

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
Wednesday, September 22, 2010
Grand Valley Metro Council 678 Front Ave NW

Harrall, Chair of the TPSG Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

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| Wayne Harrall (<i>Chair</i>) | <i>Proxy for</i> | County of Kent |
| | <i>Mike DeVries</i> | Grand Rapids Township |
| Tim Cochran | | City of Wyoming |
| Sandra M. Cornell-Howe | | MDOT |
| Rick DeVries | | City of Grand Rapids |
| Ken Feldt | | City of East Grand Rapids |
| Tim Haagsma | | Gaines Township |
| Russ Henckel | <i>Proxy for</i> | City of Wyoming |
| | <i>Bill Dooley</i> | City of Wyoming |
| Jan Hoekstra | <i>Proxy for</i> | ITP-The Rapid |
| | <i>Taiwo Jaiyeoba</i> | ITP-The Rapid |
| Brett Laughlin | | OCRC |
| Terry Schweitzer | | City of Kentwood |
| Steve Warren | | KCRC |
| Chris Zull | | City of Grand Rapids |

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

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| Roger Belknap | KCRC |
| Andrea Faber | GVMC Staff |
| Abed Itani | GVMC Staff |
| Darrell Robinson | GVMC Staff |
| Don Stypula | GVMC Staff |
| Mike Zonyk | GVMC Staff |

Voting Members Not Present

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| Jerry Alkema | Allendale Township |
| Sandy Ayers | Village of Caledonia |
| Mike Bouwkamp | City of Rockford |
| Christine Burns | City of Cedar Springs |
| Ron Carr | City of Grandville |
| Scott Connors (<i>Vice Chair</i>) | City of Walker |

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Sharon DeLange
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Bill Dooley
Taiwo Jaiyeoba
Dan Strikwerda

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Village of Sparta
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Wyoming
ITP-The Rapid
City of Hudsonville

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the June 23, 2010 Transportation Programming Study Group meeting minutes.

MOTION by Cochran, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to approve the June 23, 2010 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2011-2014 TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained that there was \$700,000 in available STP-Urban funds in FY2011. This was partly due to the City of Grand Rapids funding two FY2011 STP-Urban projects with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds in FY2010. The two projects were Hall Street from Eastern Avenue to Kalamazoo Avenue and Hall Street from Madison Avenue to Eastern Avenue. However, the Hall Street from Madison to Union segment of these projects was not funded under the ARRA program and was to remain in the TIP as a FY2011 STP-Urban project at a reduced amount (\$125,000). Robinson also noted that the City is requesting to make a few scope/limit changes to a couple of FY2011 projects, which was not expected to affect the costs of the projects. Additional funding also came from a project from the City of Kentwood. This FY2008 project was advance constructed with the conversion scheduled for \$455,000 in FY2011. However, because this was a Local Jobs Today project, MDOT wanted to move the project forward and obligated it in FY2010. Therefore, the funding originally allocated for this project is now available.

For FY2012, Robinson stated that there was \$338,350 in available STP-funds. This balance was due to the KCRC moving up a project from FY2012 to FY2010.

With these funds in mind, Robinson asked the TPSG Committee to discuss and make a recommendation to the Technical Committee as to the best course of action to allocate the remaining funds.

Schweitzer noted that the joint City of Kentwood's/Wyoming's Division Avenue from 54th to 60th project in FY2014 was significantly underfunded. The cost of the project was \$1.7 million, with only \$150,000 in federal funds. Schweitzer suggested that if projects were to move out of FY2014 and into an earlier year of the TIP, that this project receive additional federal funding.

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Itani added that the \$250,000 listed for Metro Council planning studies in FY2011 could possibly be given back to the Committee for reallocation. This funding was previously allocated for GVMC's pavement management van, but Itani stated that he could use carryover funding to cover this cost. However, Itani would need to develop an agreement on this with MDOT. For FY2012 – FY2014, Itani explained that the \$250,000 could be reduced to \$150,000, and the remaining \$100,000 could be available for reallocation. For the sake of time, Itani suggested adding this \$250,000 to the available funding in FY2011 and \$100,000 to the available funding in FY2012 and reallocating it to other projects, pending MDOT's approval.

Warren suggested moving the KCRC's 28th St. project out of FY2014 and into an earlier year of the TIP. The cost of the project would be \$280,000.

DeVries asked to bring forward a new FY2011 project—Fulton St. from the Grand River to Division Avenue—for the Committee's consideration. The federal share for the project is \$245,000. Itani stated that, in order to bring a new project into the TIP, the project would need to go through environmental justice and the public participation process, which would take several months. Cornell-Howe added that there is a cost for the public participation process. Discussion ensued.

Warren suggested that the Committee go through an exercise of moving some of the projects up, with a call for projects in FY2011, FY2012, and FY2014. This would allow the City of Grand Rapids to submit their project and the KCRC to add their preservation projects to the list. Itani responded that, at today's meeting, the Committee can amend FY2011 and FY2012. Because FY2014 does not need to be 100% programmed, the Committee can address this year at a later date. Robinson noted that, with the City of Kentwood's/Wyoming's project so significantly underfunded in FY2014, many projects could be pulled out of that year, and it wouldn't be necessary for new projects to be added. Discussion ensued.

Cornell-Howe suggested increasing the federal match in FY2011, which was approximately 72/28, to consume the remaining STP-Urban funding balance for that year.

Schweitzer noted that the City of Kentwood is going to advance construct a Forest Hill Avenue project this year. It's listed for conversion in FY2014 for approximately \$460,000, and they could move that project up to FY2011. Harrall noted that another option would be for the City of Kentwood to add the conversion for their project in FY2012, since \$430,000 was available for funding that year. Discussion ensued.

Taking into consideration all of the options offered, Harrall asked the group to come to a consensus on how to allocate the available funding in FY2011. Laughlin stated that if a project is going to be added to the TIP, then an official call for projects is needed, since not every community was represented at the meeting. Itani responded that if the Committee wants to have a call for projects, then the entire \$900,000 available in FY2011 will come into play. Or, if the KCRC project is moved from FY2014 to FY2011, and if the match is adjusted, only roughly \$250,000 will be left in play. For this limited amount of funding, Itani didn't believe it was worthwhile to have a project call. He added that, since Fulton St. is a vital area, and for the sake of time, maybe the Committee could make an exception this time in order to move forward with the project. Discussion ensued.

Warren stated that he supported moving up the 28th Street project and that he would support

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the Fulton St. project in favor of redistributing the available funding. However, he recommended that Staff send out a call for projects for FY2014 in the future. Itani agreed that there would be a project call to discuss how to program FY2013 and FY2014 in the future. Discussion ensued.

Harrall asked the group for a consensus on how to allocate the remaining funding in FY2011. He reiterated that the KCRC would like to move their 28th Street from 96 to Kraft resurfacing project from FY2014 to FY2011. The cost of the project would be \$280,000 federal. A new City of Grand Rapids project, Fulton St. from Division to the Grand River, would be added to the FY2011-2014 TIP for \$245,000 federal. The remaining funding, which may or may not include the \$250,000 from GVMC's planning studies, depending on whether an agreement could be reached with MDOT, would be used to increase the federal match on all of the STP-Urban projects for that year.

Harrall also noted that for FY2012, \$338,350 was available from the KCRC's 17 Mile project from US 131 ramps to West Street that moved up from FY2012 to FY2010. In addition, Harrall reminded the Committee that Itani was anticipating adding another \$100,000 to this amount from the \$250,000 originally allocated to GVMC's planning studies, which would increase the amount of available funding to \$438,350.

For FY2012, Warren stated that he would like to move up the KCRC's East Paris project from Cascade to Kentwood city limits from FY2014. The federal cost of the project was \$350,000. Robinson reiterated that this may or may not create a hole in FY2014 (based on the Committee's decisions), due to the underfunded City of Kentwood's/Wyoming's project, which could absorb this additional funding. Discussion ensued.

Harrall questioned if all of the remaining funding in FY2012 could be used to increase the current match of 67.67%. Robinson stated that this would bring the match to 72%, Itani suggested moving the KCRC's East Paris project to FY2012, and then redistributing the remaining funds, which would increase the federal match by about 1% - 2%. The Committee agreed.

Harrall entertained a motion to amend FY2011 and FY2012 of the FY2011-2014 TIP.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Feldt, to move the KCRC's 28th St. resurfacing project from FY2014 to FY2011; to add the new Fulton St. from Division to the Grand River project to FY2011, with the understanding that the project would need to go through the environmental justice and public participation process; to move the KCRC East Paris Road project from FY2014 to FY2012, and to redistribute the remaining balances in FY2011 and FY2012 to increase the federal match for all STP-Urban projects listed. (Additional STP-Urban funding in FY2014 would be shown as going to the City of Kentwood/Wyoming's joint Division Avenue project.) MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lastly, Robinson stated that, in addition to the changes already noted, the City of Grand Rapids, the KCRC, the Hope Network, the American Red Cross, ITP-The Rapid, and the City of Lowell were requesting amendments to the TIP. Cornell-Howe added that, with the new FY2011-2014 TIP, the local GPAs will no longer be listed in the TIPs. These GPAs will need to be listed by name. The only GPAs that will be listed in the TIP will be the trunkline GPAs. Cornell-Howe explained that this change will give Committee members more responsibility because they will need to tell the MPO staff when they are awarded projects

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funded through GPAs so that they can include the project in the TIP, since the MPO will not receive a copy of that letter. Discussion ensued.

Cornell-Howe noted that there are more TIP amendments that will be brought to the Technical Committee, and that the first amendment will also include CMAQ projects. Harrall added that the KCRC had a FY2012 bridge project that they would like to add to the list of TIP amendments brought to the Technical Committee. Robinson asked that the KCRC send him a letter detailing the project. Discussion ensued.

Harrall entertained a motion to approve of the TIP amendments, as identified.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to recommend approval of the TIP amendments requested by the City of Grand Rapids, the KCRC, the Hope Network, the American Red Cross, ITP-The Rapid, and the City of Lowell to the Technical Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Warren asked Staff to send out a copy of the new draft TIP to the Committee and that Staff clarify within that list if the preservation projects, or any other list of projects, are eligible to go into the TIP, since they did go through public involvement. Cornell-Howe noted that projects that have gone through public involvement that have not yet been built can be added to the illustrative list in the TIP. Robinson stated that he would send out a pdf copy of the TIP to the Committee. Discussion ensued.

DeVries suggested that Staff consider a separate call for microsurface, preservation, etc. projects and that they be added to the illustrative list in the TIP. Itani responded that the asset management committee could continue this discussion and look at the current policies regarding these types of projects. Warren agreed that it would be a good idea to have a list prepared. Itani responded that Staff can develop this list as part of the prioritization process. Discussion ensued.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Harrall adjourned the September 22, 2010 TPSG Committee meeting at 10:15 am.