

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
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. Everyone present introduced themselves. Itani introduced Joseph, a new transportation planner for GVMC, to the Committee.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Wayne Harrall (<i>Chair</i>)	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County Grand Rapids Township City of Kentwood Cannon Township City of Grandville City of Wyoming City of Walker City of Grand Rapids Gaines Charter Township Ottawa County MDOT OCRC Courtland Township City of Hudsonville Village of Sand Lake KCRC City of Lowell
Tim Bradshaw		
Terry Brod		
Ron Carr		
Tim Cochran		
Scott Conners		
Rick DeVries		
Tim Haagsma		
Jim Holtvluwer		
Dennis Kent		
Brett Laughlin		
Matt McConnon		
Dan Strikwerda		
Roger Towsley		
Steve Warren		
Ron Woods		

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Mike Brameijer	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Rachel Tupica	FHWA
Steve Waalkes	MCA
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township

Bill Dooley
Jim Ferro
Bill Fischer
Rod Ghearing
Roy Hawkins
Dennis Hoemke
Doug LaFave
John Lanum
Audrey Nevins Weiss
Steve Peterson
Tom Stressman
Toby VanEss
Phil Vincent
Rod Weersing
Chris Zull

City of Wyoming
Ada Township
Plainfield Township
ITP-The Rapid
KCDA/GRFIA
Algoma Township
East Grand Rapids
MDOT
Byron Township
Cascade Charter Township
City of Cedar Springs
Tallmadge Township
City of Rockford
Georgetown Township
City of Grand Rapids

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the November 4, 2015 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Bradshaw, to approve the November 4, 2015 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2014-2017 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** and two handouts from ITP-The Rapid, Robinson informed the Committee that MDOT, GVMC Staff (on behalf of the members), and ITP-The Rapid were requesting to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 TIP. He noted that, contrary to his memo in the agenda packet, Hope Network and Georgetown Seniors were not requesting to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 TIP. Instead, they were requesting that their projects be added to the project lists in the new FY2017-2020 TIP, and their requests would be covered under **Item V**.

Specific requests included the following:

- MDOT requested to amend/modify the FY2016 and FY2017 projects and GPAs listed in the FY2014-2017 TIP.
- GVMC Staff requested to move two FY2016 TAP projects from the illustrative list to the General Program Account (GPA) list: Byron Township’s Fred Meijer M-6 Trail Phase IV and Gaines Township’s Dutton Spur to Paul Henry Trail project. These projects received TAP funds from MDOT.
- ITP-The Rapid requested to make a modification to Section 5307 funds in the FY2016 TIP. Also, in preparation for the FY2017 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) grant application, they requested to amend the FY2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding several new line items and amending the budget for several projects.

Kent described additional details about MDOT's projects and asked if the Committee needed to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan also. Itani commented that this wasn't necessary because there were no air quality issues. Tupica added that if the area goes into non-attainment for ozone with the new 2015 ozone standard, this may change.

Cochran stated that he needed to modify the scope of a City of Wyoming TAP project awarded in FY2015—the Interurban Trail, which borders Division Avenue. He stated that the bridge on the trail was replaced 10 years ago with an 8' bridge, and the width of that bridge needs to increase to 10' to meet the latest standard. Robinson noted that the Committee has taken action already to move the project to FY2016, so this is just a minor adjustment to the scope of the project.

Harrall asked if Hope Network and Georgetown Seniors' request should be added to the FY2014-2017 TIP as well as the FY2017-2020 TIP, since FY2017 is included in both TIPs. Robinson stated that the projects should be added to the FY2017-2020 TIP, since we haven't done environmental justice or consultation for any of those projects. Tupica added that the only risk of not adding projects to the FY2014-2017 TIP is if we don't have the FY2017-2020 STIP approved, we won't be able to move new projects forward. Itani added that the last year in the FY2014-2017 TIP should match the first year in the new FY2017-2020 TIP. Robinson stated that, during the May meeting, he would bring a TIP amendment request forward to the Committee to make sure that FY2017 in the old TIP and new TIP matched. Discussion ensued.

Harrall entertained a motion to amend the FY2014-2017 TIP.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the amendments/modifications to the FY2014-2017 TIP requested by MDOT, GVMC, ITP-The Rapid, and the City of Wyoming. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY 2017-2020 TIP UPDATE

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A**, Robinson stated that on January 13th and 20th, the Transportation Programming Study Group met and programmed projects for the FY2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Included in the agenda packet are the project lists developed from these meetings, as well as MDOT's Five Year Program and ITP-The Rapid's list of projects for FY2017-2020. Robinson noted that the requests from Hope Network and Georgetown Seniors should also be considered under this item so their projects will be included in the next TIP. Robinson explained that the illustrative list of projects includes projects that are deficient in some way but have no Federal or State funding associated with them. However, these projects will still go through the same consultation, environmental justice review, and public involvement process as funded projects. That way, if additional funds become available in the future, they can move into the TIP with minimal MPO action. Robinson noted that, once the Committee approves the draft project lists, the next step in the development of the TIP is to begin the consultation process, environmental justice review, and public involvement process.

Robinson noted that he's still waiting to hear from MDOT about final funding numbers from the new transportation bill. As he understood, there would be a 2.2% cumulative increase in funding every year. He stated he would keep the Committee members posted.

Kent asked if the changes he requested from FY2017-2020 are being considered for approval under this agenda item. Robinson stated that he would make the changes before the Policy Committee meets, and that they would be reflected on MDOT's project list.

Harrall stated that Sand Lake has received conditional approval on their streetscape project, and asked for what year and if it was included in the TIP. Robinson said the project was awarded in 2018, and it is included in the illustrative list of projects. It will move into the new TIP in the future. Discussion ensued.

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the draft project lists for the FY2017-2020 TIP.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Holtvluwer, to recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the draft project lists for the FY2017-2020 TIP, including the requests from MDOT, ITP-The Rapid, Hope Network and Georgetown Seniors, in addition to the lists presented by Robinson. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Brameijer stated that the 2015 Regional Pavement Condition Survey Report is complete and available on the website. He invited anyone with questions about the survey to contact him.

Harrall stated that there is an ongoing effort to get refunds for local PASER rating that was done by the region, but there's not a lot of money this year to be rebated because of other expenses. Robinson stated that the amount is \$25,000 statewide. Brameijer stated that PASER training is available the end of the month. There is also a related webinar that will take place later this month. Discussion ensued.

Robinson stated that a Safe Routes to School training will take place at ITP-The Rapid on April 18 from 9-12. It is being led by April Morrison-Harke. The flyer is included on the agenda. Conners suggested getting information on this out to area schools.

Tupica added that, since the Committee last met, Congress passed a new transportation authorization bill, the FAST Act. Some of the proposed rulemaking has been delayed because of the overlap between getting MAP-21 regulations finalized and the new authorization bill out. When the new rules are released, they'll be relevant for both MAP-21 and the FAST Act. The last system performance which includes CMAQ and freight will be released this summer, and Tupica asked the Committee members to review this and provide comments. Itani asked about the timeline for implementing performance measures. Tupica recommended not waiting until all the rules are finalized to begin coordination for performance measures. Discussion ensued.

Robinson stated that obligation authority ran out really quickly last year and encouraged Committee members to get their projects in as soon as possible so they don't lose out.

Waalkes discussed the state road funding legislation that includes language on materials and workmanship warranties for local agencies for pavement projects over \$2 million. This will be a pass through cost to local agencies. It's being coordinated through MML for cities and CRAM for counties, with the assistance of MDOT. MDOT will be working with these agencies to develop a model for local agencies to use on projects that will require a warranty. Discussion ensued.

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Item II: Attachment A

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Harrall entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Conners, to adjourn the Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 Technical Committee meeting at 10:22 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.