

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW                      Grand Rapids, MI**

Dooley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Bill Dooley ( <i>Chair</i> )	City of Wyoming
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Sandra M. Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dennis Kent <i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
<i>Dan DesJardens</i>	City of Lowell
Ken Klomparens	GRFIA
Brett Laughlin	OCRC
Steve Peterson	Cascade Charter Township
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Conrad Venema <i>Proxy for Jim Fetzer</i>	The Rapid
Steve Warren ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	KCRC

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Erik Kind	MDOT
Steve Redmond	MDOT
Norm Sevensma	RWBC-WMEAC

**Voting Members Not Present**

James Beelen  
Mike Berrevoets  
Dick Davies  
Sharon DeLange  
Dan DesJardens  
Mike DeVries  
Ken Feldt  
Jim Fetzer  
William Holland  
Dick Johnston  
Jim McIntyre  
Gerald Mears  
George Meek  
Jim Miedema  
Audrey Nevins  
Dan Strikwerda  
Gary Voogt  
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township  
City of Cedar Springs  
Cannon Township  
Village of Sparta  
City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of East Grand Rapids  
The Rapid  
Georgetown Township  
City of Rockford  
Courtland Township  
City of Wyoming  
Plainfield Township  
Jamestown Township  
Byron Township  
City of Hudsonville  
Ada Township  
Tallmadge Township

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the May 2, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Conners, approval of the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma commented on Global Warming. Discussion followed.

**IV. FY2007 TIP AMENDMENT**

As Local Jobs Today funding has been received by the City of Kentwood and the KCRC, Dingman explained the guidelines for incorporation of the attached projects into the FY2007 TIP. For the projects to be obligated in 2007, they need to be listed as AC (Advance Construct) for 2007 and ACC (Advance Construction Conversion) for the year that the project was originally listed. Discussion followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the FY2007 TIP Amendment requests as identified.

**MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Peterson, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2007 TIP for the City of Kentwood and Kent County Road Commission projects as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Referring to **Item II: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Dingman explained that ITP-The Rapid has received their 2007 allocation from the FTA which is reflected in the attachment.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of ITP's request to amend to TIP to reflect projects that have been adjusted due to funding allocated by the FTA.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Bush, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2007 TIP to reflect projects that have been adjusted due to ITP's allocation from the FTA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dingman identified and discussed three projects that have been selected for Enhancement awards from MDOT's announcement. He stated that the projects must amended into the TIP.

Dooley entertained a motion to amend the TIP to include three projects within the area that have been selected for Enhancement awards.

**MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2007 TIP to include projects that have been selected for Enhancement Awards as identified.**

Harrall inquired as to whether additional projects could qualify at this time. Discussion followed

Dooley called to question the motion on the floor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dingman identified and discussed three Safety Improvement Projects which have been approved for federal funding. The KCRC is requesting that these projects be amended into the FY2008 TIP. Discussion followed. As MDOT no longer sends Call for Projects to the cities and the Road Commission, Bush recommended that staff create a notification system. Itani agreed and will accommodate the request. Discussion followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of amending the TIP to include three Safety Projects as discussed.

**MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Carr, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2008 TIP to include three Safety Improvement Projects as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion continued. Cornell-Howe cautioned that the FY2008-2011 TIP would also have to be amended to reflect the same. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Due to some delays with the EA required for Northland Drive from 12 Mile to 13 Mile, the KCRC is requesting to use part of the EDF-C State funds being provided for the Knapp Street project in exchange for the STP-Urban funds.

Via a hand-out, Dingman discussed this issue with the committee, and noted the new funding levels should this request be approved. He clarified that this would be an administrative adjustment.

Dooley entertained a motion to adjust the TIP for KCRC's request to swap funds for projects as identified.

**MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of administratively adjusting the TIP for the KCRC's request to swap \$159,000 STP-U Federal funds with \$159,000 of the Knapp Street project's state share of EDF-C, with the understanding that this change would not result in any local funding level difference. This will allow the KCRC additional time to bring the EA process for the Northland Drive from 12 Mile to 13 Mile to a close. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **FY2008-2011 TIP DRAFT DOCUMENT**

Dingman discussed the status of the FY2008-2011 TIP development with the committee. He noted the time line for the Public Comment Period is up on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and comments will be reviewed at the June Policy Committee meeting. He also noted that this document can be accessed on line. He stated the Environmental Assessment and Public Involvement Process is completed. Itani commented on the low turn out for the three recent Public Involvement Meetings. Discussion followed. Itani indicated that due to the deficit in the Trust Fund, he stressed the importance for jurisdictions that have projects in FY2009 to obligate them expeditiously. He noted that selection is on a first come, first serve basis. Discussion followed.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warren inquired as to whether there had been any responses to the recently distributed EA letters. Dingman stated that to date there have not been responses.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dooley adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.