

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, January 17th, 2007
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI

Pasquale, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 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
Jay Cravens	Cascade Charter Township
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Koslosky	GRFIA
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Jon Rice	KCRC
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Keith Van Beek	City of Kentwood
Joe VanderMeulen <i>Proxy for Jeff Dood</i>	City of Rockford
Peter Varga (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT - Grand Region
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Larry Bruursema
Bryan Chodkowski
Mike DeVries
Jeff Dood
Ken Feldt
George Haga
Bryan Harrison
Bill Holland
Jerry Homminga
Dick Johnston
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Sandi Parrish
Don VanDoeselaar
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township
Ottawa County
Sparta
Grand Rapids Township
City of Rockford
City of East Grand Rapids
Ada Township
Caledonia Charter Township
Georgetown Township
City of Cedar Springs
City of Rockford
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Kent County
City of Hudsonville
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the November 15th, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Koslosky, SUPPORT by Krombeen, to approve of the November 15th, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

In connection with Global Warming, Sevensma offered to loan his DVD titled "An Inconvenient Truth" to any interested committee members. Discussion followed

IV. FY2007 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) List

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Dingman discussed the CMAQ list. With the committee. He noted MDOT's eligible Set Aside Projects which are incorporated in this list. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the FY2007 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality List.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Pastoor, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the FY2007 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) List. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2007 TIP AMENDMENT

Dingman noted that the attached FY2007 STP Urban and Rural list include the added FY2009 STP Urban and Rural projects that have received a funding commitment from MDOT through the Local Jobs Today program. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of amending the TIP to include the FY2009 Local Jobs Today Projects.

MOTION by Hilton, SUPPORT by Haynes to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2007 TIP to include the FY2009 Local Jobs Today Projects as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. DRAFT 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT LIST/MDOT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECT LISTS

Dingman updated the committee on the FY2035 Long Range Transportation Project List. He noted that some of the funding amounts reflected are generic estimates. He also explained the difference between MDOT's list of Primary and Secondary Illustrative projects. He stressed that the Secondary List represents expected MDOT deficiencies that are lesser priorities. Discussion and comments followed. Koslosky inquired and Itani explained the criteria used to determine deficiencies. Discussion followed. Haynes inquired as to whether selection is based on traffic projections and if projects can be added a future point. Discussion followed. Sevensma inquired as to whether inflation is a factor in funding. Itani noted that while inflation is not factored in, the methodology currently used is very conservative. Kent commented on the flexibility of dollars pledged which could keep up with the rate of inflation. Haynes addressed the possibility of priority projects getting on the list, however Kent pointed out that the Primary List is based on the greatest deficiencies. Schmalzel inquired and Dingman explained the varying match ratios. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve the 2035 Long Range Transportation project list as well as MDOT's Primary and Secondary Illustrative Projects list.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Krombeen, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the DRAFT 2035 Long Range Transportation Project List and MDOT's Primary and Secondary Illustrative Projects Lists.

Discussion continued. Rice requested clarification that the list being approved today is "Draft". Dingman explained that it is a draft until it goes through the Public Comment Period.

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

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

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dingman noted that a 4 Mile Corridor Study Public Meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at Kenowa Hills School. He encouraged the committee members to attend.

Depending on funding levels, Itani commented that the 2007 project list may have to be revisited as Congress has not approved the full year of transportation funding.

McBurrows commented on the upcoming schedule for UWPP meetings. He will apprise Staff as to the schedule.

On behalf of Staff, Snell thanked Bob Rinck for his years of service on the Transportation and other GVMC Committees. Pasquale also thanked Rinck and noted that he has served the public for 46 years. Rinck commented positively on the cooperative effort between the MPO and the member communities. Cake was served in Rinck's honor at the conclusion of the meeting.

VIII: ADJOURNMENT

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting.

MOTION by Pastoor, SUPPORT by Haynes, to adjourn the January 17th, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pasquale adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.