

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Conners, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The Committee members, staff, and guests present introduced themselves.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Scott Conners (<i>Chair</i>)		City of Walker
Alex Arends		Alpine Township
Timothy Cochran		City of Wyoming
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt		City of East Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County
		Grand Rapids Township
Russ Henckel	<i>Proxy for Bill Dooley</i>	City of Wyoming
		City of Wyoming
Jim Holtrop		Ottawa County
Fred Keena	<i>Proxy for Brett Laughlin</i>	OCRC
		OCRC
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for Dan DesJarden</i>	MDOT
		City of Lowell
Ray Lenze		MDOT
Steve Peterson		Cascade Charter Township
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Steve Warren</i>	KCRC
		KCRC
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Erick Kind	MDOT
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Don Stypula	GVMC Staff
Steve Waalkes	MCA

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Roger Belknap	City of Cedar Springs
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Ron Carr	City of Grandville

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Dick Davies
Jamie Davies
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Bill Dooley
Jim Ferro
Roy Hawkins
Dennis Hoemke
Bob Homan
Taiwo Jaiyeoba
Brett Laughlin
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Chuck Porter
Martin Super
Toby VanEss
Steve Warren
Chris Zull

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Cannon Township
City of Rockford
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Wyoming
Ada Township
GRFIA
Algoma Township
Plainfield Township
ITP-The Rapid
OCRC
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Courtland Township
Village of Sparta
Tallmadge Township
KCRC
City of Grand Rapids

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Conners entertained a motion to approve the April 6, 2011 Technical Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION by Cochran, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to approve the April 6, 2011 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma commended the KCRC for installing a bike rack in front of their building. Discussion ensued.

IV. FY2011-2014 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained several TIP amendments to the Committee.

First, ITP-The Rapid requested to add more funds to two Activity Line Items for the 5307 program in FY2011.

Second, the City of Hudsonville requested an administrative modification of 32nd Avenue (an advance construction project in FY2011 with conversion in FY2012) to remove the advance construction designation and construct the project in FY2012.

Third, the KCRC requested to add several awarded FY2012 Safety projects to the TIP. Robinson noted that the HRRR projects were added in the last amendment and asked the Committee to ignore the HRRR projects listed on the KCRC memo. Haagsma provided information about an additional project from the KCRC located at 84th St. and Division.

Fourth, MDOT requested several Administrative Modifications as well as Amendments to the FY2011-2014 TIP. Kent provided additional information and clarification about these projects.

Lastly, Staff requested the approval of amending the FY2011-2014 TIP to add the FHWA/MDOT approved FY2011 CMAQ projects proposed earlier this year as the result of several changes (including the delay of one project to FY2012) to the FY2011 program. Also, staff requested to possibly add several awarded Safety, Enhancement, and Bridge projects provided that the sponsoring jurisdiction is prepared to add those projects to the TIP. Or, the projects could be added to the TIP later.

Robinson asked who the responsible agency was for the River Street traffic ops/safety project in 2012. Snell suggested Lowell.

Robinson asked Harrall if Kent County's 84th Street over the Thornapple River project could be moved into the TIP. Harrall responded that the project should already be in the TIP.

Robinson asked Henckel if the City of Wyoming's Burlingame Avenue over Buck Creek project could be added to the TIP. Henckel also responded that the project should be in the TIP.

Robinson asked DeVries if the City of Grand Rapids' Turner Street and Ball Avenue from Leonard Street and Michigan Street projects could be added to the TIP. DeVries responded that they could.

Harrall asked why the City of Kentwood's 48th Street project had no local match associated with it. Schweitzer replied that it is a Safe Routes to School project.

Snell asked Strikwerda to notify Staff of the City of Hudsonville's intentions regarding future work on 32nd Avenue.

Conners entertained a motion to amend the FY2011-2014 TIP.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by DeVries, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2011-2014 TIP to include the requests from the Rapid, the City of Hudsonville, the KCRC, MDOT, and Staff, as well as the list of awarded Safety, Enhancement, and Bridge projects identified by Staff. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Stypula informed the Committee that the federal transportation budget was passed by the House of Representatives in Washington. If the Senate decided to accept the transportation cuts passed by the House, the State of Michigan would see a drop of 36% in federal funding that we just programmed in FY2012. Because the federal debt limit has been reached, the President may be willing to make trillions of dollars in cuts in spending.

Stypula also noted that in the State Senate, the Senate transportation committee had a hearing on SB351, which would dedicate a portion of sales tax on gas purchases to the state transportation fund. However, this fund would just be for state projects. The Snyder administration, as well as several other organizations, are opposed to the legislation because it is a quick fix and doesn't speak to what was recommended by the Transportation Funding Task Force (TF2) previously. Stypula added that, around the second week in October, Governor Snyder is going to issue a special message to the legislature regarding transportation infrastructure. This will address roads, bridges, transit,

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air, freight, water, sewer, etc. In light of this, Stypula stated that it would be helpful to have the input of several Technical Committee members in order to form a list of recommendations that would ultimately be brought to the Governor's office regarding transportation funding. An official invite would be sent out soon. Discussion, comments, and questions ensued.

Kent noted that new Michigan state maps are available.

Harrall noted that a TIP amendment for the Musketawa Trail project was pulled from last month's Metro Council meeting agenda and asked for an update on the project's status. Stypula responded that there are some issues with the project that are in the process of being resolved. Discussion ensued.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Conners adjourned the June 1, 2011 Technical Committee meeting at 9:57 am.