

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
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*)

Ron Carr

Rick DeVries

Ken Feldt

Jim Ferro

Tim Haagsma

Jan Hoekstra

Jim Holtrop

Dennis Kent

*Proxy for
Mark Howe*

Brett Laughlin

Travis Mabry

*Proxy for
Scott Connors*

Dal McBurrows

Terry Schweitzer

Tom Stressman

Dan Strikwerda

Steve Warren

Kent County
City of Grandville
City of Grand Rapids
City of East Grand Rapids
Ada Township
Gaines Charter Township
ITP-The Rapid
Ottawa County
MDOT
City of Lowell
OCRC
City of Walker
City of Walker
MDOT
City of Kentwood
City of Cedar Springs
City of Hudsonville
KCRC

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Faber

Abed Itani

Erick Kind

John Lanum

Roger Marks

Darrell Robinson

Jim Snell

Rick Sprague

Rachael Tupica

George Yang

Mike Zonyk

GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff
MDOT
MDOT
CZAE
GVMC
GVMC Staff
KCRC
FHWA
GVMC
GVMC

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema

Alex Arends

Dan Carlton

Allendale Township
Alpine Township
Georgetown Township

CORRECTED AND APPROVED

Timothy Cochran
Scott Conners
Mike DeVries
Bill Dooley
Roy Hawkins
Dennis Hoemke
(Member awaiting appointment)
Mark Howe
(Member awaiting appointment)
Tim Nelson
Audrey Nevins Weiss
Steve Peterson
Chuck Porter
Martin Super
Toby VanEss
Phil Vincent
Chris Zull *(Vice Chair)*

CORRECTED AND APPROVED

Item II: Attachment A

City of Wyoming
City of Walker
Grand Rapids Township
City of Wyoming
GRFIA
Algoma Township
Plainfield Township
City of Lowell
Jamestown Township
Cannon Township
Byron Township
Cascade Charter Township
Courtland Township
Village of Sparta
Tallmadge Township
City of Rockford
City of Grand Rapids

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the April 3, 2013 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to approve the April 3, 2013 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FY2011-2014 AND DRAFT FY2014-2017 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** and a handout, Robinson informed the Committee that several jurisdictions were requesting to amend/modify the FY2011-2014 TIP and the draft FY2014-2017 TIP.

First, the KCRC requested to add two approved FY2014 STP-Safety projects to the TIP. These projects were Wolverine at 10 Mile and 68th St.

Second, MDOT requested to amend/modify the FY2011-2014 TIP and the draft FY2014-2017 TIP. Their specific requests included the following:

FY2013-Trunkline Project Modifications

- M-37 from 29th St. north to Lake Eastbrook Blvd. (Mill and Resurface)
- M-37 from 60th St. north to 44th St. (Concrete joint repairs)

FY2014-Trunkline Project Modifications/Amendments (new and current TIP)

- M-44 Ramsdell Drive to E. Kent Co. Line (Rehabilitation HMA Inlay)
- US-131 NB and SB over Grandville Ave. (Healer sealer, deck patch, CSC, part. painting)

- GPA (Trunkline Road CPM)
- GPA (Trunkline highway safety)

Third, the American Red Cross requested to add a handicap accessible van to FY2013 of the TIP using 5310 funds to replace a vehicle lost in an accident.

Harrall added that part of the KCRC's FY2013 12-Mile at M-37 project did not qualify for CMAQ funds. Therefore, they modified the limits and lowered the overall cost of the project from \$300,000 to \$200,000 (\$160,000 federal), which left \$80,000 in federal CMAQ funds on the table. Harrall stated that ITP-The Rapid could use the funding and asked if there were any underfunded projects to also consider. Kent explained why the project was partly ineligible for CMAQ.

Hoekstra explained that ITP was underfunded on three buses and that they wanted to move forward with converting some of the paratransit buses to propane to make them more economical. However, this amount would likely be put toward the buses.

Because Harrall was still waiting to hear back from MDOT about the eligibility of the revised 12-mile at M-27 project, he suggested that the Committee allocate more funding to buses and/or van conversions as a fallback should the 12 Mile project be reduced even further or determined ineligible. Discussion ensued.

Harrall entertained a motion to amend/modify the FY2011-2014 TIP and the draft FY2014-2017 TIP.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Warren, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the amendments/modifications to the TIP requested by the KCRC, MDOT, and the American Red Cross, with the notation that the KCRC would use \$160,000 in federal CMAQ funding for their 12-Mile at M-37 project, with ITP receiving the remaining \$80,000 in federal CMAQ funds programmed for the project, as well as any additional funding, should the 12-Mile project be further reduced or determined ineligible. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **FINAL APPROVAL OF FY2014-2017 TIP**

Harrall asked for public comment on the draft FY2014-2017 TIP document. No comments were offered, and Harrall closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Robinson explained that all of the comments received were included in the agenda packet and that most were minor in nature and regarded projects that have already been done. Most of the comments on current projects were on the Lyon St. bicycle corridor (and an expected lack of parking) and the 48th Ave. widening project. A GVSU class attended GVMC's April 9th public meeting to comment on the 48th Ave. project. Kent and Laughlin provided additional information about the project. Discussion ensued.

DeVries asked if everyone who submitted comments received a response, or if Staff forwarded the comments to the appropriate municipalities. Robinson stated that he did both, depending on the comment.

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the draft FY2014-2017 TIP.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY2014-2017 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

McBurrows introduced Lanum to the Committee, who will be attending Policy meetings in the future. Discussion ensued.

Schweitzer stated that the cities of Grand Rapids and Kentwood plan to pursue a CMAQ application for a sidewalk for 28th St. from Patterson to Breton and that he hoped the Committee would consider supporting this project if additional funds become available. He noted that they would partner with MDOT, who would handle the design, construction engineering, etc., and with ITP in order to tie in transit stops along the corridor. He stated that ITP has indicated that they can push back a FY2014 bus to fund this project. Itani explained that the KCRC submitted a CMAQ project in FY2016 that didn't qualify and that there is an agreement with ITP that they will lend their funds in FY2014 for the MDOT sidewalk project and that the MPO will allocate the available funds in FY2016 to ITP in return. As part of this agreement, the KCRC would also receive STP funds for this project, should funds become available between now and FY2016. Itani noted that this would need to come back to the Committee for approval after the TIP is approved. Discussion ensued.

Warren asked if there was a plan for sidewalks for the rest of the corridor. Itani added that STP funding can be used for sidewalks, but not all members are supportive of that. However, CMAQ and TAP funding can be used for sidewalks. He explained that, with limited funding, the Committee members will need to prioritize how funding is spent, especially since the next TIP will be performance-based.

Warren also stated that this group developed a 28th St. corridor plan in the 1980's and asked if, in light of the new performance-based TIP and MTP, it would be beneficial to address other corridors in this manner. He also asked if there was still a vision for 28th St. corridor and if it included sidewalks on any other segments. Itani responded that the best way to address this is at the MTP-level, and the MTP will be redeveloped soon. The Non-Motorized Plan should also be referenced to determine priority corridors. Discussion, comments and questions ensued, and Harrall stated that it would be up to staff to determine where to take the discussion from here.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Harrall entertained a motion to adjourn the May 1, 2013 Technical Committee meeting.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Warren, to adjourn the May 1, 2013 Technical Committee meeting at 10:21 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.