

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 04, 2020
Video Conference**

Laughlin, Technical Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. No introductions were necessary as all motions would be called to question by a roll call vote.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**Voting Members Present**

Sue Becker		Alpine Township
Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Bradshaw (<i>Vice Chair</i>)		City of Kentwood/ Caledonia Twp.
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Jerry Hale		Lowell Township
Wayne Harrall		Kent County/ County of Kent
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Brian Hilbrands		Cascade Township
Nicole Hofert		City of Wyoming
Tom Hooker		Byron Township
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Mike Burns</i>	City of Lowell
Tyler Kent		MDOT
James Kilborn	<i>Proxy for</i>	Ottawa County
	<i>Jim Holtvluwer</i>	Ottawa County
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Robert Miller		City of Hudsonville
Clint Nemeth	<i>Proxy for</i>	GFIAA
	<i>Roy Hawkins</i>	GFIAA
Julius Suchy		Village of Sparta
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville
Laurie VanHaitsma		Jamestown Township
Steve Warren		Kent County Road Commission
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township
Kevin Wisselink		ITP-The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Janet Arouicci	MDOT
Brad Doane	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Jeff Franklin	MDOT

Art Green
Laurel Joseph
Laura Louis
Roger Marks
Susan Rozema
George Yang
Mike Zonyk

MDOT
GVMC Staff
Disability Advocates
c2ae Engineering
MDOT
GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Mike Burns
Mike DeVries
Adam Elenbaas
Jim Ferro
Jeff Franklin
Rachel Gokey
Kevin Green
Tim Grifhorst
Jim Holtvluwer
Doug LaFave
Bill LaRose
Matt McConnon
Tom Noreen
Rick Solle
Jeff Thornton
Terry Schweitzer
Toby VanEss
Phil Vincent

City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
Allendale Township
Ada Township
MDOT
Village of Sand Lake
Algoma Township
Tallmadge Township
Ottawa County
City of East Grand Rapids
Cedar Springs
Courtland Township
Nelson Township
Plainfield Township
Village of Caledonia
City of Kentwood
Tallmadge Township
City of Rockford

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laughlin entertained a motion to approve the March 04, 2020 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Hooker, to approve the March 04, 2020 Technical Committee minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by roll call vote.

Laughlin entertained a motion to approve the September 16, 2020 joint Tech/Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Hooker, to approve the September 16, 2020 joint Tech/Policy Committee minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by roll call vote.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A, Joseph introduced the TIP amendments that were being requested, which are as follows:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached TIP Amendments/Modifications Summary. Some of these changes have triggered GPA threshold increases. These increase requests are also attached for Committee review. MDOT also provided a STIP Exempt list.
 - Kent explained the project addition is on the business spur of Chicago Dr from Burlingame to Clyde Park. Kent goes on to explain others on the exempt list, and future projects on I-196 from Fuller to Maryland, replacing the deck on the EB lane of I-196 over the Grand River, and M6 pavement repairs between Kalamazoo and East Paris as well as other regional reconstructs & interchange updates.
- Kent County Road Commission is walking on two local Bridge projects to FY2022 that will be input into Jobnet upon approval and taken to Policy Committee. This includes a GPA threshold change as well. Another modification being requested is to replace a FY2021 Project with an Illustrative project. This includes deleting a Division Ave job from 68th -76th with a 68th St from Division to Eastern. These will be included in the policy packet. Finally, KCRC is requesting use STP Flex funds from Newaygo County Road Commission to be used on a Fruit Ridge Avenue project and requesting to increase the Federal portion on another FY2021 project using purchased funds.
 - Harrall wants it noted that for the Fruit Ridge Ave project MDOT has newly approved the use of Flex dollars on Urban projects. Additionally, the Division avenue was recently cape sealed which caused its removal for FY2021
- Grand Rapids is requesting to add additional local funds including participating and non-participating funds for Lake Eastbrook Blvd to accommodate for water main replacement which changed the total fund amount above 25% which in turn triggered and amendment. The federal funding amount did not change.

Laughlin entertained a motion to approve the TIP amendments, as requested.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to approve the TIP amendments requested by the City of Grand Rapids, the MDOT and the KCRC. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by roll call vote.

V. FY2021 LOCAL PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

Referring to Item V: Attachment A, Joseph presented some new updated budget projections for FY2021, which have decreased the federal funding available in several of our funding programs, but pointed out that we have additional HIP funds that need to be

programmed, which can be used to supplement the shortfalls. Joseph proposed supplementing some impacted KCRC projects using the HIP funding.

-Harrall asked to follow up at a later time and Joseph agreed to follow up.

Joseph also asked the group for feedback on the STP Urban allocation. For STP Urban there is a 77K shortfall that we can supplement with HIP funds. Joseph further asked if there were any volunteers candidate projects.

-DeVries responded that the 77K change could happen on the Grand Rapids Lake Eastbrook project to use the HIP funds.

MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to approve the Allocation Changes requested for the City of Grand Rapids with possible modifications to KCRC
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by roll call vote.

VI. **2021 SAFETY TARGETS**

Referring to Item VI: Attachment A Yang presented on MDOT's establishment of 2021 five year moving traffic safety targets. MDOT was required to come up with targets prior to August 31, 2020 and the MPO is now required to support and approve them or come up with their own before February 27, 2021 to report our support or our own safety targets. MDOT staff will give a presentation at Policy Committee Meeting this month on the methodology behind choosing the targets.

Staff is recommending we support the state targets. Joseph further discussed progress on implementing our own safety goals regionally outside of the state's requirements with examples.

Laughlin entertained a motion to adopt the 2021 safety targets for GVMC as outlined in the handouts.

MOTION by Bradshaw, SUPPORT by Hooker, to support MDOT targets in conjunction with GVMC's own safety efforts. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by roll call vote.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- MDOT
 - Kent (Dennis) began with noting that GVMC & MDOT have begun preliminary discussion about ITS as a recommendation from FHWA to be more in coordination with examples of future involvement opportunities we will be arranging.
 - Kent (Dennis) also informed of MM2045 State Long Range Transportation Plan survey on the MetroQuest and asked for members to take the survey and give feedback.

- He further mentioned that the US-131 PEL is also undertaking a MetroQuest survey as well to get some comments on purpose and need as well as some evaluation criteria. This survey should be out in November.
- Rozema from MDOT out of the Grand Region office introduced the letting schedule changes in an effort to expand the construction season and allow more flexibility. This includes a modification in Jobnet to add a field for construction year so additional information can be provided when pulling reports.
- Kent (Tyler) provided information regarding the FY2021 transportation budget which included 600M from the general fund distributed by the Act51 formula. Further information was provided by the rebuilding Michigan bond program and MDOT is looking to try and put some of this funding to use on this side of the state. Kent further highlighted two projects being the 100th bridge and the I-196/I-96 flip that should be open mid-late November.
- GVMC
 - Faber gave an overview of the efforts for our Freight plan as well as the survey that is now available. Secondly, she offered up more safety outreach materials in addition to our bike lights, including: slap bracelets, safety belts, and TIP cards. Faber offered up these items to our jurisdictions and would like to coordinate on any events forthcoming for disbursement. Finally, there is also a newly designed safety outreach website that our members are encouraged to explore.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Laughlin adjourned the November 04, 2020 joint Technical/Policy Committee meeting at 10:13 am.