

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Bradshaw, vice chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

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
Jim Farro		Ada Township
Wayne Harrall		Kent County/ County of Kent
Nicole Hofert		City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
		City of Lowell
Tyler Kent		MDOT
Jack Klein	<i>Proxy for Brett Laughlin</i>	Ottawa County Road Commission
		Ottawa County Road Commission
Doug Lafave		City of East Grand Rapids
Jeff Oonk		City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague		Kent County Road Comm. /Gaines
Julius Suchy		Village of Sparta
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville
Kevin Wisselink		ITP-The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Janet Arouicci	MDOT
Tim Dye	Truscott Rossman
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Jeff Franklin	MDOT
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Terry Martin	Carrie and Gable
Tim Mroz	The Right Place
Norm Sevensma	RWBC – WMEAC
John Weiss	GVMC Staff
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Ken Bergwerff
Mike Burns
Mike DeVries
Adam Elenbaas
Rachel Gokey
Kevin Green
Tim Grifhorst
Tim Haagsma
Jerry Hale
Roy Hawkins
Russ Henckel
Jim Holtvluwer
Tom Hooker
Bill LaRose
Brett Laughlin
Matt McConnon
Don Mayle
Tom Noreen
Steve Peterson
Rick Solle
Jeff Thornton
Terry Schweitzer
Dan Strikwerda
Toby VanEss
Phil Vincent
Steve Warren
Rod Weersing

Jamestown Township
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
Allendale Township
Village of Sand Lake
Algoma Township
Tallmadge Township
Gaines Charter Township
Lowell Township
GFIAA
City of Wyoming
Ottawa County
Byron Township
Cedar Springs
Ottawa County Road Commission
Courtland Township
MDOT
Nelson Township
Cascade Charter Township
Plainfield Township
Village of Caledonia
City of Kentwood
City of Hudsonville
Tallmadge Township
City of Rockford
Kent County Road Commission
Georgetown Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bradshaw entertained a motion to approve the November 6, 2019 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Suchy , SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the November 6, 2019, Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A. Joseph explained that MDOT, Lowell, Walker, and Wyoming are requesting to amend/modify the FY2020-2023 TIP. Here are the specific requests:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached pending projects summary. Kent explained MDOT was working on construction schedules and specific projects related to the Rebuild Michigan initiative. Laurel notes STIP Exempt projects

are also included as well with highlighted as new and are typically in unfunded preconstruction phases.

- Lowell is requesting to add a statewide TAP project into FY2021. They have received a conditional commitment from MDOT after completing the MGS.
- Walker is also requesting to add a regional TAP project to FY 2021. They have received a conditional commitment from MDOT after completing the MGS.
- The City of Wyoming is requesting to move a FY2020 State-EDC funded project o FY2021 due to the need for continued coordination with MDOT and FHWA on the final project design and timing for approval to break the limited access ROW for construction (see attached memo).

Bradshaw entertained a motion to approve the FY2020-2023 TIP amendments as presented.

MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by DeVries , to recommend APPROVAL of the FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bradshaw opens this section for Public Comment. Faber summarizes that we’ve reached the fourth Milestone for public comment and a status of where we are at. With no comments Bradshaw Closes the Public comment opportunity.

Faber summarizes survey responses citing that we have tripled the rate of responses since our last MTP. Joseph elaborates on Faber’s hard work in her outreach to connect to the public. Faber commends the help from our members to get the message out for the survey.

VI. Approval OF 2045 METORPOLITAN PLAN (MTP)

Faber explains recent modifications and a response by Federal Highways that the document meets all regulations needed for approval. Faber asks for Technical Committee approval to move the document along to the Policy Committee as presented.

Tyler Kent comments positively about the work GVMC has done to make notable improvements in the plan.

Bradshaw entertains a motion from Technical committee to approve the draft document and move it to the Policy Committee.

MOTION by Suchy, SUPPORT by LaFave, to recommend APPROVAL to send the 2045 MTP Project List to the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Laurel introduces results from the TPSG Committee recommendation for Using Additional STPU & EDFC Funds for FY2020.

TPSG Recommended to split the allocation for STP-Urban among three projects for OCRC (Port Sheldon & Riley St projects) & and the City of Grand Rapids (Lake Drive Project) with 2/3 of that allocation going to OCRC to use as they see fit where within their two projects. The total STP-Urban allocation is \$145K.

For the State EDFC TPSG recommended that the \$113K be split with KCRC (FY2020 84th St Project) receiving \$80K and Kentwood (FY2021 32nd St Project) receiving \$33K for their perspective projects.

Bradshaw suggests a motion to approve TPSG recommendations as presented.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Suchy, to recommend APPROVAL of the TPSG Committee suggestions and take these to the Policy Committee for final approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

John Weiss provided a brief update about the Infrastructure Council and his view of how other regions in the state see west Michigan as a leading example of how our members work well together as “cylinders of excellence”.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Suchy adjourned the November 6, 2019, Technical Committee meeting at 10:00 am.