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MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
Friday, February 17th, 2006
Kent County Road Commission 1500 Scribner NW

The meeting was called to order by Dooley, Chair of the Technical Committee at 1:06 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Bill Dooley (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Wyoming
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Mike Berrevoets	City of Cedar Springs (FTCH)
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Russ Henckel (<i>Proxy for Jerry Mears</i>)	City of Wyoming
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dennis Kent (<i>Proxy for S. Cornell-Howe</i>)	MDOT
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Steve Warren (<i>ViceChair</i>)	KCRC

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Stephen Kepley	City of Kentwood
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Don Stypula	GVMC Staff
Vicki Weerstra	MDOT-Grand Region

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Voting Members Not Present

Sandy Ayers
James Beelen
Marta Brechting
Bryan Chodkowski
Bill Cole
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Don Hilton, Sr.
Dennis Hoemke
William Holland
Dick Johnston
Ken Klomparens
Jim McIntyre
Gerald Mears
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Tom Palarz
Steve Peterson
Robert Swenson
Gary Voogt
Bill Wiersma

Village of Caledonia
Allendale Township
Alpine Township
Village of Sparta
City of Grand Rapids
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
Gaines Township
Algoma Township
Georgetown Township
City of Rockford
GRFIA
Courtland Township
City of Wyoming
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
OCRC
Cascade Charter Township
Cannon Township
Ada Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 9th, 2006 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes were distributed to the committee for review.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve the February 9th, 2006 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Feldt, to approve of the February 9th, 2006 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2006 CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAMMING

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Via a hand-out of the FY2006 CMAQ projects, Itani explained MDOT's proposed program, and stated that the Policy and Executive Committee's are not in favor

Of this program, as this area should receive CMAQ funding based on population. Referring to the hand-out, he discussed figures on the spreadsheet and stated that MDOT Management is trying to come up with different alternatives. Discussion and comments followed. In an effort to keep the process moving, Itani recommended the FY2006 CMAQ program be addressed today. Discussion and comments followed.

Kent briefed the committee on the status of the Call for Projects. He noted that once statewide issues are resolved, a more formal call for projects will be issued. Discussion followed.

Itani commented that this MPO process is a good one, and that all appropriated funding has been used. He questions the prudence of changing the process with this MDOT proposal, as the priorities listed in the "Set Asides" are exactly what this MPO is supporting. He also addressed funding amounts and carry-over from previous years, and stressed the importance of ensuring that un-obligated funds are spent wisely.

Itani clarified that the intent of today's meeting is to reaffirm this MPO's commitment to ITS, Signal Optimization, Transit, Corridor improvement, etc, and to agree on the level of funding to give to each and move forward. He distributed Section 110 Authorization of Appropriations which depicts federal funding amounts for each program nationwide per year. Schweitzer inquired as to SAFETEA-LU's regulations and the effect on the project list. Discussion followed. Itani clarified that under SAFETEA-LU and past bills, CMAQ money can only be used on non-attainment areas. Kent and Itani clarified that from an eligibility standpoint all projects in the FY2006 CMAQ Program qualify, however the funding is the unknown piece. Schweitzer inquired as to the priority system that the State will use. Discussion followed.

Itani distributed the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Application Form to the committee to review and understand what data is needed for Staff to fill out. Discussion and comments followed.

Harrall noted that the 44th Street project could be reduced to \$500,000 with the federal share at \$400,000. Discussion followed. Kent and Staff answered questions regarding carry-over and obligation authority. Connors suggested the possibility of adding more projects as obligation authority becomes available. Discussion followed. Fetzer noted that the Michivan Project should be dropped from the list. Discussion followed.

Bush stated that based upon current estimates, we have a financially constrained

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plan. Discussion followed. As Itani further explained MDOT's proposal, he is hopeful that compromises to accommodate this TMA will be made by MDOT. He will keep the committee informed as this moves forward. Discussion followed.

Dooley entertained a motion that the committee recognize the changes brought up in today's meeting.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Fetzer, to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of making the adjustments noted; reducing the 44th Street Project to \$500,000, and the federal share to \$400,000, and removing the Michivan project from the list of projects.

Discussion continued. Dooley called to question the motion on the floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Kent abstained.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Dooley adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.