

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Conners, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Butts, from the City of Grandville, introduced himself to the Committee.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Scott Conners ( <i>Chair</i> )		City of Walker
Mike Bouwkamp		City of Rockford
Patrick Bush		City of Grand Rapids
Dan Carlton		Georgetown Township
Ron Carr		City of Grandville
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for</i>	Kent County
	<i>Mike DeVries</i>	Grand Rapids Township
	<i>Tim Haagsma</i>	Gaines Charter Township
	<i>Steve Warren</i>	KCRC
Roy Hawkins		GRFIA
Jim Holtrop		Ottawa County
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Dan DesJarden</i>	City of Lowell
Brett Laughlin		OCRC
Dal McBurrows	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Sandra M. Cornell-Howe</i>	MDOT
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Conrad Venema	<i>Proxy for</i>	The Rapid
	<i>Taiwo Jaiyeoba</i>	The Rapid

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Matt Butts	City of Grandville
Andrea Dewey	GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Erick Kind	MDOT
Pete LaMourie	Grandville/Progressive AE.
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Don Stypula	GVMC Staff
Steve Waalkes	Michigan Concrete Assn.
George Yang	GVMC Staff

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

Mike Zonyk

GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

Jerry Alkema  
Alex Arends  
Sandra Ayers  
Mike Berrevoets  
Timothy Cochran  
Sandra M. Cornell-Howe  
Dick Davies  
Sharon DeLange  
Dan DesJarden  
Mike DeVries  
Bill Dooley  
Ken Feldt  
Steve Groenenboom  
Tim Haagsma  
Dennis Hoemke  
Bob Homan  
Taiwo Jaiyeoba  
Jim Miedema  
Audrey Nevins  
Steve Peterson  
Chuck Porter  
Toby VanEss  
Steve Warren

Allendale Township  
Alpine Township  
Village of Caledonia  
City of Cedar Springs  
City of Wyoming  
MDOT  
Cannon Township  
Village of Sparta  
City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of Wyoming  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Ada Township  
Gaines Charter Township  
Algoma Township  
Plainfield Township  
The Rapid  
Jamestown Township  
Byron Township  
Cascade Charter Township  
Courtland Township  
Tallmadge Township  
KCRC

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Conners entertained a motion to approve the February 3, 2010 Technical Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Carr, to approve the February 3, 2010 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. FY2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) DRAFT APPROVAL**

Speaking on **Item IV: Attachment A**, as well as an additional handout, Robinson stated that he was seeking draft approval from the committee on the FY2011-2014 TIP. The TPSG Committee had met on February 10 to program STP-U and EDF-C funds for FY2011 to FY2014, and the Rural TPSG Committee had also recently met to program STP-Rural funds for these years. Robinson expected the federal funds to stay the same for all of the programmed projects. However, he requested that the jurisdictions let him know if their local shares were going to change. Robinson noted a few cost changes to the Committee members in the draft project lists that they were given. Robinson also

explained that, as part of the TIP development process, GVMC would begin the Environmental Justice review, Public Involvement procedures, and perform an air quality analysis. Itani provided additional details about the TIP development timeline.

Kent requested that the draft list of MDOT projects that he provided to the Committee members at the last TPSG meeting be included as a placeholder in the FY2011-2014 TIP until the final list is available.

Conners entertained a motion to approve the draft FY2011-2014 TIP.

**MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the draft FY2011-2014 TIP, as presented, along with the STP-Rural project list and the draft list of projects from MDOT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **V. PAVEMENT/ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE**

Referring to two handouts, Snell updated the Committee about the Pavement/Asset Management System. The first handout included 2009 and 2010 survey data from approximately 2,500 miles of federal aid and local roads. The second handout showed pavement condition data in the GVMC study area from 1998-2009. Snell added that since 2006, pavement data has generally improved, and he explained his reasoning for why this has happened. However, Snell stated that underneath the “band-aid fixes,” the system is still crumbling. He added that the Asset Management group from Metro Council has been meeting, and asked any Technical Committee members interested in participating in this group to contact him.

Harrall announced that LTAP will be meeting on March 16 at 2 pm at GVMC. Snell provided additional information.

#### **VI. GRANDVILLE/CHICAGO DRIVE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Snell introduced the Grandville/Chicago Drive enhancement project to the Committee. Butts, from the City of Grandville, informed the Committee about the details of the project, which will involve many aesthetic improvements and replace the current four lane cross section of Chicago Drive with a three lane cross section. The cost of the project is \$5.8 million, and the City of Grandville is applying for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for \$1,026,991.15 for this project. LaMourie provided additional information about the project. Discussion, comments, and questions ensued.

Butts requested that the Technical Committee endorse this project.

Conners entertained a motion for the Technical Committee to endorse the Grandville/Chicago Drive Enhancement Project, as presented.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, for the Technical Committee to endorse the Grandville/Chicago Drive Enhancement project, as presented.**

Itani explained that, in the past, Grand Valley Metro Council has simply provided a letter of support for enhancement projects, and the Technical Committee has not endorsed

them. Therefore, Itani questioned if a Committee endorsement was necessary. Discussion, comments, and questions ensued.

Conners entertained a revised motion to request that GVMC Staff provide a letter to the City of Grandville in support of their enhancement project, as presented.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend that GVMC Staff provide a letter of support to the City of Grandville for their Grandville/Chicago Drive Enhancement Project in order for the City to apply for an enhancement grant. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Itani explained to the Committee that the extension to SAFETEA-LU expired on February 28. Therefore, no new contracts will be given for projects until after the next bill extending SAFETEA-LU is passed.

Stypula informed the Committee about the latest news from the State Capitol. He stated that as voters and tax payers, Committee members should start demanding that elected officials take action on transportation-related issues. Conners suggested that every Committee member agree to make one phone call or one e-mail to an elected official.

McBurrows announced that the City of Grand Rapids was approved for an enhancement grant and that the EPA has approved the MOVES Model for air quality. Itani explained the timeline for implementing the MOVES Model.

Robinson stated that the call for CMAQ projects for FY2012-2014 would be going out soon. Robinson also added that all ARRA funds were used up across the nation, so no ARRA funds will be available for redistribution.

Kent updated the Committee on the US 31 Holland to Grand Haven project.

Itani recommended that if MDOT can't match the entire amount of federal funding that they are allocated in FY2011, the Committee should lobby so that the locals can use what the state can't match. Discussion, comments, and questions ensued.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Conners adjourned the March 3, 2010 Technical Committee meeting at 10:22 am.