

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 1st, 2007
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Warren, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

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

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	RWBC-WMEAC
George Yang	

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen	Allendale Township
Mike Berrevoets	City of Cedar Springs
Dick Davies	Cannon Township

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Item II: Attachment A**

Sharon DeLange
Dan DesJardens
Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
Bill Dooley (*Chair*)
Ken Feldt
William Holland
Dick Johnston
Brett Laughlin
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Gary Voogt
Bill Wiersma

Village of Sparta
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
City of Wyoming
City of East Grand Rapids
Georgetown Township
City of Rockford
OCRC
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Ada Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren entertained a motion to approve of the June 6th, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Peterson, approval of the June 6th, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2007 TIP AMENDMENT

Dingman discussed the FY2007 TIP Amendment requests by ITP and the KCRC. Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, he identified and discussed ITP's request to amend the FY2007 TIP, which include funding that was not incorporated in the previous Amendment. Discussion followed. Dingman also discussed two Enhancement projects from the KCRC. He noted that funding has not officially come through for the Forest Hill/Crahen Avenue Corridor project, and explained why it should still be listed in the TIP. Discussion, comments and questions followed. Fetzer commented on the ITS earmark. Harrall updated the committee on the status of the KCRC projects. Discussion followed.

Warren entertained a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2007 TIP to include the projects as discussed.

MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Carr, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2007 TIP to include the ITP and KCRC projects as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM/2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Dingman gave a verbal update on the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan which has been approved by FHWA. He noted that all timeline goals have been

reached, and that the Plan is SAFETEA-LU compliant. He also updated the committee on the status of the FY2008-2011 TIP, noting that it has been forwarded to MDOT.

He stated that the approval date is October 1, 2007. Itani explained the TIP as being part of the STIP, which is one document and required by the feds to be financially constrained. Discussion and comments followed. Dingman noted that any changes to the FY2008 TIP are maintained in both 2006-2008, 2008-2011 TIP documents. Itani discussed potential challenges and the possibility of contingency plans due to exceedences in our region's air quality monitors. He noted how this might impact the development of the new TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion, comments, and questions followed.

VI. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION

Itani briefed the committee on the progress of Pavement Management System data collection. He stated that the roughly 1400 miles of data collection since May should be completed by the end of September, at which time reports will be distributed and implemented on our GIS and ultimately REGIS. Itani identified certain jurisdictions that have requested data collection services from staff. He explained associated costs to the jurisdictions as well. Bush recommended that before outside entities are accommodated the local internal system should be completed first. Itani agreed, and assured the committee that any data collection of this nature will be done on the weekends only. Discussion and comments followed.

Itani also updated the committee on the progress of ITS. He noted that an RFP has been distributed, and the ITS Committee is looking at selection of a consultant. As a member of the ITS Committee, Bush gave an update on the progress of the RFP selection as well as a projected date as to when selection will be completed. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

VII. LOCAL JOBS TODAY UPDATE

Referring to **Item VII: Attachment A**, Dingman updated the committee on the status of the Local Jobs Today Program. He stated that with Advance Construct projects beyond 2008, the State is allowing agencies that have those projects to go until April 2008 in terms of an obligation deadline. He noted that it is best to have projects listed correctly in terms of the year that they will be Advance Constructed as well as converted, and stressed the importance of listing the projects in both TIP documents. Harrall commented on which projects would not meet the deadline. Dingman identified projects that were part of the discussion with agencies who were implementing projects. Dingman shared Bush's concerns should no action on this issue be taken. Discussion and comments followed. Itani made a recommendation as to what action the committee could take.

Warren entertained a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee to administratively adjust and amend the TIP for the projects as discussed.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Conners, to administratively adjust the TIP to move the FY2007 Advance Construct projects to FY2008 within the FY2006-2008 TIP, and to recommend to the Policy Committee amending the FY2008-2011 TIP to include Advance Construct projects in FY2008.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dingman updated the committee on the Extension of the Local Jobs Today Program/Additional Project Submittals. Should funding become available, he encouraged the members to submit projects. Discussion, comments, and questions followed.

VIII: OTHER BUSINESS

Dingman discussed the AASHTO Bike Facility Design Training to be held on Monday, August 20, 2007 at the Walker City Hall. He highly recommends committee attendance at this workshop. He also thanked the City of Walker for hosting this workshop.

Sevensma commented positively on a prior AASHTO workshop that he attended.

Dingman stated that if there is any indication from MDOT that a project will not be obligated in FY2007 to please contact him as soon as possible.

IX: ADJOURNMENT

Bush adjourned the Technical Committee Meeting at 10.10 a.m.