

**MINUTES**

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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
Jeff Dood	City of Rockford
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim Koslosky	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
Don VanDoeselaar	City of Hudsonville
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
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT-Grand Region
Erik Kind	MDOT
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
George Yang	GVMC Staff
Mary Ann Young	The Rapid

**Voting Members Not Present**

James Beelen  
Larry Bruursema  
Jay Cravens  
Sharon DeLange  
Mike DeVries  
Rick DeVries  
Ken Feldt  
George Haga  
Bryan Harrison  
Bill Holland  
Jim McIntyre  
George Meek  
Jim Miedema  
Audrey Nevins  
Sandi Parrish  
Keith Van Beek  
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township  
Ottawa County  
Cascade Charter Township  
Village of Sparta  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of Grand Rapids  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Ada Township  
Caledonia Charter Township  
Georgetown Township  
Courtland Township  
Plainfield Township  
Jamestown Township  
Byron Township  
Kent County  
City of Kentwood  
Tallmadge Township

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Pastoor, SUPPORT by Davies, to approve of the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma noted that May is National Bicycle Month. Discussion and comments followed. Pasquale and the committee congratulated Varga on the passing of ITP's recent millage.

**IV. FY2007/2008 TIP AMENDMENT**

Dingman described MDOT's request for the purchase and implementation of various ITS technologies in the Grand Rapids metro region, and for other multiple items listed in the hand-out . MDOT is also requesting to amend the FY2007 year of the FY2006-2008 TIP to add Federal CMAQ funds from MDOT's southwest Region to the ITP Rideshare project. Discussion followed.

Varga inquired, and Bush explained the plans to integrate the area's various ITS components, by basically taking all the information gathered from the ITS components and feeding it back to the public and the users. The current system does not integrate and feed back in a comprehensive system. Discussion followed. Itani cautioned that

this project can only be built one piece at a time. Kent also commented on the process of integrating the information to make it useable. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to amend the FY 2007-2008 TIP to include the projects as identified.

**MOTION by Koslosky, SUPPORT by Varga, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2007-2008 TIP to include the projects as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **RIDESHARE PRESENTATION**

Mary Ann Young gave the committee a presentation on the Rideshare program. (A hard copy of the presentation was distributed as well). Discussion, comments and questions followed. Koslosky inquired as to whether GRFIA's efforts to promote Van Pooling and Rideshare at the airport were effective. Young will check and forward that information to him. Young identified several advertising and marketing efforts that have been made to promote this program. She commented on the savings, and that it is a good application of CMAQ funding. Fetzer discussed ITP's involvement in the Greenride Program, and noted other customer service efforts that have been made. Davies inquired and Young explained how the cost of this service is calculated. Koslosky inquired as to whether MDOT evaluates the use of the car pool lots and the need for expansion where necessary. Kind noted lots that have been expanded, and stated that MDOT takes counts on a yearly basis. Dingman inquired as whether there is a mechanism in place to know how many are actually sharing rides. Discussion, comments, and questions followed. Fetzer commented on the success of the Rideshare Program. Pasquale thanked Young for the presentation.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dingman addressed the FY2008-2011 Draft TIP document and the time line for the Public Review Process. He noted the federal guidelines that require the TIP to be displayed. He stated that he would bring public comments to next month's Policy Committee meeting, and will be looking for approval of the TIP document at that time. Discussion followed.

Via a hand-out, Itani discussed the FY2008 Unified Work Program. He stressed that most of the activities are mandated by SAFETEA-LU. He noted that with regard to staffing there are no changes. In anticipation of a rescission in federal funding, he cited potential challenges that lie ahead.

Kind distributed MDOT's 2007 Construction Map and updated the committee on specific projects. Discussion followed.

Koslosky discussed the time line for the bidding process on the 4900 stall parking garage at GRFIA. The accepting and awarding of bids are within a July/August (2007) time frame.

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.