

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, May 2nd, 2007
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Warren, Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He welcomed Dan Strikwerda, who is the new Technical Committee representative from the City of Hudsonville. He has replaced John Gorney.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Steve Warren (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	KCRC
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall <i>Proxy for</i>	Kent County
<i>Mike DeVries</i>	Grand Rapids Township
Jan Hoekstra <i>Proxy for Jim Fetzer</i>	The Rapid
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
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Dan Strikwerda	City of Hudsonville

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

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

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen	Allendale Township
Mike Berrevoets	City of Cedar Springs
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Bryan Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Dan DesJarden	City of Lowell

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Item II: Attachment A**

Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
Bill Dooley (*Chair*)
Ken Feldt
Jim Fetzer
William Holland
Dick Johnston
Brett Laughlin
Jim McIntyre
Gerald Mears
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Steve Peterson
Gary Voogt
Bill Wiersma

Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
City of Wyoming
City of East Grand Rapids
The Rapid
Georgetown Township
City of Rockford
OCRC
Courtland Township
City of Wyoming
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Cascade Charter Township
Ada Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warren entertained a motion to approve the April 4th, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Conners, to approve the April 4th, 2007 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma noted that May is National Bicycle Month. Discussion followed. Harrall updated the committee on the status of the M6 Trail. Discussion and comments followed.

IV. FY2007/2008 TIP AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Kent described two ITS projects that are being brought to the committee for consideration. The first is purchase and implementation of various ITS technologies in the Grand Rapids metro region, as well as other project amendments for the FY2007 project list in the FY2006-2008 TIP. Discussion followed.

Warren entertained a motion to approve of MDOT’s request to amend the TIP to include two ITS projects as discussed.

MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Kent, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of MDOT’s request to amend the 2007/2008 TIP to include two ITS projects as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Cornell-Howe discussed MDOT’s request to amend the FY2007 year of the FY06-08 TIP to add Federal CMAQ funds from MDOT Southwest Region to the ITP Rideshare project. Discussion followed. Harrall inquired as to the timing of submitting programming for FY2007 CMAQ projects. Cornell-Howe clarified the obligation deadline for projects. Cornell-Howe clarified that projects must be obligated. Discussion followed.

Warren entertained a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2007 TIP to adjust the funding amount for the Rideshare program in FY2007 as discussed.

MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Cornell-Howe, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval to amend the FY2007 TIP to add Federal CMAQ funds from the MDOT Southwest Region for the ITP project as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **FY2008-2011 TIP PROJECT LISTS**

As Dingman discussed the FY2008-2011 Project Lists, he identified a project with a slight change in limits. He also noted the Public Involvement and Environmental Justice Process time frames and stated that the deadlines will be met. He addressed the status of the Air Quality Analysis, and stated that the TIP should be approved by July. Discussion ensued regarding the lists and locally funded projects. Discussion followed. Cornell-Howe briefed the committee on the time frame for eligibility determination. Discussion, comments and questions followed. .

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kind distributed MDOT's 2007 Construction Map, and briefed the committee on the progress and timeline of major construction projects.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Warren adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.