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**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING STUDY GROUP
Monday, December 13th, 2004
Kent County Road Commission**

Itani called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. As introductions were made, it was noted that Marta Brechting (Alpine Township) and Steve Kepley (City of Kentwood) are new to the committee.

Itani noted that a Chair of the Transportation Programming Study Group be elected.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Bush, to elect Bill Dooley as Chair of the Transportation Programming Study Group. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Bill Dooley (Chair)	City of Wyoming
Roger Belknap	KCRC
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Patrick Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Mike Chesher	City of Grandville
Bill Cole	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Jim Fetzer	ITP-The Rapid
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Russ Henckel	City of Wyoming
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Dick Johnston	City of Rockford
Tom Palarz	OCRC
Steve Redmond	MDOT – Grand Region
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Robert Swenson	Cannon Township
Steve Warren	KCRC

Staff Present

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Patti Brink
Anna Christensen
Chris Dingman
Cindy Durrenberger
Abed Itani
Steve Kepley
Darrell Robinson
Jim Snell

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GVMC Staff
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FHWA
GVMC Staff
City of Kentwood
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Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Bryan RH Chodkowski
John Gorney
George Meek
William Holland
Jerry Homminga
Mike DeVries
Don Hilton, Sr.
Ken Krombeen
Jim McIntyre
Jim Miedema
Vacant
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township
Village of Sparta
City of Hudsonville
Plainfield Township
Georgetown Township
City of Cedar Springs
Grand Rapids Township
Gaines Township
City of Grandville
Courtland Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Tallmadge Township

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. PROGRAMMING OF THE FY2006-2008 TIP

FY2006 STP

Itani briefed the committee on the process for programming the TIP. He discussed the various funding categories and the associated restrictions. As the new reauthorization bill has not been passed, he suggested that FY2007 and 2008 project lists be developed and when funding is secured they can be programmed. Discussion followed.

Warren suggested giving consideration to high priority projects that do not have federal funding. Discussion and comments followed. Itani stated that the committee should evaluate all projects on the lists equally prior to selections. Snell commented that most PCI's on reconstruction projects have dropped. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the FY2006 City of Rockford's Main Street project from 2006 to 2007, with the understanding that it be included in FY2007's TIP for reconstruction at a higher amount. Discussion and comments followed.

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Dooley entertained a motion to move the City of Rockford's Main Street project from FY2006 to FY2007.

MOTION by Johnston, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend to the Technical Committee moving the City of Rockford's Main Street project from FY2006 to 2007, with the understanding that it will be funded at a comparable rate in 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

As Itani addressed the STPU Pool of Projects, he noted that the City of Walker's project, I-96 WB Ramps to I-96 EB Ramps, (which is not in the Long Range Plan) could qualify for EDFC funds. Schmalzel discussed construction plans for this project. Bush suggested that there should be a philosophy that dollars should be open and used for the region's next priorities. Discussion followed. Warren suggested removing the Spaulding project, and Hall and Division Streets could come in FY2006 at a reduced amount with the Federal match at 61/39

Dooley entertained a motion to remove Spaulding and to split the projects at a reduced federal local share.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of removing the KCRC Spaulding project from the FY2006 TIP and adding the City of Grand Rapids Hall Street project and the KCRC's Division Avenue project at a reduced federal share of approximately 61/39 federal local match.

Discussion continued. Palarz requested clarification on funding splits for remaining projects. Itani questioned the prudence of removing projects from the list. Discussion followed.

Dooley called to question the motion on the floor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Itani clarified that all non funded FY2006 projects will be rolled into FY2007. Schweitzer had questions on project qualification. Snell stressed that projects must be listed in the Long Range Plan to qualify for funding.

FY 2007

As the committee discussed several options for programming the FY2007 TIP, Cole suggested that all projects listed should be nominees for funding. Itani noted that PCI, volume, etc. determine which has the highest priority but that the final decision is still up to the committee.

Dooley encouraged the committee to decide the best way to accomplish prioritization and funding. Discussion followed. Warren suggested that each jurisdiction list their project by priority, and that the committee should have the responsibility to look at each jurisdiction and geographic balance. Discussion and comments followed. Itani

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noted that this is a cooperative process, and each community should get something.

Bush and Schmalzel suggested narrowing the list by priority in each municipality as a starting point in an effort to narrow the list. The committee proceeded to list the top priorities by jurisdiction. Discussion, comments, and suggestions followed. Itani reminded the committee that Studies must be programmed as well. As suggestions were made for programming, Palarz stressed that worthier projects should be selected first. Discussion and comments followed.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the list of priority projects with the addition of the Cascade (KCRC) and Cherry street (Grand Rapids) projects.

MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by Chesher to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of the FY 2007 top priority projects (attached), with the addition of Cascade (36th St. to Whitneyville Ave) limits) and Cherry (CL of Jefferson to CL of Prospect). MOTION CARRIED.

Palarz voted "nay" on this action.

FY2008

Each jurisdiction listed their top priorities for funding in FY2008. Discussion ensued as to whether enough projects are being funded for the City of Grand Rapids, which creates a lot of funding for this region. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Schweitzer to approve list of top priority projects for FY2008.

Discussion continued. Cole noted that the City of Grand Rapids is under funded for the needs as a community.

As there is no support for the Motion on the floor – the **MOTION FAILS.**

Itani reminded the committee that upon reauthorization additional funding will be available in FY2008.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the list of priority projects for FY2008.

MOTION by Chesher, SUPPORT by Johnston to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of the first priority projects for FY2008 for each jurisdiction including the 2 Grand Rapids projects (Leonard and Fuller), with the understanding that if any additional funding becomes available the split can be adjusted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

EDFC FY 2006, 2007, 2008

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Itani clarified that EDFC cannot be advance constructed. Other funding possibilities (State Infrastructure Bank) were also addressed. The consensus by the committee for programming the EDFC funding is to fit budgets and time frames for FY2006, 2007, and 2008. Each jurisdiction noted their first priority projects for EDFC.

Dooley entertained a motion to approve of the first priority projects for FY2006, 2007 and 2008 EDFC projects.

Motion by Cheshier, SUPPORT by Bush, to recommend to the Technical Committee approval of the first priority projects in each jurisdiction for FY2006, 2007 and 2008 EDFC projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Dooley adjourned the meeting at 2 p.m.