

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 4, 2012
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Harrall, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The Committee members, staff, and guests present introduced themselves.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Wayne Harrall (*Chair*)

Alex Arends

Timothy Cochran

Scott Conners

Rick DeVries

Ken Feldt

Jim Ferro

Tim Haagsma

Russ Henckel

*Proxy for
Bill Dooley*

Jan Hoekstra

Dennis Kent

*Proxy for
Dan DesJarden*

Brett Laughlin

Ray Lenze

Dave Pasquale

Steve Peterson

Terry Schweitzer

Steve Warren

Chris Zull

Kent County

Alpine Township

City of Wyoming

City of Walker

City of Grand Rapids

City of East Grand Rapids

Ada Township

Gaines Charter Township

City of Wyoming

City of Wyoming

ITP-The Rapid

MDOT

City of Lowell

OCRC

MDOT

Grand Rapids Township

Cascade Charter Township

City of Kentwood

KCRC

City of Grand Rapids

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Faber

Abed Itani

Erick Kind

Roger Marks

Darrell Robinson

Norm Sevensma

Steve Waalkes

GVMC Staff

GVMC Staff

MDOT

CZAE

GVMC Staff

WMEAC-RWBC

Michigan Concrete Assn.

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema

Roger Belknap

Dan Carlton

Ron Carr

Dick Davies

Jamie Davies

Allendale Township

City of Cedar Springs

Georgetown Township

City of Grandville

Cannon Township

City of Rockford

APPROVED

Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Bill Dooley
Roy Hawkins
Dennis Hoemke
Jim Holtrop
Bob Homan
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Chuck Porter
Dan Strikwerda
Martin Super
Toby VanEss

APPROVED

Item II: Attachment A
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Wyoming
GRFIA
Algoma Township
Ottawa County
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Courtland Township
City of Hudsonville
Village of Sparta
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the December 7, 2011 Technical Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION by Cochran, SUPPORT by DeVries, to approve the December 7, 2011 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma commented on the mild winter so far this year.

IV. FY2011-2014 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained that several jurisdictions were requesting to amend the FY2011-2014 TIP.

MDOT was requesting several TIP amendments/modifications for FY2012 through FY2014, as well as the addition of some projects to the illustrative list of projects. Robinson noted that since the agenda went out, there have been some updates to MDOT's TIP amendments. These changes were reflected in an additional handout that had been passed out. Kent provided clarification on MDOT's requested TIP amendments/modifications.

ITP-The Rapid was requesting several TIP amendments to move all FY2011 Activity Line Items (ALI's) and associated funds to FY2012. Robinson explained that ITP wasn't able to obligate their entire program in FY2011 and therefore had to add it to their FY2012 program.

Referring to two additional handouts, Robinson noted that the City of Grand Rapids and the Ottawa County Road Commission were also requesting to amend the TIP.

Robinson explained that the City of Grand Rapids received a conditional commitment for an enhancement grant for their Plainfield Avenue project from Leonard St. to 200' north of Ann St. The estimated cost of the project is \$274,220, of which \$146,666 is estimated to be financed by Transportation Enhancement Activities Program funds, \$30,000 to be financed by the Street Capital Fund, and \$97,554 by private donations. The amounts in the conditional commitment do not include non-eligible costs.

Robinson informed the Committee that the Ottawa County Road Commission just received funding from the MDOT Local Bridge Program for the following projects:

- FY2012—8th Avenue Bridge over Lau Bach Drain, Rehabilitation: Total Construction Cost \$511,000, Bridge Funding \$485,450, Local Match \$25,550. This project is located in Wright Township.
- FY2014—Luce Street Bridge over Sand Creek, Replacement: Total Construction Cost \$1,657,000, Bridge Funding \$1,574,150, Local Match \$82,850. This project is located in Tallmadge Township.

Harrall added that the KCRC has two bridge projects that are funded for FY2013 and FY2014 that they are moving up to FY2012. The first project is Knapp St. over the Grand River. The second project is 84th St. over the Thornapple River in Caledonia Township. The Knapp St. Bridge cost is \$420,000, of which 95% is state and federal funding. The remaining 5% will be paid for by KCRC funds. The cost of the 84th St. bridge is \$120,000, of which 95% is state and federal funding, and the remaining 5% will be paid by KCRC funds. Harrall stated that he would email this information to Robinson.

Henckel noted that the City of Wyoming's FY2013 Burlingame Avenue over Buck Creek bridge project awarded through the MDOT bridge program was not listed in the TIP. Itani informed the Committee that GVMC staff does not receive any correspondence from MDOT when bridge money is awarded to communities. It is up to the Committee members to inform the MPO when they receive bridge money from MDOT so that the funding can be added to the TIP. Discussion ensued.

Harrall asked for clarification on ITP-The Rapid's TIP amendment requests. Hoekstra responded that the FY2011 funds were never obligated. In order to obligate their funding and get it into a grant, she needed the blessing from the Department of Labor. Because of an ongoing contract issue between the union and ITP, the Department of Labor has frozen the funding. Because of this, the funding has been pulled into FY2012.

Harrall entertained a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the requested amendments to the FY2011-2014 TIP, as identified.

MOTION by Arends, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to recommend to the Policy Committee approving the amendments/modifications to the FY2011-2014 TIP requested by MDOT, ITP-The Rapid, the City of Grand Rapids, the Ottawa County Road Commission, the City of Wyoming, and the KCRC. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Itani noted that obligational authority expires on March 31st. He asked the Committee members to make sure that their projects are obligated before then.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Harrall entertained a motion to adjourn the January 4, 2012 Technical Committee meeting.

MOTION by Pasquale, SUPPORT by Harrall, to adjourn the January 4, 2012 Technical Committee meeting at 9:45 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.