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**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
JOINT TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, January 18th, 2006
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Sheets, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. She introduced Richard Pastoor and Roger Haynes as the City of Wyoming’s new representatives on the Policy Committee. She noted that election of officers for the Technical and Policy Committees’ will take place next month.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Carol S. Sheets (<i>Chair, Policy</i>)	City of Wyoming
James Beelen	Allendale Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Larry Bruursema	OCRC
Patrick Bush (<i>Chair, Technical</i>)	City of Grand Rapids
Ron Carr	City of Grandville
Bill Cole	City of Grand Rapids
Jeff Dood	City of Rockford
Bill Dooley (<i>Vice-Chair, Technical Committee</i>)	City of Wyoming
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
John Gorney	City of Hudsonville
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Wayne Harrall	Kent County
Roger J. Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Sandra Cornell-Howe	MDOT
Ken Klomparens <i>Proxy for Jim Koslosky</i>	GRFIA
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Gerald Mears	City of Wyoming
Dave Pasquale (<i>Vice-Chair, Policy</i>)	City of Lowell
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Steve Peterson	Cascade Township

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Darl Redder *Proxy for Don VandDoeselaar*
Jon Rice
Bob Rinck
Darrel Schmalzel *Proxy for Scott Conners*
Terry Schweitzer
Robert Swenson
Jay Van Soestberg
Peter Varga
Ted Vonk

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink
Chris Dingman
Dennis Kent
Abed Itani
Steve Redmond
Norm Sevensma
Don Stypula
Joe Vander Meulen
Vicki Weerstra
George Yang

Voting Members Not Present

Sandra Ayers
Mike Berrevoets (FTC&H)
Bryan Chodkowski
Scott Conners
Jay Cravens
Dan DesJarden
Mike DeVries
Ken Feldt
Bryan Harrison
Dennis Hoemke
Jerry Homminga
Dick Johnston
Jim Koslosky
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Tom Palarz
Keith VanBeek

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KCRC
Ottawa County
City of Walker
City of Kentwood
Cannon Township
City of Walker
The Rapid
Kent County

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RWBC-WMEAC
GVMC Staff
City of Rockford
MDOT
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Village of Caledonia
City of Cedar Springs
Sparta
City of Walker
Cascade Charter Township
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids
City of East Grand Rapids
Caledonia Charter Township
Algoma Township
City of Cedar Springs
City of Rockford
GRFIA
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
OCRC
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Donald VanDoeselaar
Gary Voogt
Steve Warren
Bill Wiersma

City of Hudsonville
Ada Township
KCRC
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheets stated that with no corrections or additions, the November 16th, 2005 Joint Technical and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes are accepted as read and approved.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Dingman discussed MDOT’s request to amend the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan to add the 44th Street at US-131 Intersection project. He noted that this request is not for a full amendment at this time, as funding amounts associated with the project will vary as it progresses. He also addressed the cost associated with the project. Itani and Kent noted that funding must appear in the Plan prior to incorporation in the TIP. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a Motion to amend the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the 44th Street at US131 Intersection project.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Haynes, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of MDOT’s request to amend the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the 44th Street at US-131 Intersection Project. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2006-2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Robinson addressed MDOT’s request to add several projects to the FY2006-2008 TIP. He also discussed some specifics of this request. Kent gave the committee a detailed explanation of each project for consideration in the proposed amendment. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a Motion to amend the TIP to add several MDOT projects.

MOTION by Cole, SUPPORT by Bruursema, to recommend to the GVMC Board

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approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to add several MDOT projects.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS CATEGORY A

Robinson and Kent briefed the committee on MDOT's request for the US-131BR (Division Ave.) project for TEDF"A" funding application. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a Motion to endorse MDOT's application for TEDF"A" funding.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Cole, MPO endorsement of MDOT's TEDF"A " application. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. ITP FY2006-2008 TIP AMENDMENT

Robinson discussed ITP's request to add a projects to the FY2006-2008 TIP list of projects. He explained that this project (which was originally in the TIP) was unintentionally deleted from the entire list of projects with the last amendment. He confirmed that approval does not affect the air quality conformity determination of the FY2006-2008 TIP.

Sheets entertained a Motion to add a project to ITP's list of FY2006 projects.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Cole, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to add a project to ITP's list of FY2006 projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS TIP ADJUSTMENT

Via a hand-out, Robinson addressed the City of Grand Rapid's request to adjust the FY2006-2008 TIP for changes to 2 projects. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a Motion to adjust the FY2006-2008 TIP for the City of Grand Rapids to adjust the scope, limits and length of 2 projects.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Haynes, to adjust the FY2006-2008 TIP for the City of Grand Rapid's request to adjust the scope, limits and length of 2 projects which are currently programmed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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IX. ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

Dingman discussed the City of Kentwood's enhancement project request for submittal to MDOT for consideration. He noted that this request is for the 3rd phase of a 5 phase project. A Letter of support from the MPO is needed as part of the application process. He also described the phases of this project. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a Motion to endorse the City of Kentwood's Enhancement Project.

MOTION by Cole, SUPPORT by Fetzer, to endorse the Enhancement Project submitted by the City of Kentwood to MDOT for consideration. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE TIMELINE

Referring to **Item X: Attachment A**, Dingman discussed the timeline for completion of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. He noted major milestones and also discussed the Public Involvement Process. He stated that staff will be meeting/interviewing MPO/ITP members on an individual basis to address their future land use development issues, as well as their long range transportation priorities. Discussion and comments followed.

XI. DRAFT FY2006-2010 FIVE YEAR PLAN

Kent handed out MDOT's 2006 Road & Bridge Construction Map as well as the Grand Region's Draft 2006-2010 Five Year Transportation Program. He noted some of the FY2005 program accomplishments, and addressed future plans for other projects in the program. Kent answered questions regarding several projects in the Plan. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

With the recent passage of the reauthorization bill (SAFETYLU), Itani updated the committee on transportation funding and its impact on various funding categories within the MPO. He stated that STP funds could be used to cover projects where funds came up short, however clarified that the exception of moving funds would warrant committee approval. He noted that MDOT has not disclosed anything new with regard to CMAQ funding. Holland inquired as to available funds for school safety. Dingman will contact him with an answer.

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Dingman commented on the M-6 Trail and thanked the KCRC and all others involved in bringing this project from the planning phase to implementation.

Itani updated the committee on the acquisition of the Pavement Management Van. He discussed cost, and gave a timeline of when the vehicle would be ready for use. Discussion followed.

Referring to the FY2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, Itani noted a potential proposal to expand the boundary of the study area. He clarified that expansion areas do not have to be members of the MPO to be within the boundary. He and Sheets stressed that approval must take place for this expansion. He also stated that FHWA will give to the committee a presentation in respect to the Plan and will note what is new in SAFETYLU. He also discussed the federally mandated corrections made by this MPO from the last Plan. He addressed the timeline as to when the TIP will be merged with the Plan. Discussion followed. Harrall had questions on safety funding. Discussion followed.

Itani thanked Sheets for her service as Chair of the Policy Committee. Sheets commented on how much she has enjoyed working on this committee. She also commented on how well this MPO has worked together for the benefit of the region as a whole. A cake in Sheets honor was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Sheets adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.