

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP  
Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Kent County Road Commission**

Dooley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Bill Dooley (Chair)	City of Wyoming
Roger Belknap	KCRC
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Bill Cole	City of Grand Rapids
Scott Connors	City of Walker
Jim Fetzer	ITP-The Rapid
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
Jan Hoekstra	ITP-The Rapid
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Dennis Kent	MDOT – Grand Region
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Robert Swenson	Cannon Township
Steve Warren	KCRC

**Staff Present**

Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	RWBC - WMEAC
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

James Beelen	Allendale Township
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Ron Carr  
Bryan RH Chodkowski  
Mike DeVries  
Ken Feldt  
Don Hilton, Sr.  
William Holland  
Jerry Homminga  
Ken Krombeen  
Jim McIntyre  
George Meek  
Jim Miedema  
Vacant  
Bill Wiersma

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City of Grandville  
Village of Sparta  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Gaines Township  
Georgetown Township  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Grandville  
Courtland Township  
Plainfield Township  
Jamestown Township  
Byron Township  
Tallmadge Township

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

With no additions or corrections the December 13, 2004 are accepted as read and approved.

III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

IV. **PROGRAMMING OF THE FY2006-2008 CMAQ PROGRAM**

**FY2006 CMAQ**

Itani briefed the committee on the process for programming CMAQ projects. He discussed the various types of projects that qualify for CMAQ funds and the associated restrictions to fund only projects that provide an air quality benefit, reduces congestion, and are economically efficient. Discussion followed.

Itani suggested the committee develop a prioritization process to select projects. As the new reauthorization bill has been passed, he suggested that a draft FY2006 project list be developed and when MDOT has a call for projects the MPO will have a project list to submit and develop 2007, 2008 and 2009 later. He noted that the MPO does not know what the allocation will be for CMAQ funds but suggested approximately \$5 million. Discussion followed.

Bush suggested developing a three year program in order to give jurisdictions time to plan, design projects and have them in the "hopper". Cole asked what the actual allocation is for this MPO. Discussion and comments followed.

Itani stated that the committee should evaluate all projects on the lists and give priority to where the problem is. Kent concurred that this is consistent with the state of Michigan process. Itani again stressed the importance to develop a prioritization process in place before programming FY2007 and beyond CMAQ projects. Discussion,

comments and questions followed.

Dooley suggested the committee start the programming process by looking at the FY2006 list of proposed CMAQ projects. Discussion followed.

Fetzer noted that a proposed project from ITP needs the funding amount adjusted. Kent noted that the Michigan bridge project should be moved to 2007. Cole suggested that the project remain in 2006 since the preliminary engineering has been completed. Cole further commented that the project could be obligated in 2006 and built in 2007. Discussion followed.

With the committees suggestions Dooley noted that with the proposed list of CMAQ projects for FY2006 there was \$6,405,700. Dooley then went through the list, project by project, noting costs and requesting information about the project from each jurisdiction. Fetzer offered to reduce the number of buses to 3 dropping the total cost by \$400,000 in order to get the list closer to financial constraint. Comments, questions and suggestions followed.

Cole suggested approving the list of proposed 2006 projects knowing that the list isn't financially constrained and revisiting the list once more information was available on the Michigan Bridge project. Dooley discussed moving on to programming 2007 with the committee. Itani suggested that the committee wait until more information is learned on the amount of allocation this MPO would get. Itani further noted that the only certainty is that if the Michigan bridge project can't go in 2006, the project would be a priority in 2007.

**MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Cole, to recommend to the Technical Committee the attached proposed FY2006 list of CMAQ projects . MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### IV. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Snell noted that the GVMC golf outing was on September 15<sup>th</sup> and encouraged committee members to sign up.

#### V. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dooley adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.