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**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, February 18th, 2004
Wyoming City Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Rinck, Chair, at 9:35 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

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| Bob Rinck, (Chair) | Ottawa County |
| Larry Bruursema | OCRC |
| Bill Cole | City of Grand Rapids |
| Jeff Dood | City of Rockford |
| Ken Feldt | City of East Grand Rapids |
| Jim Fetzer <i>Proxy for Peter Varga</i> | The Rapid |
| Cindy Heinbeck | Alpine Township |
| Don Hilton, Sr. | Gaines Township |
| Kenneth J. Kuipers | Kent County |
| Dal McBurrows | MDOT-Lansing |
| David Pasquale | City of Lowell |
| Jon Rice | KCRC |
| Carol S. Sheets | City of Wyoming |
| Joseph Sierawski | City of Grandville |
| Robert Swenson | Cannon Township |
| Keith Van Beek | City of Kentwood |
| Bill Wiersma | Tallmadge Township |

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

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| Patti Brink | GVMC Staff |
| Kenny Hoskins | Faith in Motion |
| Abed Itani | GVMC Staff |
| Dennis Kent | MDOT – GR |
| Suzette Peplinski | MDOT - GR |
| Darrell Robinson | GVMC Staff |
| Norm Sevensma | WMEAC-RWBC |
| Jim Snell | GVMC Staff |

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Don Stypula

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Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Evelyn J. Champney
Jay Cravens
Mike DeVries
Dave Groenleer
George Haga
Bryan Harrison
Hon. Douglas Hoekstra
Jim Holtvluwer
Ron Howell
Jim Koslosky
Jim McIntyre
Jim Miedema
Larry Silvernail
Don VanDoeselaar
Jay VanSoestberg
Peter Varga

Allendale Township
Village of Sparta
Cascade Charter Township
Grand Rapids Township
Plainfield Township
Ada Township
Caledonia Charter Township
City of Wyoming
Georgetown Township
City of Cedar Springs
GRFIA
Courtland Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
City of Hudsonville
City of Walker
The Rapid

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rinck entertained a motion to approve the December 17th, 2003 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Rice, SUPPORT by Sheets, to approve the December 17th, 2003 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As tenure for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee is up, Rinck entertained a motion to elect a new Chairperson.

MOTION by Heinbeck, SUPPORT by Pasquale, to nominate Carol Sheets as Chairperson of the Policy Committee.

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Rinck entertained a motion to close the nomination.

MOTION by Bruusema, SUPPORT by Rice, to close the nomination and elect Carol Sheets as Chairperson of the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rinck entertained a motion to elect a Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee.

MOTION by Sheets, SUPPORT by Dood, to nominate Dave Pasquale as Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee.

Rinck entertained a motion to close the nomination.

MOTION by Sheets, SUPPORT by Dood, to close the nomination and elect Dave Pasquale as the Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. DRAFT FY2004-2008 FIVE YEAR PLAN

Kent addressed with the committee MDOT's Five Year Plan and Construction Program.

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** in the Agenda packet, Peplinski also distributed a map for a graphic representation of where the projects are on the Grand Region's proposed 2004 Construction Program. She discussed the status of M-6, I96, M45, 28th Street over US131 as well as some smaller intersection projects. Discussion and questions followed.

As Kent addressed the Draft Grand Region 2004-2008 Five Year Plan, he also referred to last page on the attachment titled Future Corridor Needs. Discussion, comments and questions followed. He updated the committee on the status of the Baldwin Interchange project, including the Environmental Assessment. He addressed the I96, project, noting that Environmental Assessment will be coordinated with future construction. Discussion and comments followed.

VI. FY2004 TIP AMENDMENT

Robinson addressed MDOT's approved FY2004 STP Safety Projects, and noted that the Technical Committee recommends approval of amending these projects into the FY2004 TIP. Discussion followed.

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Rinck entertained a motion to approve amending the TIP to incorporate MDOT's FY2004 STP Safety Projects.

MOTION by Sheets, SUPPORT by Cole to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the TIP for the inclusion of MDOT's approved FY2004 STP Safety Projects.. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. REQUEST BY THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Robinson discussed the City of East Grand Rapids request to amend the scope of a project (Lake Drive, City limits to Bagley (resurfacing) to Lake Drive, Plymouth Street to Bagley (reconstruction) while maintaining the same cost. He noted that this project has Technical Committee approval. Itani reviewed the difference between an Amendment and an Administrative Adjustment. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Fetzer, SUPPORT by Cole, to recommend to GVMC Board approval of the City of East Grand Rapids request to amend the scope of Lake Drive, City Limits to Bagley(resurfacing) to Lake Drive, Plymouth Street Bagley (reconstruction) while maintaining the original cost. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Dingman updated the committee on the status on the development of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. Referring to **Item VIII: Attachment A** in the Agenda packet, he discussed the chapter to chapter update, noting what is completed and what still needs to be addressed. He explained the Environmental Justice process and how REGIS has been utilized in this effort. He discussed the content of a letter that has been circulated to residents where Environmental Justice projects fall. The letter will include the location of the project, nature of the work, and the timeline for completion. To further engage residents in the process, an announcement of the Public Meeting will be included in this letter as well. Discussion, comments, and questions followed. Sheets inquired as to whether the letter being circulated would be in English only. Discussion followed.

Itani briefed the committee on the requirements for completion of the Long Range Plan. He noted that while there would be a lapse in the Plan, it would be in place by April, 2004. Discussion followed.

Itani also encouraged the members to submit FY2004 projects expeditiously to MDOT to ensure Obligation Authority.

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IX. MAJOR CORRIDOR STUDY

Fetzer briefed the committee on the progress of the Major Corridor Study. He stated that the Travel Demand Model has been updated, and that the transit component will be completed by April 1st. He noted that the Project Manager was unable to continue working on this Study, however an interim Project Manager is in place. Discussion followed.

X. FY2005 SAFETY PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

Via hand-out which replaces **Item X: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Robinson requested that the committee review and endorse the proposed Safety projects. He noted that the Technical Committee recommends endorsement of the projects.

Rinck entertained a motion to endorse the Safety projects as submitted.

MOTION by Cole, SUPPORT by Hilton, to endorse the proposed list of Safety projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Itani updated the members on the status of the extension of TEA 21. He noted that the House passed a four month extension, however no action on this has been taken by the Senate. He described the three bills that are competing for approval at this time. (House, Senate and the President's) Discussion followed.

Itani discussed Air Quality designation for this area. He noted that the EPA would like Muskegon, Allegan, Ottawa and Kent designated as one air quality area. The DEQ recommendation is to separate Muskegon/Allegan Counties from Ottawa/Kent Counties for air quality purposes. The EPA has until April 15th to respond. Discussion followed.

Itani thanked Bob Rinck for serving as Chairperson of the Policy Committee.

Rinck extended the committee's sympathy to the family of Jim Holtvluwer on the recent passing of Jim's wife.

Sevensma updated the committee on Dave Groenleer's condition following his recent heart surgery.

Rice discussed the project near 84th and US131 Interchange, and noted the time

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frames for completion.

Sheets welcomed the Policy Committee to the City of Wyoming offices and offered to give those interested a tour of the facility.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Rinck adjourned the Policy Committee meeting at 10:28 a.m.