

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2011
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Koslosky, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**Voting Members Present**

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| Jim Koslosky (<i>Chair</i>) | <i>Proxy for Peter Varga</i> | GRFIA ITP-The Rapid |
| Dan Carlton | | Georgetown Township |
| Mark DeClercq | <i>Proxy for Eric DeLong</i> | City of Grand Rapids City of Grand Rapids |
| Don R. Hilton, Sr. | | Gaines Township |
| Jim Holtrop | <i>Proxy for Don VanDoeselaar</i> | Ottawa County City of Hudsonville |
| Rich Houtteman | | City of Kentwood |
| Ken Krombeen | | City of Grandville |
| Brett Laughlin | <i>Proxy for Tim Grifhorst</i> | OCRC OCRC |
| David Pasquale | | City of Lowell |
| Steve Redmond | <i>Proxy for Dal McBurrows</i> | MDOT MDOT |
| Darrel Schmalzel | | City of Walker |
| Steve Warren | <i>Proxy for Jon Rice</i> | KCRC KCRC |

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

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| Andrea Faber | GVMC Staff |
| Abed Itani | GVMC Staff |
| Erick Kind | MDOT |
| Darrell Robinson | GVMC Staff |
| Norm Sevensma | WMEAC-RWBC |
| Jim Snell | GVMC Staff |
| Don Stypula | GVMC Staff |
| Sarah VanBuren | FHWA |
| Conrad Venema | ITP-The Rapid |
| George Yang | GVMC Staff |
| Mike Zonyk | GVMC Staff |

Voting Members Not Present

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| Jerry Alkema | Allendale Township |
| Alex Arends | Alpine Township |
| Dick Bulkowski | Kent County Commissioner |

Christine Burns
 Dick Davies
 Eric DeLong
 Mike DeVries
 Jeff Dood
 Ken Feldt
 Tim Grifhorst
 George Haga
 Bryan Harrison
 Dennis Hoemke
 Bob Homan
 Dal McBurrows
 Jim Miedema
 Audrey Nevins
 Richard Pastoor
 Steve Peterson
 Jack Poll
 Chuck Porter
 Jon Rice
 Martin Super
 Don VanDoeselaar
 Toby VanEss
 Peter Varga

City of Cedar Springs
 Cannon Township
 City of Grand Rapids
 Grand Rapids Township
 City of Rockford
 City of East Grand Rapids
 OCRC
 Ada Township
 Caledonia Charter Township
 Algoma Township
 Plainfield Township
 MDOT
 Jamestown Township
 Byron Township
 City of Wyoming
 Cascade Township
 City of Wyoming
 Courtland Township
 KCRC
 Village of Sparta
 City of Hudsonville
 Tallmadge Township
 The Rapid

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Koslosky entertained a motion to approve the April 20, 2011 minutes.

MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Schmalzel, to approve of the April 20, 2011 Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma mentioned that there was an article in Sunday's Grand Rapids Press written by the Director of Community Health at DeVos Children's Hospital about the diabetes epidemic. To help reverse this epidemic, this person recommended, among other things, access to bike lanes and walking paths in neighborhoods throughout the City. Hilton noted that diabetes doesn't always stem from obesity and that it can be inherited as well.

IV. FY2011-2014 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained several requested TIP amendments to the Committee.

First, ITP-The Rapid requested to add more funds to two Activity Line Items for the 5307 program in FY2011.

Second, the City of Hudsonville requested an administrative modification of 32nd Avenue (an advance construction project in FY2011 with conversion in FY2012) to remove the advance construction designation and construct the project in FY2012.

Third, the KCRC requested to add several awarded FY2012 Safety projects as well as

one FY2011 Enhancement project to the TIP.

Fourth, MDOT requested several administrative modifications as well as amendments to the FY2011-2014 TIP. Redmond provided additional information about these amendments and modifications.

Fifth, Staff requested the approval of amending the FY2011-2014 TIP to add the FHWA/MDOT approved FY2011 CMAQ projects proposed earlier this year as the result of several changes (including the delay of one project to FY2012) to the FY2011 program. Staff also requested to possibly add several awarded Safety, Enhancement and Bridge projects provided that the sponsoring jurisdiction is prepared to add those projects to the TIP (projects could be added at a later time). No objections were voiced so those projects were added to the TIP .

Koslosky entertained a motion to amend the FY2011-2014 TIP.

MOTION by Hilton, SUPPORT by Pasquale, to recommend to the Metro Council Board approval of the amendment requests identified by ITP-The Rapid, the City of Hudsonville, the KCRC, MDOT, and Staff. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Speaking on **Item V: Attachment A**, Itani brought GVMC's FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to the Committee for approval. The UPWP includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities that the GVMC Transportation Division, the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP), and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will undertake. The GVMC must submit the UPWP annually to the sponsoring federal agencies, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration, prior to October 1st. It functions as the coordinated budget for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Itani noted that the UPWP includes mostly the same activities that GVMC undertook this fiscal year, with some minor modifications. For instance, GVMC will need to migrate from Mobile 6 to MOVES 2010 for air quality. Additionally, Itani noted several items that FHWA would like the MPO to complete, including developing a unified financial plan statewide so that each MPO and the state can have the same requirements and methodologies for cost estimates for TIPs and Plans, planning linkages (linking data to the NEPA process), and increasing emphasis on freight planning. Lastly, Itani described several upcoming activities, including developing the TIP towards the end of the next fiscal year, the pavement management system, traffic counts, travel time studies, and trying to hire a consultant in partnership with the City of Grand Rapids to do a Michigan Street Study.

Regarding the budget, Itani explained that the budget is similar to last year's and added that the staffing structure will remain the same. However, dues may go up or down, depending on the 2010 census.

Itani also thanked the Policy Committee Subcommittee for meeting to discuss the UPWP ahead of time.

Koslosky entertained a motion to approve the FY2012 UPWP.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Krombeen, to recommend to the Metro Council Board approval of the FY2012 UPWP, budget, and dues structure, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Koslosky noted that the Committee members should have received an updated Committee membership list and 2011 meeting schedule with their agenda packets. He asked the Committee members to inform Staff of any changes to the membership list.

Koslosky congratulated Pasquale on his impending retirement and thanked him on behalf of the Policy Committee for his many years of service.

Stypula informed the Committee regarding the latest news from Lansing, including Senate Bill 351, which proposes putting \$128 million into Act 51 to match federal funding and provide additional funding. This could potentially yield \$50 million for MDOT, \$50 million for county road commissions, and \$28 million for cities and villages. This bill is not expected to move forward until after the Governor's message to the legislature on infrastructure in October.

Representing the Asset Management Council, Warren noted that he has also been working with House Representatives Olson and Schmidt, as well as MDOT, to determine what it is going to take in terms of dollars and cents to improve the road network. Koslosky recommended that the solution that the group arrives at be something that is sustainable. Discussion ensued.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Koslosky entertained a motion to adjourn the June 15, 2011 Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Houtteman, SUPPORT by Pasquale, to adjourn the June 15, 2011 Policy Committee meeting at 10:03 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.