

# MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007  
KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order by Dooley, Chair, at 9:36 a.m.

## **I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

### **Voting Members Present**

Bill Dooley ( <i>Chair</i> )	City of Wyoming
Mike Berrevoets	City of Cedar Springs
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Ken Klomparens	GRFIA
Gerald Mears	City of Wyoming
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Steve Peterson	Cascade Charter Township
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Joe VanderMuelen <i>Proxy for Dick Johnston</i>	City of Rockford
Steve Warren ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	KCRC

### **Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Andrea Dewey	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
John Drury	MDOT-Grand Region
Dave Geiger	MDOT-Bay Region
Tom Hanf	MDOT-Lansing
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Erick Kind	MDOT-Grand Region TSC
Brett Laughlin	OCRC
Suzette Peplinski	MDOT-Grand Region ITS
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Frank Spica	MDOT-Lansing C&T
Don Stypula	GVMC Staff
Mark Wyckoff	Planning & Zoning Center MSU
Tom Zurburg	MDOT-Lansing C&T

## **Voting Members Not Present**

James Beelen	Allendale Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Bryan Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Dan DesJarden	City of Lowell
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
William Holland	Georgetown Township
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Jim McIntyre	Courtland Township
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Gary Voogt	Ada Township
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dooley entertained a motion to approve the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Hogsma, SUPPORT by Palarz, to approve the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma commented on a DVD "The Inconvenient Truth" that he watched recently. He offered to share it with the group.

## **IV. 2007 CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) LIST**

Dingman addressed the attached 2007 CMAQ list which had been approved by the Transportation Programming Study Group (TPSG). A few ITS projects had been added to the list based on the recommendation of the TPSG. Warren asked questioned if staff had received information on what is eligible for set aside. Itani reiterated that staff has indeed received clarification from MDOT on what specifically is eligible for the set aside. All eligible set aside projects are included in that portion of the list. The main portion of the 2007 CMAQ program was under programmed by approximately \$37,000. Staff recommended adding \$20,000 in federal funds for WESTRAIN passenger rail marketing.

Dooley entertained a motion to accept the 2007 CMAQ list as submitted plus the inclusion of the WESTRAIN project.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Fetzer, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2007 CMAQ list as submitted plus the inclusion of the WESTRAIN project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **2007 TIP AMENDMENT**

Dingman explained the reason that this TIP Amendment has been brought to the committee. Some of the agencies with projects in the 2009 STP Urban and Rural programs have applied and received a funding commitment for their projects through the Local Jobs Today Program. Because those projects are being advanced constructed and have to be obligated in fiscal year 2007, the projects need to be amended into the TIP in that year as well. Further, the list also identifies that these same projects will have advance construction conversion in 2009. Itani mentioned that not all agencies have applied for Local Jobs Today funding yet. As other projects are selected they will be amended into the TIP in the future. DeVries had a question about 2008 Local Jobs Today awards and whether loan projects need to be shown differently than grant projects. Cornell-Howe recommended that agencies forward any award letters they receive to Dingman.

Dooley entertained a motion to accept the 2007 TIP Amendment as submitted.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Carr, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2007 TIP Amendment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. **NOISE AWARENESS PRESENTATION / M-6 CORRIDOR PILOT STUDY**

Dave Geiger and other traffic noise and construction specialists from MDOT with the help of Mark Wykcoff from Planning and Zoning Center, made a presentation in order to improve the understanding of local land use planners and elected officials of noise sensitive and noise compatible land uses along highways. An audio demonstration showed the impact of noise levels at 61 to 67 decibels. Wykcoff's PowerPoint presentation went on to explain the science behind noise (unwanted sound), noise barriers, and how zoning, subdivision regulations, and capital improvements can help prevent or mitigate highway noise. Presenters asked whether any of the communities on either side of M-6 would like to participate in a Pilot study. Participation would benefit these communities by providing sample ordinances, as well as help from MDOT in identifying noise sensitive areas. MDOT would use the pilot study to monitor noise mitigation best practice.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dooley adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.