

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, April 18th, 2007
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Pasquale, Chair of the Policy Committee called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Dave Pasquale, (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Lowell
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Pat Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jerry Homminga	City of Cedar Springs
Ken Klomparens <i>Proxy for Jim Koslosky</i>	GRFIA
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Jon Rice <i>Proxy for</i>	KCRC
<i>Sandi Parrish</i>	Kent County
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer <i>Proxy for Keith VanBeek</i>	City of Kentwood

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Steve Warren	KCRC
George Yang	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
 Larry Bruursema
 Bryan Chodkowski
 Jay Cravens
 Mike DeVries
 Jeff Dood
 George Haga
 Bryan Harrison
 Bill Holland
 Jim Kosloski
 Jim McIntyre
 George Meek
 Jim Miedema
 Audrey Nevins
 Sandi Parrish
 Keith Van Beek
 Don VanDoeselaar
 Peter Varga (*Vice-Chair*)
 Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township
 Ottawa County
 Sparta
 Cascade Charter Township
 Grand Rapids Township
 City of Rockford
 Ada Township
 Caledonia Charter Township
 Georgetown Township
 GRFIA
 Courtland Township
 Plainfield Township
 Jamestown Township
 Byron Township
 Kent County
 City of Kentwood
 City of Hudsonville
 The Rapid
 Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the March 21st, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting.

MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Pastoor, to approve of the March 21st, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma offered to post a sign in his yard on behalf of ITP's millage request. Schweitzer will accommodate his request.

IV. FY2007/2008 TIP AMENDMENT

Via a hand-out, Dingman gave the committee an explanation and update on the FY2007 project list, and the City of Grand Rapids request to Advance Construct five projects. He noted the conversion of dates of these projects as well. He also gave an explanation of four project requests by the areas transit agencies for inclusion in the FY2008 TIP in Section 5310. Discussion followed.

ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

Itani explained that the FY2006-2008 TIP must be amended so that the 2008 information in the 2006-2008 TIP matches the 2008 information that will be in the FY2008-2011 TIP.

Schweitzer identified some projects in the FY2008-2011 TIP that could be Advance Constructed in FY2007. Discussion followed. Itani explained that the law will allow projects to be reflected as Advance Construct in the TIP, and when funds are available those projects are priorities. Bush gave his reason why the projects should not be listed at this point. Discussion and comments followed. Dingman explained that including Illustrative Projects in the TIP is a commitment to move forward. Also, these projects will go through the Public Involvement and Environmental Justice process so that if they are selected they can easily be amended into the TIP. Discussion followed. Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of amending the FY2007/2008 TIP to approve of the projects presented by Staff.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Bush, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to include the City of Grand Rapids and the area’s transit agencies projects as identified. This also includes approval of the FY2007 STP-Rural changes as presented. In addition, this action allows for the 2008 list in the FY2006-2008 TIP to be the same as the 2008 list in the FY2008-2011 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2008-2011 PROJECT LISTS

Dingman noted the highlights of the FY2008 -2011 project lists. As FY2008 and 2009 wee slightly under funded, he explained that projects were added to use up the remaining STP-U funds.

He noted that the FY2010 and 2011 project lists were approved by the Transportation Planning Study Group. Also, due to time constraints, the recently programmed STP-Rural list is included for approval today as well. Committee approval will allow us to begin Public Involvement and Environmental Justice. Dingman identified EDF-C 2008-2011 projects that were moved to maintain financial constraint of the TIP. He also discussed CMAQ FY2010 – 2011, noting that these projects are Illustrative. Referring to MDOT projects FY2008-2011, Kent discussed some of the notable projects and changes that have been made. Discussion and comments followed. .

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A:** Dingman noted that ITP-The Rapid’s projects listed are in their FY2008-2011 Capital Plan, which also include items undertaken on an annual basis. Discussion followed. Dingman also discussed the time line for development of the TIP.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the FY2008-2011 Project lists as identified.

MOTION by Pastoor, SUPPORT by Rice, to recommend approval of the FY2008-2011 Project Lists as presented. This list include projects submitted by MDOT and ITP-The Rapid. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

As Jerry Homminga is leaving the City of Cedar Springs, Pasquale wished him well and thanked him for his service on the Policy Committee.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting.

MOTION by Davies, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pasquale adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.