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MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 6th, 2006
KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Dooley, Chair, at 9:34 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Bill Dooley (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Wyoming
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
William Holland	Georgetown Township
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Ken Klomparens	GRFIA
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Steve Warren (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	KCRC

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Cindy Durrenberger	FHWA
Dennis Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Brett Laughlin	OCRC
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Conrad Venema	ITP-The Rapid

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Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Mike Berrevoets
Marta Brechting
Bryan Chodkowski
Dick Davies
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
Jim McIntyre
Gerald Mears
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Steve Peterson
Bob Rinck
Gary Voogt
Bill Wiersma

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Allendale Township
City of Cedar Springs (FTCH)
Alpine Township
Village of Sparta
Cannon Township
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
Courtland Township
City of Wyoming
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Cascade Charter Township
Ottawa County
Ada Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dooley entertained a motion to approve the November 1st, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Carr, SUPPORT by Bush, to approve the November 1st, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma noted that a consortium of state & local governments are suing the EPA over their ongoing inability/unwillingness to address green house gases, and inquired as to whether plaintiff's were successful and the potential impact this may have on the Long Range Transportation Plan. Itani has no information or updates on the state and local government suit, however he updated the committee on the regulations that the Clean Air Act mandates. Discussion and comments followed.

IV. 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) PROJECT LIST

As Dingman addressed the 2035 LRTP Projects, he distributed updated project lists, which replace those included in the Agenda packet. The hand-outs are essentially an updated 2035 project list and MDOT deficiencies in a Primary and Secondary list. He noted that the Primary Illustrative List includes recent changes by jurisdictions and MDOT's priorities. The Secondary Illustrative includes a list of deficiencies relative to state facilities as possible alternatives. As he addressed the current project list and funding amounts, he noted that as funding is not yet available for several projects, the

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remaining Improve and Expand “Illustrative “projects will be incorporated in the Plan in the Appendix.

The projects in the Secondary Illustrative List are not financially constrained, and will appear as part of the Plan in the Appendix. Kent discussed MDOT additional Long Range Plan committed projects that have gone through the environmental clearance process, and noted that projects will move around as dollars become available. Discussion and comments followed.

Warren inquired as to the corridor wide outlook of the 28th Street project. Kent noted that there are no major MDOT capacity projects and that signal timing; operational improvements, etc are examples of what is planned for this corridor. Discussion and comments followed.

Warren inquired as to available funds and what has been programmed in the project list. Discussion followed. Dingman explained the break out of the programmed amounts for STP and EDFC on the initial project list. He requested that any changes/corrections should be communicated to staff expeditiously. Palarz and Conners discussed cost estimates and the Long Range Plan. Itani stated that Staff should be contacted if there are better estimates. Dingman explained why certain projects were relocated on the list. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Sevensma inquired as to whether the Long Range Plan includes sidewalks for the 28th Street corridor. Dingman briefed the committee on the grant application to be submitted to a competitive nation-wide program called TCSP (Transportation Communication Systems Preservation program). He is working with local units of government along 28th Street to submit a grant application to do seven to ten miles of sidewalk on 28th corridor based on priorities. Discussion and comments followed.

Itani gave additional background on how the projects were selected. He recommends approval of this initial project list to determine which projects will be modeled for air quality. He also clarified that changes can be made with the understanding that they be made prior to air quality analysis.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the list of projects for the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, with the understanding that adjustments can be made as necessary.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the project list for the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan as presented, with the understanding that adjustments can be made as necessary. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

To better accommodate schedules, Dingman suggested moving the Transportation Programming Study Group Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at noon to 11 a.m. The committee concurred that this would not be a problem.

Itani commented that congestion reduction and improved air quality should be the main factors when programming CMAQ projects, and that the CMAQ Program should advance and achieve goals laid out in the Congestion Management Plan. He requested that the committee review the list, decide which intersections are deficient and determine what could be improved. There will be more discussion at the meeting on December 7th as to which projects will be eligible. He noted the amount of funding available in Set Asides. He stated that anything spent within the ITS Center is qualified for funding. Dingman noted that there are more projects than set aside dollars and addressed the funding amounts as well. Itani addressed committee discussion of how to use CMAQ funding to begin implementing the ITS Study. Itani noted that Non Motorized Facilities, Safety and ITS will be looked at as well. Discussion and comments followed.

Cornell-Howe requested and the committee concurred that a deadline be set for changes to the Long Range Plan. The committee agreed that the deadline will be Monday, December 11th, 2006.

Cornell-Howe requested that the jurisdictions forward to Dingman any letter from MDOT stating that their Local Jobs Today (LJT) project are funded for incorporation into the next TIP.

Schweitzer inquired as to the time line for programming of the next 3 year TIP. Dingman and Itani gave the committee a schedule for approval of the TIP and the Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion and comments followed. Conners inquired as to whether there will be a committee level discussion to discuss ITS. Staff will schedule an ITS Committee meeting. Bush commented that an Action Plan should be developed. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Dingman noted that two Public Meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2006 for the FY2009 STP Urban list. A 3 p.m. meeting is scheduled at GVMC and another at 5 p.m. at the Kentwood City Hall.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dooley adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.