

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, October 6, 2010  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Conners, 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**

Scott Conners ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Walker
Jerry Alkema		Allendale Township
Alex Arends		Alpine Township
Denny Bishop	<i>Proxy for Dan Carlton</i>	Georgetown Township
		Georgetown Township
Ron Carr		City of Grandville
Sandra M. Cornell-Howe		MDOT
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt		City of East Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Wayne Harrall		Kent County
Russ Henckel	<i>Proxy for Bill Dooley</i>	City of Wyoming
		City of Wyoming
Jim Holtrop		Ottawa County
Brett Laughlin		OCRC
Steve Peterson		Cascade Charter Township
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Steve Warren		KCRC
Chris Zull		City of Grand Rapids

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Roger Belknap		KCRC
Andrea Faber		GVMC Staff
Steve Hartman		Hope Network
Abed Itani		GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Dan DesJarden</i>	MDOT
		City of Lowell
Erick Kind		MDOT
Joan Konyndyk		Hope Network
J. Kevin McCurren		GGR Bicycle Coalition
Darrell Robinson		GVMC Staff
Barbara Schmid		GGR Bicycle Coalition
Don Stypula		GVMC Staff
Thomas Tilma		GGR Bicycle Coalition

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Mike Zonyk

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**Voting Members Not Present**

Sandra Ayers  
Mike Berrevoets  
Mike Bouwkamp  
Dan Carlton  
Timothy Cochran  
Dick Davies  
Sharon DeLange  
Dan DesJarden  
Mike DeVries  
Bill Dooley  
Steve Groenenboom  
Roy Hawkins  
Dennis Hoemke  
Bob Homan  
Taiwo Jaiyeoba  
Jim Miedema  
Audrey Nevins  
Chuck Porter  
Dan Strikwerda  
Toby VanEss

Village of Caledonia  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Rockford  
Georgetown Township  
City of Wyoming  
Cannon Township  
Village of Sparta  
City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of Wyoming  
Ada Township  
GRFIA  
Algoma Township  
Plainfield Township  
ITP-The Rapid  
Jamestown Township  
Byron Township  
Courtland Township  
City of Hudsonville  
Tallmadge Township

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Conners entertained a motion to approve the September 1, 2010 Technical Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to approve the September 1, 2010 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Warren announced that Belknap has accepted the position of superintendent of public works in Cedar Springs and acknowledged the contributions Belknap has made at the KCRC.

Conners announced that Laughlin is accepting a promotion at the OCRC. His new position will combine the responsibilities of the managing and engineering directors.

**IV. FY2011-2014 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained many changes to the FY2011-2014 TIP that were requested from several jurisdictions. These changes included the following:

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- Delete Hall Street from Kalamazoo to Eastern – City of Grand Rapids.
- Delete Eastern Avenue from 52nd to 60th (former ACC Project) – City of Kentwood.

- Delete GVMC’s “Planning Studies” (Pavement Management System, Congestion Management System, GIS Maintenance).
- Add a new project: Fulton Street from the Grand River to Division. The cost breakdown is \$260,085 Federal, \$89,915 local and \$350,000 total. **This project will be pending public involvement, EJ and consultation.**
- Change the limits on Hall Street from Madison to Eastern to Madison to Union and reduce the cost.
- Move 28th Street Kraft to I-96 ramps from FY2014 to FY2011 – KCRC.
- The remaining STP Urban Federal funds: redistribute to all projects. This will increase the Federal percentage to 74.31%.
- Add Burton Street at Conrail Railroad (BHT Federal fund source) Bridge grant – City of Grand Rapids.
- Add Alger Street at C&O Railroad and Market Avenue at Conrail Bridge for guardrail upgrades (Safety Project Grant) – City of Grand Rapids.
- Add 68th Avenue from Fillmore Street to M-45 (EDDF Funded) – OCRC.
- Hope Network requested to add the following requests to the FY2011-2014 TIP utilizing 5310 funds:

	Federal Share	State Share	Total Request
<b>Hope Network</b>			
2 Diesel Cutaway Buses	\$ 116,800	\$ 29,200	\$ 146,000
6 Low Floor Cutaway	\$ 600,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 750,000
3 Hybrid Electric Buses	\$ 273,600	\$ 68,400	\$ 342,000
55 MDTs	\$ 320,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 400,000
1 Interactive Voice Response	\$ 113,600	\$ 28,400	\$ 142,000
1 Metrics Software	\$ 156,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 195,000
1 MT Scheduling Software	\$ 67,200	\$ 16,800	\$ 84,000
1 Dashboard Software	\$ 104,800	\$ 26,200	\$ 131,000
1 Fleet management Software	\$ 68,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 85,000
40 On-Board Camera Systems	\$ 64,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 80,000
1 Bus Shelter	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000
1 Bus wash	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,000
Call Center Upgrade Equipment	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 20,000
Driver Training Equipment	\$ 4,800	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,000
Maintenance Tools	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 20,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$2,320,800</b>	<b>\$ 580,200</b>	<b>\$2,901,000</b>

- American Red Cross also requested to add several capital project requests utilizing 5310 funds, including the following:

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<b>American Red Cross</b>			
2 Wheelchair Conversion Vans	\$ 72,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 90,000
4 Seven Passenger Vehicles	\$ 92,800	\$ 23,200	\$ 116,000
2 Laptop Computers	\$ 1,600	\$ 400	\$ 2,000
1 Two-way Radio Base Station	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,500
5 Two-way Radio's for Vehicles	\$ 2,400	\$ 600	\$ 3,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 170,800</b>	<b>\$ 42,700</b>	<b>\$ 213,500</b>
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$2,491,600</b>	<b>\$ 622,900</b>	<b>\$3,114,500</b>

- ITP The Rapid has requested the following changes to the FY2011-2014 TIP:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amendment Requested</u>
<b>Section 5307</b>		
Paratransit Replacement Vehicles (3)	456,000	163,508
Paratransit Expansion Vehicles	228,000	0
Replacement 40' Buses (10)	0	4,351,770
Service Vehicles	90,000	0
Associated Capital Maintenance Items	1,061,080	586,885
Preventive Maintenance	1,000,000	1,625,000
Bus Tire Lease	120,000	225,000
A&E	500,000	50,000
Shop Equipment	39,564	33,933
Office Furniture/Equipment	15,000	12,500
Facility Equipment	350,000	0
Computer Hardware	34,930	161,125
Computer Software	34,930	312,500
Misc. Support Equipment	55,000	0
ADA Vehicle Equipment	103,000	150,000
Wealthy Facility Renovation	4,329,180	938,120
Rehab Admin Maint Facility	467,000	181,361
Storage	25,000	0
ITS	800,000	1,250
Radio Equipment	5,000	0
Misc. Contingency	106,000	62,500
Project Admin	80,000	100,000
Capital Cost of Contracting	600,000	No Change Requested
Passenger Shelters	100,000	62,500
Bus Stop Signs	5,000	12,500
Information Displays	800,000	6,250
Security Surveillance	238,000	88,382
Planning	523,350	793,150
<b>Section 5309</b>		

DABRT	19,303,000	No Change Requested
Expansion 40' Buses	0	768,900
Wealthy Operation Center	0	862,632
Terminal	0	750,000
Amtrak Rail Relocation	0	750,000
ITS	0	2,800,000

**Section 5339**

Streetcar Study	0	3,125,000
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- The City of Lowell, in conjunction with Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township and the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA), was awarded Enhancement funding for a non-motorized trail at a total cost of \$1,065,000. This project needs to be listed in the TIP to be funded.
- Staff is recommending adding the (GVMC approved) FY2011 CMAQ program to the FY2011 – 2014 TIP. The FY2011 CMAQ program is in the final stages of approval at MDOT and is pending approval at FHWA.
- MDOT requested several changes to the FY2011-2014 TIP. Changes included the following:

**FY 2011 – Trunkline Project Additions/Modifications**

JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Total Cost Est.
102914	US-131	@ Post Rd.	Resurface Carpool Lot	\$41,000*
109762	I-96	Cascade Rd WB On-Ramp	Ramp Reconstruction	\$300,000+
109765	M-11	@ Ivanrest & Byron Ctr. Ave's.	Intersection Reconstruction	\$1,251,000 +
102951	Various	Areawide	Roadside Facility Signing Upgrade	\$88,000
87397	US-131	I-196 to Ann St.	Replace Freeway Lighting	\$1,000,000
106262	M-45	@ Campus Dr. GVSU / Allendale	Add Turning Lanes (Michigan Institutional Roads Program)	\$435,000
106272	US-131	Under 100 <sup>th</sup> St.	Bridge Deck and Substructure Repairs	\$410,000
106669	I-96	Under Whitneyville Rd.	Bridge – Deep Overlay, Paint, & Substructure Repairs	\$850,000
87156	US-131	Under 36 <sup>th</sup> St.	Bridge Replacement	\$4,510,000

\* In 2011-14 TIP, cost change only.

+ In 2011-14 TIP, changed year only

**FY 2011 – CMAQ Projects**

<b>JN</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Total Cost Est.</b>
109666	I-96	@ Cascade Rd.	Extend WB on-ramp	\$900,000
111078	M-11	Hall St. to Riverbend Dr. Vic.	Add/Extend Center LT lane	\$585,000
111261	M-50	@ I-96 Vic.	Expand Carpool Parking Lot	\$327,000
110085	US-131	44 <sup>th</sup> St. to 36 <sup>th</sup> St.	Add NB weave/merge lane between ramps	\$900,000
111293	MDOT WM TMC	Regionwide	ITS Control Room Operations	\$450,000
111292	MDOT ITS	Regionwide	ITS Device Operation and Maintenance	\$587,500

**FY2012**

- Delete 17 Mile Road US-131 Ramps to West Street – KCRC.
- Move East Paris Avenue from Cascade to Kentwood City Limit from FY2014 to FY2012 - KCRC.
- Add 6th Street Bridge over the Grand River (MCS State fund source) to FY2012 – City of Grand Rapids.
- Add 68th Street over Plaster Creek (BHT Federal fund source) Bridge grant – KCRC.

**FY2014**

- Add a total of \$630,000 Federal (ACC) Division Avenue 54<sup>th</sup> to 60<sup>th</sup> project from the two projects that moved up in the TIP (see above changes) – City of Kentwood. There is still \$396,479 Federal Advance Construction Conversion in FY2015.

Since the FY2011-2014 TIP has yet to be approved, Robinson explained that the new TIP and these amendments will be approved concurrently.

Kent provided additional information about the TIP amendments requested by MDOT. He explained that now that MDOT's FY2011 program is fully funded, many projects previously listed as illustrative have been able to move into the TIP. Discussion ensued.

Peterson asked if MDOT and the KCRC were in agreement for where the jurisdiction starts and stops for the M-11 28<sup>th</sup> Street from Kraft to 96 project. He explained that Cascade Township is trying to coordinate DDA improvements there. Haagsma stated that before the project starts, those involved will need to figure this out. Harrall stated that he will have surveyors mark the area. However, there will need to be a coordination meeting.

Conners entertained a motion to approve the TIP amendments, as presented by Staff.

**MOTION by Arends, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to approve the FY2011-2014 TIP amendments, as presented by Staff, contingent on FHWA eligibility of the CMAQ projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. COMPLETE STREETS PRESENTATION**

McCurren, chair of the Greater Grand Rapids Bicycling Coalition, an organization formed to change Greater Grand Rapids into a safe bicycling community and promote the benefits of cycling for health, recreation, and the environment, informed the Committee about Complete Streets. He explained that in August, 2010, Governor Granholm signed Complete Streets legislation, which applies to road project planning. It considers all users of the roadway in planning road design and gives funding preference to communities that have complete streets policies. Complete streets includes planning for all modes of transportation and includes sidewalks, bike lanes, sharrows (shared lane markings), wide shoulders (rural), crosswalks, crossing islands, mid-block crossings, bus stop pull-outs, etc. Benefits of Complete Streets policies include lower obesity rates, higher home values, reduced congestion, improved walkability, improved air quality, a reduction in the area's carbon footprint, as well as various other safety and social benefits. McCurren explained that the Greater Grand Rapids Bicycling Coalition offers many resources to Communities interested in implementing Complete Streets policies in their communities. He also offered to sit down with local officials to discuss this further. Lastly, McCurren announced that there will be a bicycle summit in May, 2011.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Itani announced the times, dates, and information for 8 kick-off meetings to take place between October 11 and 14 for the public to comment on the Long Range Transportation Plan. He also encouraged the Committee members to take the public survey on GVMC's web site and to forward it on to interested individuals. Conners added that it would be appreciated if interested jurisdictions added the survey to their own web sites as well.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Conners adjourned the October 6, 2010 Technical Committee Meeting at 10:15 am.