

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 2, 2015  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW      Grand Rapids, MI**

Schweitzer, vice chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Everyone present introduced themselves. Lanum noted that he is taking Paul Lott's place on the Committee for the time being, but that there would be a new representative from MDOT's statewide planning section in the future.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS****Voting Members Present**

Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Timothy Cochran		City of Wyoming
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Jim Ferro		Ada Township
Rod Ghearing		ITP-The Rapid
Russ Henckel	<i>Proxy for Bill Dooley</i>	City of Wyoming
		City of Wyoming
Jim Holtvluwer		Ottawa County
John Lanum		MDOT
Brett Laughlin		OCRC
Travis Mabry	<i>Proxy for Scott Connors</i>	City of Walker
		City of Walker
Matt McConnon		Courtland Township
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County Road Commission
		Grand Rapids Township
Roger Towsley		Village of Sand Lake
Phil Vincent		City of Rockford
Steve Warren		Kent County Road Commission
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township
Ron Woods		City of Lowell

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Erick Kind	MDOT
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Steve Waalkes	MCA

**Voting Members Not Present**

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township

Ron Carr  
Scott Conners  
Mike DeVries  
Bill Dooley  
Bill Fischer  
Tim Haagsma  
Wayne Harrall  
Roy Hawkins  
Dennis Hoemke  
Doug LaFave  
Audrey Nevins Weiss  
Steve Peterson  
Tom Stressman  
Dan Strikwerda  
Toby VanEss  
Chris Zull (*Chair*)

City of Grandville  
City of Walker  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of Wyoming  
Plainfield Township  
Gaines Charter Township  
Kent County  
KCDA/GRFIA  
Algoma Township  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Byron Township  
Cascade Charter Township  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Hudsonville  
Tallmadge Township  
City of Grand Rapids

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schweitzer entertained a motion to approve the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Technical Committee minutes.

**MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by DeVries, to approve the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 a handout, Robinson informed the Committee that MDOT, the City of Grand Rapids, and the City of Walker were administratively modifying or requesting to amend the FY2014-2017 TIP. Their specific requests included the following:

- MDOT is administratively modifying several FY2015 and FY2016 GPA projects within the FY2014-2017 TIP. (This information was provided for informational purposes only and was requested at the July meeting.) MDOT also provided the list of GPA projects for FY2016, as requested by the MPO Committees.
- The City of Grand Rapids requested to substitute a FY2016 project—Leonard Street from Plainfield to Lafayette—constructed with local funds, with another project—Ann Street from Turner to Monroe (illustrative project). The City is also requesting to advance construct an approved FY2017 project—Alpine Avenue from Richmond Street to Nason Street—in FY2016.
- The City of Walker requested to add two TED-Category A projects to the TIP: (1) Three Mile Road and North Wilson Traffic Signal Upgrade—Plasan Industries/Private Partner with a total project cost of \$180,000, and (2) Fruitridge Avenue Center Turn Lane at Northridge Drive—Irwin Seating / Private Partner with a total project cost of \$800,000. Both projects will be constructed in FY2016.

Kent provided additional information about the administrative modifications to MDOT's FY2015 and FY2016 GPA projects, noting that projects in the GPA list can change without a formal amendment occurring, which streamlines the approval process. Robinson added that GVMC is looking to add several local projects to a GPA list also, which will make it easier to make changes to those projects.

Kent asked if the Committee should take action on the changes to the FY2015 and FY2016 GPA projects. Robinson replied that the Committee can act on this item, but that he preferred to have all of the TIP amendments and modifications be included in one action.

Mabry provided additional details about the City of Walker's TIP amendment requests.

Schweitzer entertained a motion to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 TIP.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Holtvluwer, to approve of the amendments/modifications to the FY2014-2017 TIP, requested by MDOT, the City of Grand Rapids, and the City of Walker, as presented.**

Laughlin asked if the City of Grand Rapids' Ann Street project was an illustrative project. Robinson confirmed it was. Lanum asked about the timing of the City of Walker's TED-Category A projects. Mabry believed both projects were for FY2016. McConnon asked if the motion should state that the City of Walker's projects are contingent upon state approval. Robinson stated that this could be added to the motion, and Warren agreed to amend the motion as follows:

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Holtvluwer, to approve of the amendments/modifications to the FY2014-2017 TIP requested by MDOT, the City of Grand Rapids, and the City of Walker, with the City of Walker's amendment requests to be contingent upon state approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Robinson informed the Technical Committee that the Asset Management Committee met on Monday to discuss the status of PASER data. He explained that staff is close to finishing rating the federal aid roads but still has some additional work to do in Ottawa County. He noted that GVMC charges to rate roads outside our MPO area and that that work cannot be done during normal business hours. Robinson also informed the Committee that he, Mike Brameijer, and Mike Zonyk have taken over PASER data duties for Jim Snell.

Lastly, Robinson stated that he was hoping to have PASER data gathered before the beginning of the development of the next TIP (FY2017-2020). Robinson will be sending out a call for projects the end of October. He encouraged the Committee members to submit all of their federal aid projects, because it's easier to move projects into the TIP from the illustrative list than to add them in later as entirely new projects.

#### VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Schweitzer entertained a motion to adjourn today's meeting.

**MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by Towsley, to adjourn the September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, Technical Committee meeting at 9:47 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**