

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
WEDNESDAY, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Dick Davies who is replacing Bob Swenson from Cannon Township on the Policy Committee, introduced himself to the members.

Koslosky informed Staff that he will not be able to attend today’s meeting.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Dave Pasquale, <i>Chair</i>	City of Lowell
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Jeff Dood	City of Rockford
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Peter Lewak <i>Proxy for Bill Cole</i>	City of Grand Rapids
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Jon Rice	KCRC
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Keith Van Beek	City of Kentwood
Jay VanSoetsberg	City of Walker
Peter Varga <i>(Vice-Chair)</i>	The Rapid
Ted Vonk	Kent County

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Patti Brink	GVMC Staff
Andrea Dewey	GVMC Staff
Chris Dingman	GVMC Staff
Jim Fetzer	The Rapid
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT - Grand Region

**APPROVED**

Steve Redmond  
Darrell Robinson  
Norm Sevensma  
Don Stypula  
Steve Warren  
George Yang

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MDOT - Grand Region  
GVMC Staff  
RWBC-WMEAC  
GVMC Staff  
KCRC  
GVMC Staff

**Voting Members Not Present**

James Beelen  
Marta Brechting  
Larry Bruursema  
Bryan Chodkowski  
Bill Cole  
Jay Cravens  
Mike DeVries  
Ken Feldt  
George Haga  
Bryan Harrison  
Jerry Homminga  
Jim Koslosky  
Jim McIntyre  
George Meek  
Jim Miedema  
Audrey Nevins  
Donald VanDoeselaar  
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township  
Alpine Township  
OCRC  
Sparta  
City of Grand Rapids  
Cascade Charter Township  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Ada Township  
Caledonia Charter Township  
City of Cedar Springs  
GRFIA  
Courtland Township  
Plainfield Township  
Jamestown Township  
Byron Township  
City of Hudsonville  
Tallmadge Township

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Rinck, to approve the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma inquired as to whether MDOT has input on how future bicycle trails are named. Discussion followed.

Pasquale welcomed Andrea Dewey to the Policy Committee. Andrea stated that she is serving as an intern for the Transportation Division, and will be coordinating the Ozone Action! Program. Itani noted some of her other responsibilities as well.

As an addition to the Agenda, Itani distributed to the committee the FY2007 Unified Work Program. He noted that the activities are the same as last year, and highlighted some of the requirements, such as safety compliance, collection of socio economic data, etc. that are mandated by the feds. He updated the committee on the time lines for development of the Long Range Transportation Plan, the new TIP and the Non Motorized Plan. Discussion followed. He also discussed the Congestion Management System and the Congestion Management Plan. Discussion followed. He discussed the timelines for completion of the Long Range Plan which must be completed by July, 2007. Discussion followed. Vonk and Warren inquired as to the status of the 4-Mile Corridor Study.

As Itani discussed the budget and MPO staffing with the committee, he commented that there is no increase in dues to the members. He stated that there is a change in MDOT's Policy where the approval process takes longer, necessitating action on this item now. As local match was addressed, Varga identified The Rapid's funding source. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve the FY2007 UWP.

**MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Hilton, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the FY2007 Unifed Planning Work Program.**

Discussion continued. Hilton had questions on ozone issues with regard to transport and this area. Discussion followed. Itani explained the components for the local generation of Ozone, stating that it is a continuing activity that must be monitored on an ongoing basis. McBurrows noted that conformity analysis is done on all the areas in the state. Discussion followed. Itani addressed the time line for approval of the UWP.

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

**IV. FY2006-2008 TIP AMENDMENT**

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, as well as a hand-out from THE RAPID requesting to add two earmark projects for Intelligent Transportation System development, (attached), Dingman explained to the committee that the FY2006-2008 TIP will need to be amended to accommodate these requests. Discussion, comments, and questions followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to amend the FY2006-2008 TIP to reflect the changes.

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**MOTION by Hilton, SUPPORT by Haynes, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to reflect changes requested by MDOT and THE RAPID. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. **PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Referring to Item **V: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Dingman noted that the 45 day requirement for the public comment period has been met, and that all of the comments that were gathered through the notification process are listed in Appendix A of the Plan. He is recommending committee approval of these changes to the Plan.

Haynes offered a **motion** to approve the Participation Plan, however the committee continued discussing the inclusion of additional entities i.e. fire and police departments in this process. McBurrows commented on outreach efforts made with schools and fire departments.

Noting that a motion has been made, VanBeek offered **support** for the approval of the changes to the Participation Plan.

**MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by VanBeek, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the changes made to the Participation Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. **OZONE ACTION! PROGRAM**

Dewey updated the committee on the FY2006 Ozone Action! Season's activities. In the interest of furthering Ozone awareness, she requested that each jurisdiction notify her of any upcoming events where Ozone Action! materials could be distributed. She also requested that the Ozone Action! Display be circulated among the jurisdiction's on a rotating basis. Varga noted an increase in rider ship with "free fare" on Ozone Action! Days. Discussion followed.

VII. **PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION**

Itani updated the committee on the progress of the Pavement Management Data Collection Van. He discussed the benefits and cost efficiency of using this technology for collecting data. He described some technical and other challenges that staff encountered, and explained that the issues have been resolved. Discussion and comments followed. He assured the committee that this region will have access to all information/findings as the data is collected. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

**VIII. LOCAL JOBS TODAY PROGRAM**

Referring to Item **VIII: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Dingman discussed the application criteria for the Local Jobs Today Program. He noted funding categories that are eligible, as well as the categories that do not qualify. He discussed which projects, to date, have been submitted from this area. Stypula discussed CRAM and MML relative to application status. Discussion followed. Varga requested a copy of the projects that have been submitted, and commented that transit has no submittals at this time. Discussion followed. Haynes inquired as to transit projects and the rest of the state. Discussion followed. Varga requested that as funds get distributed, the priority for this region should be on road projects, however he continues to endorse support for the M-6 Trail project. Discussion and comments followed.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Robinson noted that for those interested there is PASER training scheduled on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Robinson can be contacted for more information.

Dingman discussed the 2006 MTPA/MAR Conference which GVMC is hosting this year on July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the registration packet is on the GVMC web site, and provided hard copy registration packets for the members as well. Discussion followed.

Haynes noted that the City of Wyoming is not on the GVMC letterhead. Stypula will make the correction.

Itani noted that in FY2009, the Feds are requiring the states to give back funds from the transportation program, and estimates that this area will have to return approximately 271 million dollars as there is not enough funding to accommodate the projects. Discussion and comments followed.

Itani discussed the upcoming Certification by the Federal Government which will take place on July 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>. He discussed the process by which certification takes place. Discussion followed.

Haynes requested that the Policy Committee receive the Agenda packet via email. Itani stated that Staff will accommodate the request. Rice asked Staff to include all Agenda items at the time of the mailing to give members ample time for review. Discussion followed.

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X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee.

**MOTION by Rinck, SUPPORT by Hilton, to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38.