

Appendix D

FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program

Public Hearing Summary (Sign in sheet)

April 5, 2005

Grand Valley Metro Council
 Transportation Division
 PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th 2005
 Wyoming Public Library
 3350 Michael Ave. Wyoming, Michigan

Name	Organization	Address	Telephone
CHRIST GREYAN	HOMEOWNER	1905 LAKE DR. S.E.	616-458-6820
DOLORES GRYZAN	"	"	"
Dawn Robinson	"	5592 Bahamagga Parkway	616-291-5584
Jean Belk	"	11253 Northland Dr	866-0445
Brian Fliche	"	11253 Northland Dr	616-866-0444
Mike Smooty	"	4850 14 Mile Ct.	616-866-5494
Frank Yelley	"	11202 Northland Dr, N.E.	616 866-1370
Harold Chene	"	1100 Northland Dr N.E.	616-866-0552
Deborah	"	1710 Monroe	616-343-4584
Michelle Runkle	"	1416 Gentian Dr. N.E.	(616)-827-1095
Allene Carr	ABVI	Allegan	269 686 0290
John Smith	Homeowner	4850 14 Mile Ct	866-5494
Edwin Stalman & Debra	Homeowner	6620 DIVISION AVE. S	616-455-7824
Sue Jurink	Homeowner	3055 14th Ave (5067 K-200) 5065	616 896 6792
ELEANOR GORMAN	LOT OWNER	111 HALL ST. SW	616 453-4738

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Public Comment Form

Project: Kalamazoo Avenue 2008 Project

Comments: What a waste of taxpayer money.
Kalamazoo Avenue runs from MC through
the heart of downtown. The road is

~~Project:~~ more than 10 miles long. Why are

~~Comments:~~ we taking a one mile stretch of
this road and converting it to a 4 lane
boulevard. The remaining 10 miles

General Comments: are not in boulevard form. There are
busier areas of this road. My duplex
does not have a large front yard to
begin with, to widen the road on the
west side of the street would put
traffic in my front yard, on my front porch. (More room available to write on the back)

<u>Susan Jurink</u>	
Name	
<u>3655 16th Ave Grandville</u>	
Address	
<u>616 896 6792</u> <u>49418</u>	
Phone Number	
1. Would you like to be contacted by staff?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Would you like to be notified of future public meetings?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
3. How did you hear about today's public meeting?	
<u>letter notification</u>	

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Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 20th
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

NAME	ORGANIZATION	PROXY FOR
Bill Cole ✓	City of Grand Rapids	—
Don R. Hilton ✓	City of Grand Rapids	
Jan Hoekstee ✓	The Rapid	Peter Vargo
David Pasquale ✓	City of Lowell	
JERRY HOUMINGEA ✓	CITY OF CEDAR SPRINGS	
ROBERT SWENSON ✓	CANON TWP	
Dan Van Daele ✓		
Jeff Doo ✓	Rockford	
Joe VanderMeulen ✓	Rockford	
NORM SEVENSMA ✓	RWBC-WMEAC	
J. VAN SPESTBERG ✓	CITY OF WALKER	
Jim Koslosky ✓	GRAND RAPIDS	
Dal McBurrows ✓	MDOE	
DENNIS KEOT ✓	MDOE - GRAND RAPIDS	
Bob Rinck ✓	City of Grand Rapids	
TED VONK ✓	KENT COUNTY	
SIM BEELEN ✓	ALLENDALE TWP	

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Ken Kromber	City of Grandville	
Steve Warren	KCRC	for Jon Rice
Caul Sheet	City of Wyoming	for Mayor Haskela
Sam Moore	G R Chamber	

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2008 TIP AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS- Public Comment

Even to a person who has been hanging around the GVMC Tech. and Policy meetings for the last ten years, your public comment process is quite confusing. We are supposed to review a document that is on line and then comment on a revision to a program that has already been approved. This back door method of soliciting public opinion at Policy Committee meetings suggests a minimal effort to comply with Federal requirements. There is scant effort to engage, educate, and inform the community in order to elicit meaningful responses.

The Federal government is not doing enough to improve air quality or to control the proliferation of greenhouse gases. Our energy policy is "dig it out faster". Our forestry policy is "no tree left behind". Our "Blue Skies" policy actually relaxes emission requirements for power plants. Energy companies are getting new tax incentives even while they are raking in record profits. International Treaties to mitigate global warming are ridiculed as being based on bad science. Our Ozone Action actions are increasing as hot weather gets hotter.

Our own MPO treats alternative transportation like a poor third cousin. Bicyclists and pedestrians must go to the end the line for hand outs after the road projects are taken care of. The safety of bicyclists and pedestrians is endangered by the lack of adequate facilities. No attempt was made to integrate the AMTRAK service with the new transit center. The tracks are bad, the trains run late, and the funding cut "Sword of Damocles" is always hanging over their heads.

Our land use practices are gobbling up green space and our emphasis on automobile transportation is inevitably going to lead to more congestion, pollution, and a diminished quality of life. Air quality will not be improved in the long run by building left turn storage lanes. Addressing the long term air quality problem is going to depend upon a meaningful integration of alternative transportation into our long range plans and treating the alternate modes like rich first cousins.

Norm Sevensma