

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
Monday, December 19, 2011
Grand Valley Metro Council 678 Front Ave NW

Harrall, chair of the TPSG committee, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. The Committee members, staff, and guests present introduced themselves.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Wayne Harrall (<i>Chair</i>)	<i>Proxy for</i>	County of Kent
	<i>Mike DeVries</i>	Grand Rapids Township
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt		City of East Grand Rapids
Jan Hoekstra		ITP-The Rapid
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Steve Warren		KCRC
Chris Zull		City of Grand Rapids

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Sandy Ayers	Village of Caledonia
Roger Belknap	City of Cedar Springs
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Tim Cochran	City of Wyoming
Jamie Davies	City of Rockford
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Dan DesJarden	City of Lowell
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Bill Dooley	City of Wyoming
Brett Laughlin	OCRC
Ray Lenze	MDOT
Dan Strikwerda	City of Hudsonville

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the November 2, 2011 Transportation Programming Study Group meeting minutes.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Zull, to approve the November 2, 2011 Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2012 CMAQ PROJECT: MICHIGAN AT COLLEGE

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Harrall explained that the City of Grand Rapids is requesting to have the Michigan at College FY2012 CMAQ project be delayed until FY2014. He noted that projects would need to be moved around in FY2012-2014 to accommodate this change. Robinson added that Abed Itani created a proposal for each year to do this, which included the following:

2012

The College and Michigan project would move to FY2014 (federal amount: \$1,289,454).

In order to fill the hole left by this project in FY2012, the following projects would be added to FY2012:

- ITP's two replacement bus projects (one from FY2013, and one from FY2014) with federal costs of \$322,839 and \$338,981, respectively.
- The KCRC's 4 Mile Road at Alpine project from FY2013 (federal amount: \$379,020).
- The KCRC's White Creek Avenue at 17 Mile Rd project from FY2014 (federal amount: \$240,000).

After these adjustments, FY2012 would be under programmed by \$8,614.

2013

ITP-The Rapid's Replacement Bus project and the KCRC's 4 Mile Road at Alpine project would move from FY2013 to FY2012.

In order to fill the gap left by the removal of these projects from FY2013, the following projects would be added to FY2013:

- The City of Grand Rapids' Signal Optimization project from FY2014 (federal amount: \$240,000).
- The City of Grand Rapids' Loop Cameras project from FY2014 (federal amount: \$180,000).
- The City of Kentwood's East-West Trail phase III project from Kalamazoo Ave east to Paul Henry Trail from FY2014 (federal amount: \$246,640).
- Lastly, \$20,000 would be added to GVMC's Clean Air Action Program.

After these adjustments, FY2013 is under programed by \$6,396.

2014

The City of Grand Rapids' Michigan at College project would move from FY2012 to FY2014.

The following projects would be moved from FY2014 to either FY2012 or FY2013 to help make room for this project:

- ITP's Replacement Buses project would move to FY2012 (federal amount: \$338,981)
- The City of Grand Rapids' Signal Optimization project would move to FY2013 (federal amount: \$240,000)
- The City of Grand Rapids' Loop Cameras project would move to FY2013 (federal amount: \$180,000)
- The City of Kentwood's East-West Trail phase III project would move to FY2013 (federal amount: \$246,640)
- The KCRC's White Creek Avenue at 17 Mile Road project would move to FY2012 (federal amount: \$240,000)

Robinson noted that, if this proposal is approved by the Committee, FY2014 would be overprogrammed by \$143,101. However, because it is uncertain what the funding level for CMAQ will be in FY2014, this can be revisited at a later date.

Hoekstra noted that the buses being brought forward in the CMAQ program may need to change from replacement to expansion because if buses have not yet fulfilled their useful lives, it is not possible to get a grant for a replacement bus. However, ITP-The Rapid still needs expansion buses. Robinson noted that this is a minor detail and that the Committee can revisit this issue again at a later meeting, if needed.

Harrall asked if ITS projects can move. Snell noted that they could, but that they would need to be replaced with something else.

Warren asked if it was possible to use CMAQ funds to purchase fuel efficient snow plowing equipment. Robinson responded that he would look into this.

Robinson asked Zull about the status of the portion of the Michigan at College project in FY2013. Zull responded that, with the Michigan and College study, it is not likely that the Michigan and College intersection will be the only improvement on the corridor. He noted that the funding in FY2013 could potentially be used to implement smaller scale improvements along the corridor and that the FY2013 project could be rebranded with a different name in the future. Discussion ensued.

Schweitzer noted that the City of Kentwood has a project scheduled for FY2014 that can be moved to FY2013. The project is East-West Trail phase III Kalamazoo Ave. east to Paul Henry Trail. He noted that the project is underprogrammed and that the project estimates are coming in higher than expected. Therefore, if extra funding is available, Schweitzer asked that the Committee consider putting it toward this project. Robinson added that this would be a Committee decision. Discussion ensued.

Haagsma noted that the KCRC's 4 Mile project is funded at 75/25 since it moved up and took the remaining funding in FY2012. Connors suggested that, if there is extra funding available, that it be used to bring the match for projects funded at less than 80% federal funding up to 80%. Harrall agreed and stated that since the KCRC is helping out by moving their 4 Mile project forward, remaining funds in FY2012 should go toward increasing the

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federal match for this project. Warren noted that this would need to go through the Technical Committee for approval.

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the proposal written by Itani.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Warren, to adopt the proposal written by Itani, as identified, with any additional funds to go toward the KCRC's 4 Mile at Alpine project in FY2012 and the City of Kentwood's East West Trail Project in FY2013.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

As the Chair of the Technical Committee, Connors approved carrying this motion straight to the Policy Committee for approval.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Harrall adjourned the December 19, 2011 TPSG Committee meeting at 9:52 am.