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ITEM III: ATTACHMENT A

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, October 5th, 2005
KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The meeting was called to order by Bush, Chair, at 9:33 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Patrick Bush (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Grand Rapids
Roger Belknap (<i>Proxy for Steve Warren</i>)	KCRC
Mike Berrevoets	City of Cedar Springs (FTCH)
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Bill Dooley (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	City of Wyoming
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
William Holland	Georgetown Township
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Ken Klomparens	GRFIA
Peter Lewak (<i>Proxy for Bill Cole</i>)	City of Grand Rapids
Gerald Mears	City of Wyoming
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Robert Swenson	Cannon Township

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Cindy Durrenberger	FHWA
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Norm Sevensma	RWBC-WMEAC
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Don Stypula	GVMC Staff

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Joe VanderMeulen
Conrad Venema

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Bryan Chodkowski
Bill Cole
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Ken Feldt
Tim Haagsma
Wayne Harrall
Don Hilton, Sr.
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Steve Peterson
Steve Warren
Bill Wiersma

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City of Rockford
The Rapid

Allendale Township
Village of Sparta
City of Grand Rapids
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of East Grand Rapids
Gaines Township
Kent County
Gaines Township
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Cascade Charter Township
KCRC
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bush entertained a motion to approve the September 7th, 2005 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Johnston, SUPPORT by Palarz, to approve the September 7th, 2005 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2006-2008 TIP AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Kent briefed the committee on MDOT's request to add 4 I-196 bridge projects to the FY2006-2008 TIP. Discussion followed. Kent confirmed that the cost has been updated with the latest information.

Bush entertained a motion to approve the FY2006-2008 TIP Amendment.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Lewak, to recommend to the Policy

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Committee approval of MDOT's request to amend the FY2006-2008 TIP to add four I-196 bridge projects to the FY2006-2008 TIP, contingent on Metro Council approval of the Long Range Plan Amendment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

Referring to **Item V: Attachment** in the Agenda, Dingman updated the committee on the KCRC's request for support of a Transportation Enhancement project. Noting the details of the project, Belknap stated that the project will be done in conjunction with other improvements planned for that corridor for the next few years. Discussion followed. Dingman addressed funding for the project. Sevensma had concerns that non bicycle enhancement submittals could have a negative impact on bicycle related enhancement submittals. Kent explained how transportation enhancement projects are funded among the different categories of the program. Itani added that as there is no state policy, we endorse any project that qualifies for enhancement. Discussion and comments followed.

Mears commented positively on how this project will provide better pedestrian safety along Division Avenue. He noted that the City of Wyoming has seen similar improvements on 28th Street.

Bush entertained a motion to approve endorsement of the enhancement project.

MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Palarz, to recommend to the Policy Committee endorsement of the proposed KCRC Enhancement Project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. FY2005 TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Robinson updated the committee on the progress of the Traffic Count Program. He noted exact counts for each participating jurisdiction. Discussion followed. Robinson also discussed the possibility of duplications as the counts were totaled. Bush requested from staff a list of any counts that are missing. Discussion followed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Cornell-Howe noted that the FY2006-2008 TIP has been approved. She also stated that the FY2006 Unified Work Program is approved as well. Discussion followed.

Itani updated the committee on the status of the appropriations bill, and the continuing resolution which will fund most of the projects. He urged the members to send their projects to MDOT expeditiously. Discussion and comments followed.

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Itani gave the members an update on the Pavement Management System. He discussed financial and budget information as well as equipment and staffing needs. Itani discussed other uses of this technology that would be beneficial to the region. He also gave the committee a status as to where we are in the process. Discussion followed.

VIII: ADJOURNMENT

Bush adjourned the Technical Committee at 10:10 a.m.