

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
Wednesday, June 23, 2010
Kent County Road Commission 1500 Scribner Ave NW

Conners, Vice Chair of the TPSG Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:37 am. The Committee members, staff, and guests present introduced themselves.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Scott Conners (<i>Vice Chair</i>)		City of Walker
Jerry Alkema		Allendale Township
Mike Bouwkamp		City of Rockford
Tim Cochran		City of Wyoming
Sandra M. Cornell-Howe		MDOT
Piotr Lewak	<i>Proxy for Rick DeVries</i>	City of Grand Rapids
		City of Grand Rapids
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Steve Warren		KCRC

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Sandy Ayers	Village of Caledonia
Christine Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Dan DesJarden	City of Lowell
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Bill Dooley	City of Wyoming
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall (<i>Chair</i>)	County of Kent
Taiwo Jaiyeoba	ITP-The Rapid

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Brett Laughlin
Dan Strikwerda

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A
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City of Hudsonville

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conners entertained a motion to approve the May 4, 2010 Transportation Programming Study Group meeting minutes.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Cochran, to approve the May 4, 2010 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. PROGRAMMING OF REMAINING ARRA FUNDS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained that there is \$168,013 in leftover ARRA funds due to bid savings. He stated that one project would need to be selected by the Committee to receive this funding. This project could be a simple resurfacing project that is ready, a transit project, or the Committee could decide to add these funds to one STP-funded project that has a GI scheduled or already completed but has not yet been obligated. The selected project would need to be turned in to Local Agency Programs by Friday, June 25. He added that he had included some project lists used during the ARRA project selection process for the committee to review.

Robinson also stated that he was in contact with the City of Grand Rapids about a project that they had submitted for FY2010 that may be an appropriate fit for the funding. This project was on Hall Street from Eastern to Kalamazoo. Lewak provided additional information about the project, stating that it had been submitted to Local Agency Programs in FY2009 as an ARRA project in error. Since then, the project has been sitting on the shelf and is ready to go. He added that it wouldn't be a problem for the City of Grand Rapids to get the project turned in on time and comply with the deadlines. Robinson added that the project is currently in the FY2011 STP-Urban program and was programmed into the new FY2011 TIP. Therefore, if this project is selected, there will be a hole in the FY2011 TIP that will need to be filled.

Conners asked if there were other proposals for projects to receive the funding. There were none.

Itani clarified that the Hall Street project would be funded by about \$168,000 in ARRA funding. Lewak explained that the project would be trimmed to fit the available budget.

Conners entertained a motion to select the City of Grand Rapids' Hall Street project to receive the remaining ARRA funds.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Cochran, to select the City of Grand Rapids' Hall Street project to receive the \$168,013 in remaining ARRA funds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Kent added that MDOT is requesting an amendment/modification to the FY2008-2011 MPO TIP to convert three projects to 100% federal ARRA funding. These projects included crack sealing on the carpool lot at I-96 at M-44/M-37, beam repairs, sub-structure/deck patching, and painting on I-96 WB over the C & M Railroad, and beam repairs, sub-structure/deck patching, and painting on I-96 EB over the C & M Railroad.

Conners entertained a motion to amend the FY2008-2011 TIP per MDOT's request.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Lewak, to amend the FY2008-2011 TIP to convert the three projects identified by Kent to 100% federal ARRA funding. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Conners requested that, at the next Technical Committee meeting, staff provide an update on GVMC's recertification review with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as well as an overview of the outcome of GVMC's board retreat meeting held last May.

Warren added that there is a proposal by Metro Council to withdraw their dues contribution to the transportation group. He explained that this will have an impact on all of the members, especially Act 51 agencies, since \$85,000 in dues will need to be made up. This issue was addressed by a subcommittee of the Policy Committee yesterday. A subcommittee of the Policy Committee subcommittee will be discussing this issue further.

Cornell-Howe asked to add the new bimonthly TIP amendment schedule to the July Technical Committee agenda. Discussion ensued.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Conners adjourned the June 23, 2010 TPSG Committee meeting at 9:51 am.