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MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP  
Wednesday, January 30, 2013  
Grand Valley Metro Council 678 Front Ave NW

Zull called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The Committee members, staff, and guests present introduced themselves.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Chris Zull ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Grand Rapids
Ron Carr		City of Grandville
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Bill Dooley		City of Wyoming
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for</i>	County of Kent
	<i>Mike DeVries</i>	Grand Rapids Township
Russ Henckel	<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Wyoming
	<i>Tim Cochran</i>	City of Wyoming
Jan Hoekstra		ITP-The Rapid
Brett Laughlin		OCRC
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Joe Slonecki	<i>Proxy for</i>	East Grand Rapids
	<i>Ken Feldt</i>	East Grand Rapids
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Phil Vincent		City of Rockford
Steve Warren		KCRC

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Jamie Davies	City of Rockford
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Stephen Kepley	City of Kentwood
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
John Weiss	GVMC Staff
George Yang	GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Sandy Ayers	Village of Caledonia
Tim Cochran	City of Wyoming
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids

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Roy Hawkins  
Mark Howe  
Ray Lenze  
Tom Stressman

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Zull entertained a motion to approve the January 17, 2013 Transportation Programming Study Group (TPSG) meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the January 17, 2013 TPSG meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. PROGRAMMING OF PROJECTS FOR FY2014-2017 TIP**

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** of the agenda and several handouts, Robinson stated that the purpose of today’s meeting was to program STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP funds for FY2014-2017. Robinson noted that the STP-Flex funds can only be spent in Kent County and reviewed the eligibility requirements for projects to receive NHPP funds.

Robinson added that there is a proposal to add a GPA for preventative maintenance to the TIP. Itani clarified that the Asset Management Committee had recommended adding this GPA to the TIP in FY2015, 2016, and 2017, but not in 2014. Itani stated that the final decision about this would be up to the Committee. He also noted that there is \$42 million in available federal funds, and the projects submitted for funding far exceeded this budget.

**2014 Projects**

Warren noted that NHPP funds can only be used on major arterials and asked if the upcoming changes in road designations would be problematic. Itani recommended that the Committee program NHPP funds for FY2014-2017 anyway, noting that the Committee can always make changes later.

Conners requested that the Committee consider funding the City of Walker’s Remembrance Rd. from Leonard St. to Walker Village Drive project with the FY2014 NHPP funding. Conners noted that the price of the project has increased to \$1.1 million, which would mean that the project would be funded at a match less than 80/20, but that the City of Walker would make this work. Zull asked if there were any additional candidates for NHPP funding in FY2014. DeVries stated that the City of Grand Rapids also had several projects that would qualify for funding.

Dooley agreed with Conners’ proposal to designate all NHPP funds in FY2014 for the Remembrance Rd. project. Zull asked if there was dissention; being that there was none, the City of Walker was granted all NHPP funds in FY2014.

Robinson stated that after moving the City of Walker’s Remembrance Rd. project from

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STP-U to NHPP funding, there was nearly \$2.5 million available to program.

Harrall asked for confirmation that the KCRC's 4 Mile Rd. project would be funded with FY2014 EDFC and STP-Flex. Robinson confirmed that it would be, noting that all FY2014 STP-Flex funding would be consumed by this project.

Conners asked if the match amount should be discussed before projects were selected. DeVries noted that the City of Grand Rapids projects were all submitted at a 70/30 match. Dooley added that, historically, the Committee had used a 70/30 match to spread the federal funds as far as possible. Kepley added that roads may be better at an 80/20 split because the jurisdictions' money goes further. Itani recommended that the match be dependent on the projects needed in a given year. Discussion ensued. Warren suggested keeping the federal match between 70% and 80%, but trying to get the federal match as close to 80% as possible, depending on the number of projects. Zull recommended starting with a 75/25 match and adjusting it from there. The Committee agreed. Discussion ensued.

Zull asked for project proposals to consume the \$2.5 in STP-U and flex funds.

- Schweitzer requested to add \$328,000 in federal funding to Kentwood's East Paris Ave. from 44<sup>th</sup> St. to Barden Dr. project.
- Robinson noted that the City of Rockford had requested consideration for their Courtland St. from 180' east of Fremont St. centerline to east side of Main St. project. Davies provided additional information about the project.
- Carr stated that the City of Grandville could move forward their FY2015 Prairie/Division from Wilson Ave. to Chicago Dr. project.
- Warren stated that the KCRC requested to add the following projects, in order of priority: 4 Mile Road from Plainfield to Dean Lake, 10 Mile Road from Wolverine Blvd. to Courtland Dr., and Byron Center from 84<sup>th</sup> to 76<sup>th</sup>.
- DeVries noted that the City of Grand Rapids had moved approximately \$1 million in projects out of FY2014. He added that they had several proposed projects for FY2014, which included, in order of priority: Fuller Ave. from Michigan St. to Race St., Michigan St. from Lafayette Ave. to College Ave., Burton St. from Towner Ave. to Division Ave., Monroe Ave. from Pearl Street Intersection and Lyon, and Fuller Ave. from Malta St. to Leonard St.

Robinson noted that, with the addition of the above projects, FY2014 was overprogrammed. Dooley suggested that the City of Grand Rapids have priority, since they lost \$1 million in federal funding. Warren agreed to drop the Byron Center from 84<sup>th</sup> St. to 76<sup>th</sup> St. project in order to free up funds for the City of Grand Rapids. Carr's Prairie/Division project was moved to FY2015. After these changes, FY2014 was overprogrammed by approximately \$94,000. Itani stated that staff would adjust the match amount to eliminate the overage.

Zull entertained a motion to approve STP-U, STP-Flex, and NHPP projects for FY2014.

**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to approve the STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP project lists for FY2014 of the TIP, as outlined. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Schweitzer asked if any projects that are not funded will be added to the illustrative list. Itani

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encouraged the Committee members to send Staff any projects they want to do in the next 10 years in case additional federal funds become available. Harrall asked if the illustrative list would include rural projects also. Itani confirmed that it would. However, Itani noted that using urban funds on rural projects is not permitted according to current policies.

**2015 Projects**

Zull stated that five projects had been recommended for consideration for funding by Staff. Itani clarified that this was a preliminary list and was created as a starting point, with the most obvious projects to select listed on the spreadsheet.

Zull asked for additional projects for FY2015, and received the following recommendations:

- Warren asked that the Committee consider funding the KCRC's Wolverine Blvd. from Belding to 10 Mile project with NHPP funds. For STP funding, he suggested (in order of priority) Cascade Rd. from East Paris to Forest Hills Ave., 4 Mile Road from Fruitridge to Walker, 36<sup>th</sup> St. from Patterson to Kraft, and Division Ave. from 76<sup>th</sup> St. to 84<sup>th</sup> St. It was noted that the 36<sup>th</sup> St. and Division Ave. projects also would qualify for NHPP funds.
- DeVries stated that the City of Grand Rapids' top priorities included Leonard St. from Lafayette to Ashland and Lafayette Ave. from Bradford to Leonard. Their remaining project requests, in order of priority, would be Kalamazoo Ave. from Burton St. to Fuller Ave., Pearl St. from Mt. Vernon Ave. to Front Ave., Fuller Ave. from Leonard St. to Knapp St., State St. from Jefferson to Lafayette, and Bostwick Ave. from Lyon to Crescent.
- Strikwerda asked the Committee to consider funding Hudsonville's Highland Drive/New Holland from Creekview Drive to 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. project.
- Carr noted that the City of Grandville's Prairie/Division Ave. project had been moved to the list from FY2014.
- Wyoming noted that their only requested project—Roger B. Chaffee from 44<sup>th</sup> St. to 32<sup>nd</sup> St—had been added to the list by Staff.
- Snell asked that the Committee consider adding \$720,000 for a preventative maintenance GPA to the list.

Robinson noted that the Committee was \$3.2 million over budget.

Haagsma suggested moving the KCRC's Wolverine Blvd. project to NHPP funding. Because the cost of the project exceeded the amount of available NHPP funds, Robinson stated that the remainder could be funded with STP funds. The Committee agreed. The match for this project would be 75/25 for consistency with the rest of the TIP.

Dooley offered to move the City of Wyoming's project to FY2016 and advance construct it. Itani also asked the KCRC and the City of Grand Rapids to consider cutting \$600,000 in projects. DeVries stated that the State St. and Bostwick projects could be moved to FY2016. Warren agreed to move the KCRC's Division Ave. from 76<sup>th</sup> St. to 84<sup>th</sup> St. project to FY2016. Robinson agreed to adjust the match so that the funding was consumed. All other projects requested were to receive FY2015 funding.

Zull entertained a motion to approve FY2015 STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP projects.

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Upon further calculations, it was determined that FY2015 was underprogrammed by \$194,000. Zull suggested adding another project to the list. Schweitzer suggested adding the City of Grand Rapids' Bostwick project to the list, and then adjusting the match amount to consume the remaining funding. Zull entertained a motion to accept this proposal.

**MOTION by Dooley, SUPPORT by Harrall, to add the City of Grand Rapids' Bostwick Ave. from Lyon to Crescent to FY2015 of the TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Zull noted that the City of Grand Rapids' Bostwick Ave. project was listed twice in FY2015, and entertained a motion to reprogram these funds.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Conners, to allocate the remaining \$225,000 in FY2015 STP-U funds to the City of Grand Rapids for a project of their choice, to be determined by the next Tech Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **FY2016**

Robinson stated that FY2016's STP-U and STP-Flex project list would start off with two projects moved from FY2015—the City of Wyoming's Roger B Chaffee project, and the KCRC's Division Ave. project. Itani also recommended several other projects to the Committee, including the OCRC's 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. project. He noted that the Committee would need to provide final approval on this list, however.

Zull asked the Committee members to pick their top priorities for funding in FY2016. He received the following recommendations:

- Warren asked that the Committee consider funding, in order of priority, the KCRC's 10 Mile Rd. from M-37 to Alpine Ave., 10 Mile Rd. from Courtland Dr. to Myers Lake Ave., and Cascade Rd. from Hall to Burton.
- DeVries asked that the Committee consider funding, in order of priority, Grand Rapids' Kalamazoo Ave. from Fuller Ave to Hall St., Leonard St. from Alpine Ave. to Turner Ave., Fulton St. from Woodward Ave. to Lakeside Ave, Leonard St. from Plainfield Ave. to Lafayette Ave., and Kalamazoo Ave. from 42<sup>nd</sup> St. to 36<sup>th</sup> St.
- Slonecki asked that the Committee consider funding the City of East Grand Rapids' Lake Drive from Bagley Ave. to Conlon Drive project.
- Strikwerda asked that the Committee consider funding the City of Hudsonville's 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Oak Street to Chicago Drive project.
- Schweitzer asked that the Committee consider funding the City of Kentwood's East Paris Ave. from Burton Street to NCL project.

With these additions, FY2016 was once again significantly overprogrammed.

Conners offered to swap the City of Walker's Turner Ave. from West River Dr. to US-131 project in 2016 with their Walker Ave. from Three Mile Road to Waldorf Street project in FY2017, which would free up close to \$400,000.

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Zull noted that four projects were eligible for NHPP funding. Warren suggested the KCRC's Division Ave. from 76<sup>th</sup> St. to 84<sup>th</sup> St. project, which left \$258,000 in available funding. Robinson recommended the City of Grand Rapids Leonard St. from Alpine Ave. to Turner Ave. project. The Committee agreed to fund both projects. Zull noted that the list still needed to be cut significantly.

DeVries suggested moving the City of Grand Rapids' Wealthy St. from US 131 to Division Ave. project to FY2017. Schweitzer offered to move the City of Kentwood's East Paris Ave. from Burton St. to NCL project to FY2017, stating that he could advance construct the project. Warren stated that the KCRC's 10 Mile Rd. from Courtland Dr. to Myers Lake Ave. project could also move to FY2017. Haagsma asked if the City of East Grand Rapids could use CMAQ funding for their Lake Dr. from Bagley Ave. to Conlon Dr. project. Itani recommended splitting the project between STP and CMAQ. Snell suggested funding the project with \$275,000 in STP-U funding. Itani stated that East Grand Rapids will need to determine which portions of the project will qualify for CMAQ funding and come back to the Committee for approval. After these changes, FY2016 was financially constrained.

Zull entertained a motion to approve FY2016 STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP projects.

**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Strikwerda, to approve the STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP project lists for FY2016 of the TIP, as outlined. MOTION CARRIED. Slonecki opposed.**

### **FY2017**

Itani suggested several projects for FY2017, and then turned the discussion over to the Committee. Laughlin suggested to move the OCRC's Cottonwood Dr. from Taylor St. to Baldwin St. project to the illustrative list. Henckel offered to move the City of Wyoming's 36<sup>th</sup> St. from WCL to Clyde Park Ave. project to the illustrative list. Itani noted that if the Committee wanted to add many projects, they could go with a 60/40 match for now, since that year will be revisited in the future.

Zull asked the Committee members to pick their top few priorities for funding in FY2017, and received the following recommendations:

- Warren asked that the Committee consider funding, in order of priority, the KCRC's 10 Mile Rd. from Courtland Dr. to Myers Lake project, Byron Center from 84<sup>th</sup> to 76<sup>th</sup> and Byron Center from 76<sup>th</sup> to 68<sup>th</sup> (the projects would be combined), and Kalamazoo from 76<sup>th</sup> to 84<sup>th</sup>.
- DeVries suggested that the following projects, in order of priority: Leonard St. from Ashland St. to Fuller Ave., Leonard St. from Fuller Ave. to Ball Ave., Michigan St. from College Ave. to Eastern Ave., Kalamazoo Ave. from 36<sup>th</sup> St. to Forrester Ave., Burton St. from Breton Ave. to East Beltline, Leonard St. from Walker Ave. to Alpine Ave., Fulton St. from Lafayette Ave. to College Ave., Leonard St. from Hillburn Ave. to Country Club Ave., and Alpine Ave. from Richmond St. to Nason St.
- Schweitzer recommended the City of Kentwood's 44<sup>th</sup> St. from East Beltline to Patterson Ave. project.

Zull asked for recommendations of projects to be funded with NHPP funds. DeVries suggested Leonard St. from Ashland St. to Fuller Ave. and Leonard St. from Walker Ave. to

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Alpine Ave.

Strikwerda offered to add the City of Hudsonville's 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. from New Holland St. to Chicago Dr. project to the illustrative list.

Zull entertained a motion to approve FY2017 STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP projects.

**MOTION by Dooley, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to approve the STP-Urban, STP-Flex, and NHPP project lists for FY2016 of the TIP, as outlined. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Zull entertained a motion to adjourn the January 30, 2013 TPSG Committee meeting.

**MOTION by Dooley, SUPPORT by Strikwerda, to adjourn the January 30, 2013 TPSG Committee meeting at 12:10 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**