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Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
**KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

The meeting was called to order by Dooley, Chair, at 9:35 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Voting Members Present**

Bill Dooley ( <i>Chair</i> )	City of Wyoming
James Beelen	Allendale Township
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
Wayne Harrall <i>Proxy for Tim Haagsma</i>	Kent County
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Stephen Kepley <i>Proxy for Terry Schweitzer</i>	City of Kentwood
Ken Klomparens	GRFIA
Gerald Mears	City of Wyoming
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Steve Peterson	Cascade Charter Township
Steve Warren ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	KCRC

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Roger Belknap	KCRC
Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Cindy Durrenberger	FHWA
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff

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Jim Snell  
Don Stypula  
George Yang

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**Voting Members Not Present**

Mike Berrevoets  
Bryan Chodkowski  
Bill Cole  
Dan DesJarden  
Mike DeVries  
John Gorney  
Tim Haagsma  
William Holland  
Jim McIntyre  
George Meek  
Jim Miedema  
Audrey Nevins  
Bob Rinck  
Terry Schweitzer  
Robert Swenson  
Gary Voogt  
Bill Wiersma

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dooley entertained a motion to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Palarz, SUPPORT by Fetzer, to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IV. FY2006-2008 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Robinson identified projects to be amended into the FY2006-2008 TIP. Itani discussed the M-6 Trail project and explained the necessity for its inclusion into the TIP. Discussion followed.

Belknap, who is the KCRC Coordinator for this project, updated the committee on the

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project's status. Discussion followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to include the M-6 trail project into the FY2006-2008 TIP.

**MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Mears, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to add the M-6 Non Motorized Trail project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion continued. Referring to **Item IV: Attachment B**, Staff addressed the City of Lowell and ITP's requests to amend the TIP to include 2 projects. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to add 2 projects to the FY2006-2008 TIP.

**MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Johnston, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to add the City of Lowell's award to receive STP Small Urban Program funds in the amount of \$375,000 Federal funds for Gee Drive from Creekside Park entrance to 2100 feet west, and approval to add several ITP projects to the FY2007 TIP for Section 5310 Funds eligibility. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **FY2006 CMAQ PROGRAM**

Itani distributed to the committee a revised flow chart of proposed Michigan CMAQ Funding splits for Federal CMAQ Apportionments with 87% obligation limitation applied, as well as a revised spreadsheet of FY2006 CMAQ projects. He cited the benefits of supporting this proposal. Discussion ensued regarding the maintenance operations and building infrastructure of the two ITS Centers. Warren and Bush had questions on the Set Aside priorities and how this region would receive its fair share for ITS Operations and Maintenance thereof. Itani clarified that with the new appropriations, the set aside is strictly for maintenance of ITS. Cornell Howe has questions on obligation targets. Bush and others requested clarification on the decision makers for distribution of the Set Aside funds. Itani clarified that MDOT is committed to geographic equity, and that he believes this area will receive its fair share. He suggested looking at the different activities at each center, and pro rate based on activity and distribute the funds accordingly. Kent commented on the current system and how, over time, this could work. While not in favor of multiple systems, Itani stated that both centers have legitimate claims to operate their own system. He noted that committee approval of state funds spent in the region is required under federal law. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the FY2006 CMAQ Program as presented, with the exception that the Kalamazoo project be deferred to FY2007.

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MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Bush to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the CMAQ projects as listed, with the exception that the Kalamazoo Project be deferred to FY2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) STUDY PRESENTATION

Snell provided the committee with a presentation as well as a hand-out on the findings of the Grand Rapids Area ITS Deployment Plan. He addressed the history and goals, as well as the elements of ITS. As he discussed what is incorporated in ITS, he noted potential partnering possibilities that could share the communication network and save dollars. He also discussed recommended responsibilities of the ITS centers. He noted implementation, cost, and ITS Committee recommendations. He distributed for the committee's review the ITS Strategic Deployment Plan maps. Discussion, comments, and questions followed. Itani noted that more discussion is needed on how to utilize efficiency in the system. Conners commented on creative ideas for funding. Snell is working on a funding plan that does not assume other earmarks. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dingman updated the committee on the 3-C Conference which will be held in Grand Rapids on July 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. He will keep the committee updated as this moves forward.

VIII: ADJOURNMENT

Dooley adjourned the Technical Committee meeting at 10:50 a.m.