended to remove road diet from the project description. Joseph recommended to adjust the local matches to meet the FY2026 target.



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**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Strikwerda to approve the FY2026 project lists for the FY2023-2026 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Laughlin, Committee Chair, adjourned the November 10, 2021, TPSG Sub-committee Meeting at 2:30pm.*