

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, February 4th, 2015  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

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

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Chris Zull ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Grand Rapids
Alex Arends		Alpine Township
Rod Ghearing		ITP-The Rapid
Tim Haagsma	<i>Proxy for</i>	Gaines Charter Township
	<i>Wayne Harrall</i>	Kent County
Russ Henckel	<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Wyoming
	<i>Bill Dooley</i>	City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Mark Howe</i>	City of Lowell
Paul Lott		MDOT
Travis Mabry	<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Walker
	<i>Scott Conners</i>	City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer ( <i>Vice Chair</i> )		City of Kentwood
Joe Slonecki		City of East Grand Rapids
Rick Sprague		KCRC/Cannon Township
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Steve Warren	<i>Proxy for</i>	KCRC
	<i>Chuck Porter</i>	Courtland Township

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Mike Brameijer	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Erin Haviland	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Erick Kind	MDOT
Roger Marks	C2AE
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Rachel Tupica	FHWA
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
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Ken Bergwerff  
 Dan Carlton  
 Ron Carr  
 Timothy Cochran  
 Scott Conners  
 Mike DeVries  
 Rick DeVries  
 Bill Dooley  
 Jim Ferro  
 Bill Fischer  
 Wayne Harrall  
 Roy Hawkins  
 Dennis Hoemke  
 Jim Holtvluwer  
 Mark Howe  
 Brett Laughlin  
 Audrey Nevins Weiss  
 Steve Peterson  
 Chuck Porter  
 Tom Stressman  
 Roger Towsley  
 Toby VanEss  
 Phil Vincent

Jamestown Township  
 Georgetown Township  
 City of Grandville  
 City of Wyoming  
 City of Walker  
 Grand Rapids Township  
 City of Grand Rapids  
 City of Wyoming  
 Ada Township  
 Plainfield Charter Township  
 Kent County  
 KCDA/GRFIA  
 Algoma Township  
 Ottawa County  
 City of Lowell  
 OCRC  
 Byron Township  
 Cascade Charter Township  
 Courtland Township  
 City of Cedar Springs  
 Village of Sand Lake  
 Tallmadge Township  
 City of Rockford

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Zull entertained a motion to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Technical Committee minutes.

**MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to approve the January 7th, 2015 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma mentioned a survey on MLIVE concerning the sales tax increase. He stated that the survey was done on different age groups. He noted that the only demographic that supported the sales tax increase were those in the 18-34 age group who earned over \$50,000 a year.

**IV. 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Zull opened the floor for public comments on the 2040 MTP. Hearing no comments, Zull closed the opportunity for public comment.

**V. 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN APPROVAL**

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A**, Snell showed a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding the MTP development process, noting that it took a year and a half to develop the MTP. Along with the presentation, Snell passed out an executive summary that gave an overview of the major points within the PowerPoint presentation. Snell commented on the name change of the plan. It is no longer the Long Range Transportation Plan; it is

now the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The document is a federally mandated document. If a plan is not set in place, those Federal funds could be sanctioned. In 2010 MAP-21 was approved, and this bill changed a few things, including instituting performance measures. Snell explained the process for implementing performance measures at the national, state, and MPO-level.

Snell explained that this plan will go to the Policy Committee in two weeks for approval and will go into effect after the GVMC board approves it. The plan will be reopened in 2016 to incorporate performance measures into the document. Once that happens, all projects will need to show how they are incorporated into the performance measure goals. Lott clarified that the effective date of the plan will be the date the Board approves it. The keys points that Snell discussed from the PowerPoint presentation were:

- Map 21- What's New?
- MTP Goal & Objectives Elements
- Process Participants
- Deficiency Analysis
- Road Pavement Condition
- Road Capacity Deficiencies
- Road Congestion-2040 Deficiencies
- Public Transit & Safety
- Non-Motorized Transportation, Rail: Freight & Passenger
- Defined Goals/Needs Analysis
- MTP Projects List
- Environmental Justice Analysis
- Public Comment Summary
- MTP Next Steps

Discussion, comments, and questions ensued after the presentation.

Zull entertained a motion to approve the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to adopt the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Snell added a side note that Committee members can still submit comments.

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

Kent stated that there is a report out that shows how much every agency will receive if the tax proposal passes. He noted that he was not sure of the source. Zull asked if it was accurate. Kent responded that it was fairly accurate. Zull asked if there is a contingency plan if the proposal doesn't pass. Warren stated he has not heard of any contingency plan. Discussion ensued.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Sprague, to adjourn the February 4th, 2015, Technical Committee meeting at 10:25 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**