

MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
WEDNESDAY, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner NW      Grand Rapids, MI

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

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Voting Members Present**

Peter Varga <i>(Vice-Chair)</i>	The Rapid
Roger Belknap <i>Proxy for Jon Rice</i>	KCRC
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Pat Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
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
Rich Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer <i>Proxy for Keith VanBeek</i>	City of Kentwood
Don VanDoeselaar	City of Hudsonville

**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
Steve Redmond	MDOT
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC
George Yang	GVMC Staff

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**Voting Members Not Present**

James Beelen  
 Larry Bruursema  
 Sharon DeLange  
 Mike DeVries  
 Jeff Dood  
 Ken Feldt  
 George Haga  
 Bryan Harrison  
 Bill Holland  
 Jim McIntyre  
 George Meek  
 Jim Miedema  
 Audrey Nevins  
 Sandi Parrish  
 Dave Pasquale, (*Chair*)  
 Jon Rice  
 Keith Van Beek  
 Bill Wiersma

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Varga entertained a motion to approve the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to approve of the May 16th, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma inquired as to whether any progress has been made on a segment of the White Pine Trail.

**IV. FY2007/2008 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Dingman outlined the FY2007/2008 TIP Amendments for committee review and action. Koslosky recommended addressing all of the items with one TIP Amendment.

As Local Jobs Today Funding has been received by the KCRC and the City of Kentwood, Dingman explained the criteria and guidelines for incorporation of these projects into the TIP. Discussion and comments followed.

Dingman discussed ITP's request to amend the TIP to reflect projects that have been adjusted due to funding allocated by the FTA. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

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Dingman identified and discussed three projects that have been selected for Enhancement awards from MDOT. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Dingman identified and discussed the KCRC's three Safety Improvement Projects which have been approved for federal funding FY2008. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Varga entertained a motion to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2007/2008 TIP to include the projects as identified by Staff.

**MOTION by Hilton, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the FY2007/2008 TIP Amendments as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. FY2007 TIP ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT**

As the KCRC's Northland Drive (from 12 mile to 13Mile) project has encountered some delays, Dingman discussed their request to swap EDF-C and STP-U funds with the Knapp Street project. Upon committee approval today, he noted the new funding levels, and stated that this change would not result in any local funding level difference. He noted that this is administrative in nature, which gives greater flexibility in how to get projects out the door. Koslosky commented that this is an example of the level of collaboration and cooperation that exists within this MPO. Discussion, comments, and questions followed.

Varga entertained a motion to administratively adjust the TIP for the KCRC's request to swap funds for the projects as identified.

**MOTION by Krombeen, SUPPORT by Koslosky, to administratively adjust the TIP for the KCRC's request to swap \$159,000 STP-U Federal Funds with \$159,000 of the Knapp Street project's state share of EDF-C, with the understanding that this change would not result in any local funding level difference. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. FY2008-2011 TIP DRAFT DOCUMENT**

Dingman updated the committee on the FY2008-2011 TIP Draft document. As he discussed the Public Involvement Process, he handed out the public comments that were received for the committee's review. He noted that the TIP has been displayed at various locations, and discussed the process and time line as part of the development of the document. He stated that the biggest piece is the project list. Haynes inquired as to whether certain public comments could impact alter the technical aspects of the projects. Dingman and Itani explained that responses are documented in the Public Information section. Itani explained that if a technical change is warranted, it would be brought to the committee for approval. Discussion and comments followed.

Varga entertained a motion to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the

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FY2008-2011 TIP Document as presented by Staff.

**MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of the FY2008-2011 TIP Document as presented.**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. OZONE ACTION PROGRAM UPDATE**

Dewey updated the committee on the status of the 2007 Ozone Action! Program. She addressed advertising and other efforts that are being made to increase community awareness. The results of the Ozone Action! Survey that was recently taken was noted as well. Dewey circulated a sign up sheet for jurisdictions to display in their venues the Ozone Action! Display Board. Discussion followed. Haynes inquired as to whether there is advance notice in anticipation of Ozone Action! Days. Discussion followed. Dewey explained that the currently forecasting is not done in advance. Itani identified the weather conditions that are conducive to the formation of ground level ozone. Discussion and comments followed. Dewey noted that on Ozone Action! Days The Rapid has committed to provide free bus service for ten such days. Varga commented that there is an increase in bus travel on Ozone Action! Days. While there is much to do, he stated that a good, conscious message is getting out to the public. He thanked Dewey for the update.

**VIII: OTHER BUSINESS**

Davies updated the committee on a trail that is going to be constructed in Cannon Township.

Itani discussed CMAQ funding and the impact on the local program should this area be designated as non attainment. Discussion, comments & questions followed. Itani discussed aspects of the federal budget and its impact and future years as funding is reduced. Discussion, comments and questions followed. He explained what steps could be taken if funding is reduced. As funding FY2009 is unknown, he stressed the importance of getting projects obligated expeditiously. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

With the possibility of this area becoming non attainment, Sevensma inquired as to whether there would be increases in CMAQ funding. McBurrows cautioned that there could be less CMAQ funding with so many more non attainment areas in the country. Discussion followed.

**IX: ADJOURNMENT**

Varga entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting.

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

Varga adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.