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Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, April 19th, 2006
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI

Pasquale, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Dave Pasquale, <i>Chair</i>	City of Lowell
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Larry Bruursema	OCRC
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Keith Van Beek	City of Kentwood
Donald VanDoeselaar	City of Hudsonville
Jay VanSoetsberg	City of Walker
Joe VanderMeulen <i>Proxy For Jeff Dood</i>	City of Rockford
Peter Varga <i>(Vice-Chair)</i>	The Rapid
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Steve Warren <i>Proxy for Jon Rice</i>	KCRC
Dave Young <i>Proxy for Bill Cole</i>	City of Grand Rapids

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT – Grand Region
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	RWBC-WMEAC
Jim Snell	GVMC Staff
George Yang	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
 Bryan Chodkowski
 Bill Cole
 Jay Cravens
 Mike DeVries
 Jeff Dood
 Ken Feldt
 George Haga
 Bryan Harrison
 Bill Holland
 Jerry Homminga
 Jim Koslosky
 Jim McIntyre
 George Meek
 Jim Miedema
 Audrey Nevins
 Jon Rice
 Robert Swenson
 Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township
 Sparta
 City of Grand Rapids
 Cascade Charter Township
 Grand Rapids Township
 City of Rockford
 City of East Grand Rapids
 Ada Township
 Caledonia Charter Township
 Georgetown Township
 City of Cedar Springs
 GRFIA
 Courtland Township
 Plainfield Township
 Jamestown Township
 Byron Township
 KCRC
 Cannon Township
 Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MOTION by Rinck, SUPPORT by Vonk, to approve the March 15th, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Varga announced that on Friday, April 21, 2006 a celebration honoring the The Rapid as having the first lead certified public transit facility will take place at the transit facility. He encouraged the committee to attend this event. Pasquale congratulated ITP on this honor.

With concerns over the growing price of oil, Sevensma inquired as to whether the Long Range Transportation Plan is flexible enough to accommodate the volatile fuel prices. Itani cited reasons as to why this is difficult to predict and why it is not included in the Plan. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

IV. FY2006-2008 TIP AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Itani discussed the FY2006 ITS Operations and Maintenance items to be added to the CMAQ projects list in the FY2006-2008 TIP. He noted that federal verbal approval has been received, and recommend committee approval pending formal/final federal approval. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of adding the ITS Operations and Maintenance Items to the CMAQ projects list.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Pastoor, to recommend to the GVMC Board that pending federal approval the committee endorses adding the FY2006 ITS Operations and Maintenance items to the CMAQ projects list in the FY2006-2008 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2006 TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Robinson updated the committee on the status of the FY2006 Traffic Count Program. He stated that each participating jurisdiction has been furnished with a list of counts for their area, and noted that bills submitted by the jurisdictions for FY2005 are in the process of being distributed. Itani also commented positively on the success of the program, and that Staff's solicitation of help from the locals has worked very well. Discussion followed.

VI. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION VAN

Snell updated the committee on the progress of the new data collection van. He stated that upon adjournment, all members are invited to take a tour of the vehicle. Discussion followed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Stypula updated the committee on the Governor's Local Jobs Today Project Grants Program. He discussed the process by which projects should be submitted. He assured the committee that project selection will reflect equity of fairness from a geographic stand point, and that MDOT has a good, solid process to ensure approval of projects in this region. He urged members to check their lists of projects prior to submittal to make certain that all steps are completed. Kent discussed this program and High Priority Project selection. Discussion followed. Itani expressed his concerns with financial constraint of the TIP and dealing with potential projects

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in out years of the TIP. He stated that federal law mandates that every project must be amended into the TIP. Stypula noted that this is subject to the Appropriations Process. Discussion and comments followed.

Kent distributed The 2006 MDOT Major Road Repair Map.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Haynes, to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pasquale adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.