

MINUTES

RURAL TPSG MEETING

Friday, February 26th, 2010

9:00 AM

KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION OFFICES  
COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM  
1500 Scribner NW, Grand Rapids

Itani called the Rural TIP Committee Meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Andrew Bostwick	<i>Proxy for</i>	Village of Kent City
	<i>John Petruska</i>	Village of Kent City
Joan Konyndyk		Hope Network
Steve Redmond	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Sandra Cornell-Howe</i>	MDOT
Steve Warren		KCRC

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Roger Belknap	KCRC
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Steve Hartman	Hope Network
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Sandy Ayers	Village of Caledonia
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Jan Hoekstra	ITP-The Rapid
Wayne Koomen	Village of Casnovia
Dave Pasquale	City of Lowell
John Petruska	Village of Kent City
Toni Potes	Village of Sparta
Tony Slaughter	American Red Cross

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Itani entertained a motion to approve the January 29, 2009 Rural TPSG Committee Minutes.

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Redmond, to approve the January 29, 2009 Rural TPSG Committee minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. SELECTION OF FY2011-2014 RURAL PROJECTS

Itani explained that the committee had been convened in order to determine Rural-STP projects for FY2014 and review Rural STP projects in FY2011-2013.

Itani explained the TIP development process to the Committee and asked for comments on it. Receiving none, he asked the committee to review the projects listed in FY2011. Robinson stated that, based on the new revenue estimates from MDOT received in January, FY2011 is overprogrammed by \$43,961. Warren noted that he wanted to lengthen the limits of the KCRC's Lincoln Lake Avenue project in FY2011 to McPherson to 5 Mile but reduce the scope of the resurfacing. Itani explained the Committee's options to make the TIP financially constrained. Hartman added that Hope Network could change their project to a \$38,000-\$40,000 high top van to reduce costs. The federal portion of the high top van would be \$32,000, as opposed to \$52,000 for the original van. The federal amount for the KCRC's Lincoln Lake Avenue project would then change from \$532,000 to \$508,039 to make the TIP financially constrained. Discussion ensued.

Warren explained to the Committee that the KCRC has a lengthy and costly project on Cascade Road from Snow Avenue east to the county line. His objective is to resurface this six-mile stretch of this road by completing two miles per year, starting in FY2012 and concluding in FY2014. He explained that the limits for the Cascade Road project in FY2012 would need to be changed to Snow to Timpson. However, the cost would stay the same.

Warren stated that substantially less road improvements are being completed each year, and questioned if it was necessary to purchase busses and vans with STP-Rural funding every year. In response, Itani suggested funding these bus and van purchases with CMAQ funds instead of STP-Rural funds. Warren stated his support of this, and Hartman indicated that he was open to this possibility as well. Itani clarified that, in FY2013 and FY2014, busses and vans would be funded with CMAQ funds. All remaining STP-Rural funds in FY2013 would be given to the KCRC for their Cascade Road project from Timpson to Segwun.

The Village of Kent City requested to add a new project to FY2014 of the TIP. Robinson explained this project to the Committee. Bostwick provided additional information about the project. Robinson clarified that the project's description would need to change, since crack sealing is not currently an eligible treatment according to GVMC's policies, and questioned if this project could be completed with a different

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treatment for the same amount. Belknap suggested that the project description be changed from crack sealing to surface treatment. Warren stated that he would support the Village of Kent City receiving \$20,000 in federal funds for this project in FY2014. The local share for this project would depend on the project's scope. The KCRC would then receive the remaining STP-Rural funding for their Cascade Road project from Segwun to the County Line in FY2014. Discussion ensued.

Itani entertained a motion to approve the STP-Rural project lists for the FY2011-2014 TIP, as identified.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Konyndyk, to approve the STP-Rural project lists for the FY2011-2014 TIP, as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Warren stated that weight restrictions are in effect as of today. He also added that, on average, Michigan drivers suffer \$300 worth of structural damage to their vehicles due to poor road conditions. Discussion ensued.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Itani entertained a motion to adjourn the February 26, 2010 Rural TPSG meeting.

**MOTION by Redmond, SUPPORT by Warren, to adjourn the February 26, 2010 Rural TPSG Committee meeting at 9:39 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**