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MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 1st, 2006
KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Dooley, Chair, at 9:34 a.m. Palarz introduced Brett Laughlin, Engineering Director of the OCRC who upon retirement will replace Palarz on the Technical Committee. Kent introduced Margaret Barondess of MDOT, who will present the Context Sensitive Solutions Training following today's meeting.

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 Connors	City of Walker
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Ken Klomparens	GRFIA
Gerald Mears	City of Wyoming
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Steve Peterson	Cascade Charter Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Steve Warren (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	KCRC

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Margaret Barondess	MDOT- Lansing
Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Cindy Durrenberger	FHWA
Dennis Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Brett Laughlin	OCRC

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Norm Sevensma

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Mike Berrevoets
Bryan Chodkowski
Dick Davies
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
John Gorney
William Holland
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Gary Voogt
Bill Wiersma

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Allendale Township
City of Cedar Springs (FTCH)
Village of Sparta
Cannon Township
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
City of Hudsonville
Georgetown Township
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Ada Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dooley entertained a motion to approve the October 4th, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Rinck, SUPPORT by Bush, to approve the October 4th, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2006-2008 TIP ADJUSTMENTS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda as well as a recent memo from MDOT, Dingman explained why Local Jobs Today (LTJ) projects must be handled as TIP Amendments rather than Administrative Adjustments. He stated that an action is needed today that will list the projects twice in the TIP – once when the actual project will be constructed and once when the funding will be converted through Advance Construct in the future. Additionally the financial tables will be adjusted within the TIP and submitted to FHWA and MDOT to reflect financial constraint in the TIP. He stated that if there are other projects not reflected on the attached list, to let him know as soon as possible.

Warren inquired as to the length of the term that the money is actually being borrowed. Discussion followed. Durrenberger noted that there is no guarantee that an

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appropriations bill will be in place for reimbursement at the beginning of the fiscal year that projects would be converted, and that the MPO is taking a risk as the exact date that the money will be available is not known. Cornell-Howe added that conversion will take place when dollars are available. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to correctly reflect the Jobs Today Program projects in the years they are going to be built as well as the years that they are going to be converted.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Palarz to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to correctly reflect the Jobs Today Program projects in the years that they are going to be built as well as the years that they are going to be converted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Dingman discussed the revised population projections for the 2035 Plan. He explained the process by which projections were adjusted. Discussion followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the population projections as presented.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Bush, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Population Projections. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS TRAINING

Kent gave the committee a brief description of Context Sensitive Solutions Training, which will be presented by MDOT following today's meeting. Discussion followed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dingman noted several national workshops regarding Modern Roundabout Design which will be held between November through January. Anyone interested in attending should contact him.

Discussion ensued regarding the process by which the FY2009 STP Urban list will be incorporated into the TIP/Transportation Planning Process. It was suggested that the committee reaffirm its commitment to bring FY2009 projects into the TIP, if funded.

Dooley entertained a motion to clarify the MPO's intent to amend the FY2006-2008 TIP if projects are funded with Local Jobs Today funding.

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MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend to the Policy Committee clarification of the MPO's intent to amend the FY2006-2008 TIP if the projects are funded with Local Jobs Today Program funding. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion continued. Dooley recommended that if any jurisdiction has FY2010 and 2011 projects that could be ready for bidding by the end of the summer to let Dingman know. He noted that the Transportation Planning Study Group will meet to program the projects. Discussion and comments followed.

Kent noted a Public Meeting on US31 (Holland to Grand Haven) to be held at the Filmore Center in Ottawa County from 4-8 p.m. on November 8th, 2006.

Dingman updated the committee on the status of CMAQ projects.

VIII: ADJOURNMENT

Dooley adjourned the Technical Committee meeting at 10:07 a.m.