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Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
Thursday, December 7th, 2006
Kent County Road Commission 1500 Scribner NW

The meeting was called to order by Warren, Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee at 12:00 p.m.. Warren asked that each attendee identify themselves and the jurisdiction/company they represent.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Steve Warren (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	KCRC
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Jay Cravens	Cascade Township
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Cindy Durrenberger	FHWA
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT Grand Region
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
George Yang	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Sandy Ayers	Village of Caledonia
James Beelen	Allendale Township
Mike Berrevoets	City of Cedar Springs (FTCH)

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Marta Brechting
Scott Conners
Bryan Chodkowski
Bill Dooley (Chair)
Don Hilton, Sr.
Dick Johnston
Ken Klomparens
Gerald Mears
Bob Rinck

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Alpine Township
City of Walker
Village of Sparta
City of Wyoming
Gaines Township
City of Rockford
GRFIA
City of Wyoming
Ottawa County

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren entertained a motion to approve the August 14th, 2006 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Palarz, SUPPORT by Bush, to approve of the August 14th, 2006 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2007-2009 CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Dingman noted that today's emphasis will be programming the FY2007 CMAQ projects, and stated that the FY2008 and 2009 projects will be programmed at a later date. Referring to the spreadsheet, he clarified that the project pool is sorted by jurisdiction rather than prioritization.

Itani commented that the FY2008 and 2009 projects should also be looked at to ensure that these intersection projects are going to conform to the Congestion Management Process that is in place. Also, Staff is looking at several other tools to be utilized to reduce congestion and improve air quality.

Dingman updated the committee on the funding targets and Obligation Authority for CMAQ. Itani discussed local, state and federal cost estimates and set asides. He clarified the funding amount for the FY2007 local part of the programs.

As the list was reviewed, Bush noted that based on his information the Traffic Management Center project is not eligible for Set Aside dollars. Much discussion ensued regarding this project and eligibility for set aside costs. Itani understands that any improvement with equipment within the site is eligible. Bush requested clarification on that. Kent suggested restructuring the project description for eligibility,

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and noted that MDOT is willing to have a discussion on the issue, and will assist in making it eligible. As discussion continued regarding eligibility, the committee concurred that there needs to be definitions as to what qualifies. Kent suggested submitting everything that we think is reasonably eligible, and MDOT and the City of Grand Rapids can meet for discussions and a resolution on this issue.

Dingman addressed MDOT's submittals for set asides as well. Referring to the page two of the spreadsheets, Kent discussed the three items listed. Discussion and comments followed. Cravens had questions on the totals and whether it is computed annually. As discussion continued, Bush suggested deferring this discussion until we receive guidance from MDOT. Itani will make every effort to obtain this information. In the interest to continue moving forward, he suggested going through and identifying the FY2007 projects that the committee believes are eligible, and develop "what if" scenarios should they not qualify.

Dingman identified FY2006 projects that were funded by CMAQ. He explained that in essence, these are the basic projects that historically have been funded for CMAQ, however project selection is the will of the committee. Warren requested and staff will provide totals for these historical programs.

Each jurisdiction who had FY2007 projects gave the committee their list of prioritizations. Discussion, comments and questions followed. The committee concurred that The City of Wyoming project is a prioritization and should be included.

Dingman identified the projects that were programmed by the committee, and discussed the State submittals as well. He noted that all the projects can be done, and noted the amount of federal funds left on the table. Bush suggested and Warren concurred to holding any balance until the results of the operational discussion are available.

Warren entertained a motion to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of the list of CMAQ projects as presented by Dingman.

MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Bush to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of the list of CMAQ projects as presented by Staff
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Warren suggested further discussion of the FY2008 and 2009 priorities, and to develop a preliminary list which includes Set Asides. Itani requested that the committee look at intersections and provide staff with any updates or additional information. Harrall inquired as to availability of the Wayne State Study. Itani will provide him with a copy. Discussion and comments followed. Itani noted that a meeting will be called to program FY2008 and 2009 projects, and suggested that a mechanism be implemented to fund all types of projects. He noted that we have an infrastructure plan but not an implementation plan.

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Dingman discussed target amounts of CMAQ funding FY2008 and 2009.

Dingman will send the FY2007 list to everyone on the committee later today. He requested that intersection projects that are CMAQ eligible be sent to Staff. They will be added to the pool to be considered FY2008 and 2009. Discussion and comments followed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Warren adjourned the meeting at 12:15 a.m.