

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
Video Conference**

Schweitzer, Policy Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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**

Terry Schweitzer ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Kentwood
Sue Becker		Alpine Township
Ken Bergwerff		Jamestown Township
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Mike DeVries		Grand Rapids Township
Karyn Ferrick		City of Grand Rapids
Jim Ferro		Ada Township
Jeff Franklin		MDOT
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Township
George Haga		Ada Township
Wayne Harrall		Kent County
Russ Henckel		City of Wyoming
Brian Hilbrands		Cascade Charter Township
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Mike Burns</i>	MDOT
Jack Klein		City of Lowell
James Kilborn		Ottawa County Road Commission
Greg Madura		Ottawa County
Don Mayle		Alpine Township
Josh Naramore		MDOT
Kelly Sheeran	<i>Proxy for Kevin Green</i>	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Steve Warren</i>	Algoma Township
Charles Sundblad		Algoma Township
Philip Vincent		KCRC
Rod Weersing		KCRC
Kevin Wisselink		City of Grandville
Steven Wooden		City of Rockford
		Georgetown Township
		ITP-The Rapid
		Kent County

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Janet Arcuicci	MDOT OPT
Brad Doane	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff

Laurel Joseph  
Tyler Kent  
Norm Sevensma  
Steve Waalkes  
George Yang  
Mike Zonyk

GVMC Staff  
MDOT  
WMEAC-RWBC  
Michigan Concrete Association  
GVMC Staff  
GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Gail Altman  
Kristin Bennett  
Tim Bradshaw  
Terry Brod  
Mike Burns  
Dan Burrill  
Jamie Davies  
Robert DeWard  
Rick DeVries  
Adam Elenbaas  
Rachel Gokey  
Kevin Green  
Tim Grifhorst  
Jerry Hale  
Bryan Harrison  
Nicole Hofert  
Jim Holtvluwer  
Tom Hooker  
Andrew Johnson  
Ken Krombeen  
Doug LaFave  
Bill LaRose  
Brett Laughlin  
Matt McConnon  
Jim Miedema  
Robert Miller  
Clint Nemeth  
Tom Noreen  
Rob Postema  
Casey Ries  
Darrel Schmalzel  
Rick Solle  
Dan Strikwerda  
Julius Suchy  
Charlie Sundblad  
Ben Swayze  
Jeff Thornton  
Toby VanEss  
Steve Warren  
Mike Womack  
Cameron Van Wyngarden

Jamestown Township  
City of Grand Rapids  
City of Kentwood/Caledonia Twp.  
Cannon Township  
City of Lowell  
City of Wyoming  
City of Rockford  
Gaines Charter Township  
City of Grand Rapids  
Allendale Township  
Village of Sand Lake  
Algoma Township  
Tallmadge Township  
Lowell Township  
Caledonia Charter Township  
City of Wyoming  
Ottawa County  
Byron Township  
ITP The Rapid  
City of Grandville  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Cedar Springs  
Ottawa County Road Commission  
Courtland Township  
Ottawa County Road Commission  
City of Hudsonville  
GFIAA  
Nelson Township  
City of Wyoming  
GFIAA  
City of Walker  
Plainfield Township  
City of Hudsonville  
Village of Sparta  
City of Grandville  
Cascade Charter Township  
Village of Caledonia  
Tallmadge Township  
Kent County Road Commission  
City of Cedar Springs  
Plainfield Township

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schweitzer entertained a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 joint Technical/Policy Committee minutes.

**MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Naramore, to approve the May 20, 2020 joint Technical/Policy Committee minutes as corrected. 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:

- Grand Rapids is requesting to change the work type of a FY2021 project from a reconstruct to a resurfacing, which lowered the total and local portions of the budget. The federal funding amount did not change. Grand Rapids also increased the local participating costs on a second FY2021 project, which also changed the non-participating amount.
- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached TIP Amendments/Modifications Summary. These include phase budget changes, phase additions, and construction length changes. Some of these changes have triggered GPA threshold increases. These increase requests are also attached for Committee review.

Kent explained the reasons why the MDOT projects were shown in the amendment. Additional information was provided in the agenda packet.

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

**MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Bergwerff, to approve the TIP amendments requested by the City of Grand Rapids and MDOT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by roll call vote.**

**V. Administrative Modification to GVMC FY2021 UPWP**

**Referring to Item V: Attachment A**, Joseph explained that MDOT has recently awarded GVMC \$25,000 in State Planning & Research funds for GVMC’s work on the US-131/I-96 Corridor Study in FY2021. While this funding was not identified originally in the FY2021 UPWP, the work associated with this task had been included in the document. Because the amount of additional funding is minor compared to the overall Federal Approved

FY2021 UPWP value and because the task description for the study remains unchanged, MDOT is considering this an administrative modification to the FY2021 UPWP. MDOT has approved the modification and submitted letters to our federal partners notifying them of the change.

## VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Faber stated that GVMC has launched a safety outreach program and has been distributing bike lights to the public through several organizations and local agencies. Local agencies and organizations are encouraged to contact Faber if there is a need of bike lights to be distributed to the public for the upcoming events. Joseph added that GVMC staff is working to get other safety items for distribution to improve safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Joseph stated that all GVMC projects in the fiscal year 2020 have been obligated or in the process of obligating and GVMC is continuing to push hard for project obligation for next fiscal year since the obligation authority seems to run out quicker.

Joseph also announced that GVMC will have separate technical and policy meeting in November after last three joint Tech/Policy meeting.

Sheeran asked if there is a way to include video in the meetings for the sake of collaboration and connection for the members. Joseph explained that there is a video option in the platforms such as GoToMeeting and Microsoft Teams so it is possible to include video in the future.

Wooden asked if Kent County Community Action is notified about GVMC's safety outreach program. Faber stated she didn't contact the organization yet but she will get in touch with the organization.

Dennis Kent stated that the US131 corridor study has been impacted by COVID-19, but MDOT is working on a virtual public involvement process, and local advisory committee members will get back together soon to have discussions on the project. Kent also stated that MDOT just had a virtual public meeting about the I-196 work for the fiscal year 2021. Kent also explained that MDOT will work with GVMC staff about ITS expansion plan in the Grand Rapids metro region.

Tyler Kent updated the committee members with information about the ongoing Michigan State Long Range Plan. There were several statewide virtual meetings with good attendance and great comments, and the SLRP will be wrapped up next July.

Schweitzer asked Kent about the state funding for next year. Dennis Kent explained that there was an agreement at high level but there was no more specifics.

Bergwerff asked from chat pod the anticipated fully operational time for I-96 & M-6 and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. interchange. Tyler Kent stated that he will contact the project manager to get

APPROVED

APPROVED  
ITEM II: ATTACHMENT B

more information. Dennis Kent added that it is expected to be completed by the middle of November.

Discussion ensued.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Schweitzer adjourned the September 16, 2020 joint Technical/Policy Committee meeting at 10:00 am.