

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, September 20th, 2006
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Pasquale, Chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Dave Pasquale, (<i>Chair</i>)	City of Lowell
Pat Bush	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Cravens	Cascade Charter Township
Dick Davies	Cannon Township
Jeff Dood	City of Rockford
Ken Feldt	City of East Grand Rapids
Roger Haynes	City of Wyoming
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Koslosky	GRFIA
Ken Krombeen	City of Grandville
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Richard Pastoor	City of Wyoming
Jon Rice	KCRC
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Keith Van Beek	City of Kentwood
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
Andy Johnston	GR Chamber of Commerce
Dennis Kent	MDOT - Grand Region
Norm Sevensma	RWBC-WMEAC
Steve Warren	KCRC
George Yang	GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

James Beelen
Marta Brechting
Larry Bruursema
Bryan Chodkowski
Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
George Haga
Bryan Harrison
Bill Holland
Jerry Homminga
Jim McIntyre
George Meek
Jim Miedema
Audrey Nevins
Bill Wiersma

Allendale Township
Alpine Township
OCRC
Sparta
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
Ada Township
Caledonia Charter Township
Georgetown Township
City of Cedar Springs
Courtland Township
Plainfield Township
Jamestown Township
Byron Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve the June 21st, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Krombeen, to approve the August 16th, 2006 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma inquired as to whether there are plans to pave a segment of the White Pine Trail. Discussion and comments followed.

IV. FY2008 TIP APPROVAL

Dingman discussed the City of Lowell’s request to include a grant in the FY2006-2008 TIP. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to amend the FY2008 TIP to include the City of Lowell’s project/grant request.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Rice, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to include the City of Lowell’s Gee Drive Reconstruction Project/Grant. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Dingman discussed the addition of four projects to the STP-Urban project list. He noted the changes in federal and local match. The Technical Committee has approved this list. Discussion and comments followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of adding four projects to the FY2008 STP-Urban list.

MOTION by Bush, SUPPORT by VanBeek, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2006-2008 TIP to add four projects to the STP-Urban list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dingman stated that with the addition of the new projects to the TIP, a Public Meeting is required as part of the Public Involvement Process. He gave a time line as to when this meeting will be scheduled. .

Dingman noted that the Transportation Planning Study Group developed a 2009 STP-Urban Project list which was recently approved by the Technical Committee. He stated that the purpose of developing the list was to position the MPO agencies for a possible second call for projects for the Local Jobs Today program. Itani noted that due to the 20% rescission called for in the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation, funds FY2009 have been reduced. Discussion followed. The projects on the 2009 list are projects that are "ready to go" should additional funding become available. He discussed the higher federal match percentages which maximize the amount of State monies that the submitting agencies could get for their projects. Discussion followed. Staff stressed that while the TIP development process was used for selection, these projects are not in the TIP, and there is no process yet determined by MDOT as to how these projects can come forward. Discussion followed. Itani confirmed that all the projects in the list will be submitted for Local Jobs Today. Discussion, comments and questions followed.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the FY 2009 project list.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Haynes, approval of the FY2009 project list as identified.

Discussion continued. VanBeek inquired as to whether projects under other funding categories qualify for this 2009 list. Itani stated that the only projects that qualify are STP.

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

Dingman noted that STP-Rural Committee developed a list as well. He clarified that the Cannonsburg project is the only project eligible for Local Jobs Today funding.

Pasquale entertained a motion to approve of the FY2009 STP Rural project list.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Davies, to approve of the FY2009 STP Rural project list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM

Itani updated the committee on the progress of the Traffic Count Program. He noted that all the Traffic Count data will be available in approximately a month.

VI. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Despite a few technical issues, Snell reported that the data from the complete federal aid system has been gathered. He stated that the data is now being processed by staff. He noted that an Asset Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 22, and that the data from the federal system will be reviewed. A decision will be made as to how the locals will proceed. Discussion and comments followed. Snell noted that the data should be available by November 15th.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Itani informed the committee that the FHWA provided additional Obligation Authority late in the fiscal year for the states. Discussion followed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pasquale entertained a motion to adjourn the Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Haynes, SUPPORT by Pastoor, to adjourn the September 20th Policy Committee meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.