

2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Plan Amendments

Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan or the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) require Federal approval. These changes generally include the addition or deletion of a project, major cost changes, and major changes in project concept or scope and limits. These types of project changes often stimulate a reassessment of the impact each project will have on area air quality and these changes warrant consultation with the general public.

Amendments to both the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program planning documents and project lists must be made for the projects listed below. This list shows the name of each project as well as changes to project timing and scope (limits). To view these two planning documents in their entirety, please visit www.gvmc.org. Thank you for your input.

2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments

4 Mile Road – Peach Ridge Ave. to Walker Ave. limits will be changed to Peach Ridge Ave. to Baumhoff Ave. The project funding will move from Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2018 EDF-C to FY 2008-2011 STP-U in the Long Range Plan.

4 Mile Road – Walker Ave. to Bristol Ave. limits will be changed to Baumhoff Ave. to east of Bristol Ave. The project funding will move from FY 2012-2018 EDF-C to FY 2008-2011 STP-U in the Long Range Plan.

Division Avenue – 54th St. to 60th St., project funding will move from FY 2008-2011 STP-U to FY 2012-2018 STP-U in the Long Range Plan.

44th Street – Clay Ave. to Buchanan Ave., project funding will move from FY 2008-2011 EDF-C to FY 2012-2018 EDF-C in the Long Range Plan.

44th Street – Buchanan Ave. to Division Ave, project funding will move from FY 2008-2011 EDF-C to FY 2012-2018 EDF-C in the Long Range Plan.

East Paris Avenue – 36th Street to Swank Dr. will be changed in the FY 2008-2011 EDF-C list in the Long Range Plan to reflect new project limits of 36th Street to M-37. The project scope will also be changed from, “widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes” to, “widen from 2 lanes to 3 lanes”.

3 Mile Road – West of Walker Ave. to Peach Ridge limits will be changed to Walker Ave. to Elmridge Ave. in FY 2008-2011 EDF-C of the Long Range Plan. The project scope will also be changed from, “widen from 2 to 4 lanes” to, “widen from 2 to 5 lanes”.

West River Drive – Jupiter to Verta limits will be changed to Jupiter to Rogue River Bridge. The project funding will move from FY 2012-2018 STP-U to FY 2008-2011 STP-U in the Long Range Plan.

The Rapid/ITP Bus Rapid Transit Project – a Bus Rapid Transit system in the South Division Corridor which is expected to serve from 60th Street to Wealthy Street as well as Saint Mary’s campus, Michigan Hill Medical Corridor, downtown Grand Rapids and the Rapid Central Station, will be added to FY 2008-2011 of the Long Range Plan. This project was previously listed in the illustrative list of the Long Range Plan.

2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

4 Mile Road – Peach Ridge Ave. to Baumhoff Ave, will be an addition to FY 2010 STP-U of the TIP. This project was previously listed in the illustrative list of the TIP.

4 Mile Road – Baumhoff Ave. to east of Bristol Ave, will be an addition to FY 2011 STP-U of the TIP. This project was previously listed in the illustrative list of the TIP.

Division Avenue – 54th St. to 60th St., will be deleted from FY 2008-2011 STP-U of the TIP.

44th Street – Clay Ave. to Buchanan Ave, will be deleted from FY 2011 STP-U of the TIP.

44th Street – Buchanan Ave. to Division Ave, will be deleted from FY 2011 STP-U of the TIP.

East Paris Avenue – 36th Street to Swank Dr. will be changed in the FY 2008 EDF-C list of the TIP to reflect new project limits of 36th Street to M-37. The project scope will also be changed from, “widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes” to, “widen from 2 lanes to 3 lanes”.

3 Mile Road – West of Walker Ave. to Peach Ridge will be changed in the FY 2010 EDF-C list of the TIP to reflect new project limits of Walker Ave. to Elmridge Ave. The project scope will also be changed from, “widen from 2 to 4 lanes” to, “widen from 2 to 5 lanes”.

West River Drive – Jupiter to Verta limits will change to Jupiter to the Rogue River Bridge and the project will be an addition to FY 2011 STP-U of the TIP. The project was originally listed under 2012-2018 STP-U of the Long Range Plan.

Some Relevant Definitions – for a complete list of definitions see Appendix B of the LRTP

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

A document that provides a strategy and methodology for an area’s long range transportation needs. The Long Range Plan must have at least a twenty-year window and must be updated every four years.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A document prepared by States and MPOs citing projects to be funded under federal transportation program for a four-year period.

Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U)

Federal funding category geared specifically to urbanized areas

Transportation Economic Development Funds – Category C (EDF-C)

This general program has different lettered categories A through F that provide competitive statewide funding for roadways of different types that serve economic development purpose.

Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications

Administrative modifications to the Long Range Plan or the TIP do not require Federal approval or GVMC Board approval, but they do require approval from the GVMC Technical and Policy Committees. The following list details these small adjustments to the Long Range Plan and the TIP.

Kalamazoo Ave – 44th St to 52nd St reconstruction to a 4 lane Blvd. in 2009 has changed federal funding sources from FY 2008-2011 EDF-C to FY 2008-2011 STP-U of the Long Range Plan.

10 Mile Road – 2700 feet West of Woven Avenue to Childsdale Avenue reconstruction from 2 to 5 lanes will be done in FY 2011 EDF-C instead of FY 2008 EDF-C of the TIP.

76th Street – Eastern to Kalamazoo reconstruction from 2 to 3 lanes in 2011 has changed federal funding sources from FY 2008-2011 STP-U to FY 2008-2011 EDF-C of the Long Range Plan.