

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Grand Rapids Township Hall
1836 East Beltline NE Grand Rapids, MI**

Schweitzer, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Terry Schweitzer (<i>Chair</i>)		City of Kentwood
Sue Becker		Alpine Township
Tim Bradshaw		City of Kentwood/Caledonia Twp.
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Mike DeVries		Grand Rapids Township
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Karyn Ferrick		City of Grand Rapids
Wayne Harrall		Kent County
Roy Hawkins		GFIAA
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Nicole Hofert		City of Wyoming
Andrew Johnson		ITP The Rapid
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
		City of Lowell
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Greg Madura		Alpine Township
Jim Miedema		Ottawa County Road Commission
Josh Naramore		City of Grand Rapids
Darrel Schmalzel		City of Walker
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Tim Haagsma</i>	KCRC
		Gaines Township
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville
Steve Warren		Kent County Road Commission
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township
Kevin Wisselink		ITP-The Rapid
Steven Wooden		Kent County

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Brad Doane	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Art Green	MDOT
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Tyler Kent	MDOT

Kerri Smit
Norm Stevensma
George Yang
Mike Zonyk

GVMC Staff
RWBC/WMWAC
GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Kristin Bennett
Ken Bergwerff
Mike Burns
Adam Elenbaas
Rachel Gokey
Kevin Green
Tim Grifhorst
Tim Haagsma
Jerry Hale
Jim Holtvluwer
Tom Hooker
Bill LaRose
Don Mayle
Matt McConnon
Tom Noreen
Steve Peterson
Rick Solle
Julius Suchy
Jeff Thornton
Toby VanEss
Phil Vincent

City of Grand Rapids
Jamestown Township
City of Lowell
Allendale Township
Village of Sand Lake
Algoma Township
Tallmadge Township
Gaines Charter Township
Lowell Township
Ottawa County
Byron Township
Cedar Springs
MDOT
Courtland Township
Nelson Township
Cascade Charter Township
Plainfield Township
Village of Sparta
Village of Caledonia
Tallmadge Township
City of Rockford

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schweitzer advised that there will be NO ACTION. Formal November meeting minute approval will be pushed back to March separately for each Committee.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A. Joseph explained on behave MDOT, Kent County Road Commission, Grand Rapids, Lowell, Ottawa County Road Commission, Walker, Hudsonville, and Jamestown Twp the following amendments/modifications to the FY2020-2023 TIP are being requested. Here are the specific requests:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached TIP Amendments/Modifications Summary. MDOT is also requesting committee review of the S/TIP exempt project list. Many of the projects on this S/TIP exempt list have been reviewed by the Committees in the past – “new” projects have been highlighted.

- Kent County Road Commission is requesting to add two local bridge projects to FY2022, which have triggered a FY2022 Local Bridge GPA threshold amendment.
- The City of Grand Rapids is requesting to increase the total and local budget for multiple FY2020/2021 projects (no change in federal funding levels) and add a local bridge project to FY2022. These project changes/additions have also contributed to triggering GPA threshold amendments.
- The City of Lowell is requesting to add a new small urban project to FY2020 that was recently selected by MDOT for funding.
- Ottawa County Road Commission is requesting a slight budget adjustment on an RTP project. The is pending because of the pending FY2020 Local Road GPA threshold amendment.
- The City of Hudsonville is requesting to move their Buttermilk Creek Pathway TAP project fully to FY2021. This project is currently half funded in FY2020 with the remainder using advanced construct funding in FY2021. Because of MGS application and review timing, this project will not make it to obligation in FY2020. It is recommended that the federal funding levels remain the same as originally programmed (please see draft TAP pool attachment for more project details).

The help balance the move of the Hudsonville TAP project to FY2021, staff, on behalf of Jamestown Twp/OCRC, is recommending to fully fund the Greenly Street nonmotorized path project in FY2020 instead of using advanced construction for half as originally programmed. This project is on track for obligation in FY2020.

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

V. APPROVAL OF DRAFT 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** Faber explained and passed around a sample of the MTP draft to the committee. The GVMC Staff The draft 2045 MTP document represents months of work and includes input from Committee members, stakeholders, and the public. GVMC staff have brought many elements of the draft document to the Technical and Policy Committees over the last several months, including:

- (1) Updated socioeconomic data for use in our new travel demand model
- (2) A revised vision statement, goals, and objectives for the MTP
- (3) The results of the comprehensive mode-based needs and deficiencies analysis, which included the integration of new performance-based planning requirements
- (4) The MTP project list

The following was also accomplished:

- (5) A financial analysis to determine projected funding levels through 2045
- (6) An environmental justice analysis and environmental mitigation analysis for the project list
- (7) Consultation on the draft project list (one comment received indicating support of the project lists)

Public involvement opportunities have also been continuous throughout the development of the MTP, and an official public comment opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft MTP will be held from February 1 – March 2. There will also be a public meeting during the public comment period. The date is, at this time, is to be determined.

At the March meetings, the Committees will again be asked to approve the draft document, which will be updated to include feedback received during the public comment period and/or minor editorial changes. GVMC staff plans to take the 2045 MTP to the GVMC Board for final approval on May 7, 2020.

Due to the large file size, **please access the draft 2045 MTP at www.gvmc.org/mtp**. It will be posted online by the end of the day on January 8, 2020.

Schweitzer advised the committee to check out the link on the GVMC website and that the MTP should be reviewed by the committee to prepare for the adoption.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Hawkins, to recommend APPROVAL the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) DRAFT to bring the document to the public for comment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Faber advised that on the GVMC website is a copy of the Air Quality Conformity report ready to review.

Kent advised that February 5th, 2020 there will be a construction update meeting at the Grand Rapids TSC office. Kent will follow up by sending out a notice to the committee.

Itani addressed the committee with a “good bye” as this will be his last meeting before his retirement.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Schweitzer adjourned the January 15, 2020 Policy/Technical Committee meeting at 9:49 am.