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**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
JOINT TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, July 7th, 2004
Kent County Road Commission**

The meeting was called to order by Sheets, Chair of the Policy Committee at 9:33 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Carol S. Sheets (Chair)	City of Wyoming
James Beelen	Allendale Township
Patrick Bush <i>Proxy for Eric Delong</i>	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Cravens	Cascade Charter Township
Jeff Dood	City of Rockford
Bill Dooley	City of Wyoming
Jim Fetzer <i>Proxy for Peter Varga</i>	ITP-The Rapid
Don Gorney	City of Hudsonville
Tim Haagsma	Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall <i>Proxy for</i>	County of Kent
<i>Dave Groenleer</i>	Plainfield Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Georgetown Township
Dennis Kent <i>Proxy for S. Cornell-Howe</i>	MDOT
Ken Klomparens <i>Proxy for Jim Koslosky</i>	GRFIA
Kenneth Kuipers	Kent County
Peter Lewak <i>Proxy for Bill Cole</i>	City of Grand Rapids
Dal McBurrows	MDOT-Lansing
Gerald Mears	City of Wyoming
Tom Palarz	OCRC
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Steve Peterson	Cascade Charter Township
Jon Rice <i>Proxy for Kent County</i>	KCRC
Darrel Schmalzel	City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Larry Silvernail	Byron Township
Keith Van Beek	City of Kentwood

Item II Attachment A

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Don VanDoeselaar

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City of Hudsonville

Robert Swenson
Jay VanSoestberg
Steve Warren
Frank Wash

Cannon Township
City of Walker
KCRC
Alpine Township

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Patti Brink
Anna Christensen
Chris Dingman
Jan Hoekstra
Kenny Hoskins
Abed Itani
Dean Peterson
Darrell Robinson
Norm Sevensma
Jim Snell
Joe VanderMuelen

GVMC Staff
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GVMC Staff
ITP-The Rapid
Faith-in-Motion
GVMC Staff
MDOT-Passenger Train Div.
GVMC Staff
WMEAC-RWBC
GVMC Staff
City of Rockford

Voting Members Not Present

Sandy Ayers
Larry Bruursema
Bryan RH Chodkowski
Bill Cole
Ken Feldt
Sandra Cornell-Howe
Dan DesJardens
Mike DeVries
Rick DeVries
Dave Groenleer
George Haga
Cindy Heinbeck
Bryan Harrison
Hon. Douglas Hoekstra
Jerry Homminga
Dick Johnston
Jim Koslosky
Ken Krombeen

Caledonia
OCRC
Village of Sparta
City of Grand Rapids
City of East Grand Rapids
MDOT
City of Lowell
Grand Rapids Township
City of Grand Rapids
Plainfield Township
Ada Township
Alpine Township
Caledonia Charter Township
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City of Cedar Springs
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Jim McIntyre
Jim Miedema
Bob Rinck

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Courtland Township
Jamestown Township
Ottawa County

Joseph Sierawski
Peter Varga
Gary Voogt
Bill Wiersma

City of Grandville
The Rapid
Ada Township
Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With no comments or corrections, Sheets stated that the May 5th, 2004 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes, and the May 19th, 2004 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes are accepted as read and approved.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma expressed his concerns on the state’s transit sub committee chaired by Senator Johnson, and the potential impact this committees decisions could have on this area’s transit funding. Discussion followed. Sheets noted that at the local level a transit coalition was formed as a watch dog for transit and road issues. Discussion followed.

IV. FY2004 TIP AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** in the Agenda packet, Robinson discussed ITP’s request to amend the FY2004 TIP. He noted that the change has been requested as a result of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) releasing Section 5309 earmarks which will add funding for the ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) to the TIP. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a motion to amend the FY2004 TIP to add funding for ITS.

MOTION by Holtvluwer, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to recommend to the GVMC Board approval of amending the FY2004 TIP to add funding for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), as FTA has released the Section 5309 earmarks for FY 2004, with the understanding that this will not affect the financial constraint or air quality conformity of the FY2004 program. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2004 TIP ADJUSTMENT

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** in the Agenda, Robinson discussed the 2 projects that are eligible to replace a project programmed in the FY2004 TIP, which will not be

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implemented this fiscal year. The committee agreed that the Byron Center Avenue project could be moved from FY2006 to 2004. Schmalzel inquired as to the status of the FY2004 project – Lake Drive, Plymouth to Bagley that was moved. Discussion followed. Itani noted that due to financial constraints in the TIP as required by federal law, the TIP needs to be adjusted by moving a project with similar cost from FY2006 to 2004. Discussion and comments followed.

Sheets entertained a motion to adjust the FY2004 TIP to move a project from FY2006 to 2004.

MOTION by Dooley, SUPPORT by Warren, to adjust the FY2004 TIP to move the Byron Center Avenue – 92nd to 84th (resurfacing) from FY2006 to 2004, with the understanding that the project it replaces (E. Grand Rapids, Lake Drive, Plymouth to Bagley) moves to FY2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. FY2005 CMAQ PROGRAM PROJECT SELECTION

Via a hand-out with the updated FY2005 CMAQ Project list, Robinson discussed the FY2005 CMAQ Project selection. Itani noted that the final FY2005 list must be submitted to MDOT by August 15th, 2004. He recommends delegating the list to the Technical Committee for selection of the best possible projects. He also noted that with Technical Committee approval and pending approval of the Policy Committee, MDOT has agreed to accept this list. Itani also discussed what still needs to be done prior to submittal to MDOT (Develop a constrained TIP, to determine qualification for CMAQ funds, and prioritization of the projects). Discussion and comments followed. Rice noted that with the elimination of the TIP Committee, this list should be referred to the Technical Committee which has the option to form an Ad Hoc Programming Committee consisting of those familiar with the process.

Sheets entertained a motion to refer the FY2005 CMAQ project selection to the Technical Committee, which may form an Ad Hoc Programming Committee.

MOTION by Rice, SUPPORT by Hilton, to refer this matter to the Technical Committee which has the option to form an Ad Hoc Programming Committee, consisting of members who are involved in the process. This committee will review the TIP, and are authorized to approve the projects at the August Technical Committee meeting which will then go to the August Policy Committee for the final approval.

Discussion continued. Kent suggested that the Ad Hoc Programming Committee meet prior to the next Technical Committee meeting. Discussion followed. As many members from the Technical Committee were present, Bush (Chair of the Technical Committee) suggested that an Ad Hoc meeting be held after today's joint Technical

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and Policy Committee meeting to address/program the FY2005 CMAQ program. The members concurred. Discussion followed. Sheets requested that Technical Committee members remain for this meeting.

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

VII. NON MOTORIZED PLAN

Referring to the attachment in the Agenda packet, Dingman clarified that the information/process to date is a framework to complete the non-motorized planning process. He addressed the terminology/definitions for non motorized facilities, as well as Act 51 and the process to obtain funding. He discussed the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and the Community Development Block Grant/Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the criteria set forth for funding. The last 2 pages on the hand-out are from the Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion followed. He referred to the attached map where data sources are included. Trails, bikeways, sidewalks, freeways, federal-aid roads, non federal aid roads and parks are depicted on the map. He recognized Chris Bessert of the REGIS Agency for his help on the map. Discussion followed. He noted that the Non-Motorized Committee will be meeting in the near future, and that policy issues as to how this process moves forward are up to the Technical and Policy Committees. Sevensma addressed sidewalks and pedestrian use. Discussion, comments and questions followed. Dingman clarified that this is a work in progress and changes can be made as this process moves forward.

Dingman noted that on June 25th, 2004, the Long Range Transportation Plan was approved by the EPA & FHWA. He thanked the committees for their hard work on this project. Itani commented on the time lines for completion of the next Long Range Transportation Plan. Discussion followed.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Rice inquired as to what process took place at GVMC to eliminate the TIP Committee. Itani noted that both the Technical and Policy Committees had been regularly updated on why the Transportation Restructuring Committee was formed as well as the results of the meetings. Discussion, comments and questions followed. Sheets commented that the formal decision to remove the TIP Committee was not communicated to this committee. Discussion followed.

Itani updated the committees on the Reauthorization of TEA 21. Discussion followed.

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Snell briefed the committee on the status of the ITS Consultant selection process. He noted that HNTB was selected to conduct the \$350,000 ITS Study.

Snell noted that the National Functional Class (NFC) Review Committee will meet on July 19th at the Kent County Road Commission at 9:30 a.m.

Snell noted that a celebration for the Pere Marquette will be held August 5th, 2004 at the Amtrak train station, and described some of the events being planned in honor of this occasion. He also noted that a free train ride will be planned. Discussion followed.

Jim also noted that the Golf Outing will take place on September 16th at L.E. Kaufman Golf Course. Anyone interested should contact him. He will be sending a flier with more information in the near future.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Sheets adjourned the Joint Technical and Policy Committee meeting at 10:20 a.m.