

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 4, 2019  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

DeVries, 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**

Rick DeVries ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Grand Rapids
Sue Becker		Alpine Township
Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Mike Burns		City of Lowell
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County Grand Rapids Township
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Nicole Hofert		City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Don Mayle</i>	MDOT MDOT
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Kelly Sheeran	<i>Proxy for Kevin Green</i>	Algoma Township Algoma Township
Dan VanderHeide	<i>Proxy for Tim Bradshaw</i>	City of Kentwood City of Kentwood
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township
Kevin Wisselink		ITP-The Rapid

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Dan Czarnecki	City of Lowell
Andrea Dewey	FHWA
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Doug LaFave	City of East Grand Rapids
Terry Martin	Caries and Gable
Rick Sprague	Kent County Road Commission
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Kerri Smit	GVMC Staff
Steve Waalkes	Michigan Concrete Association
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Ken Bergwerff  
Tim Bradshaw  
Mike DeVries  
Tom Doyle  
Adam Elenbaas  
Rachel Gokey  
Kevin Green  
Tim Grifhorst  
Jerry Hale  
Roy Hawkins  
Jim Holtvluwer  
Tom Hooker  
Bill LaRose  
Matt McConnon  
Tom Noreen  
Steve Peterson  
Rick Solle  
Sandy Stelma  
Dan Strikwerda  
Julius Suchy  
Charlie Sundblad  
Toby VanEss  
Phil Vincent  
Steve Warren  
Rod Weersing

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

DeVries entertained a motion to approve the May 1, 2019 Technical Committee minutes.

**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Vanderheide, to approve the May 1, 2019, Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

None

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

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** Joseph explained the requests and handouts that were given to the committee. Joseph also explained that there are several items on the report that are showing up “pending” because the FY2020-2023 TIP is currently still pending.

- Kent explained that MDOT is requesting amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached summary. Kent explained the details involved with the projects on the report. 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. MDOT is also requesting committee review of the S/TIP exempt project list.

- 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.
- The 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.

Joseph explained that none of the actions taken today will go into effect on the 2020 TIP until the TIP is active. Joseph added that the local bridge project in Ottawa County was changed from Federal funding to State funding; cost did not change. Harrall asked when the TIP would be approved. Dewey stated that it should be in October.

**MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Wisselink, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY2017-2020/FY2020-FY2023 TIP amendments/modifications as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **V. 2045 MTP VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Referring to **Item VI: 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 them.

**MOTION by Becker, SUPPORT by Sheeran, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the revised 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) vision statement, goals and objectives. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Joseph explained that in June the non-motorized subcommittee met to discuss the non-motorized project list to make preliminary recommendations for projects and that they would support going through the Michigan Grant System process. These projects will potentially be added to the TIP if they make it through the process. The TPSG subcommittee reviewed the project list and approved it. Staff is asking the Committee to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee to send projects through the Grant System process.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Conners, to recommend to the Policy Committee sending the projects through the Michigan Grant System process and to allow for staff adjustments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

DeVries entertained a motion to adjourn the September 4, 2019, Technical Committee meeting at 9:45 am.

**MOTION by Bennett, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to adjourn the September 4, 2019 Technical Committee meeting at 9:45 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**