

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW, Grand Rapids, MI**

Schmalzel, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

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

Darrell Schmalzel, *Chair*

Terry Brod

Mike Burns

Dan Burrill

Andrew Johnson

Dennis Kent

Greg Madura

Jeff McCall

*Proxy for
Josh Naramore*

Casey Ries

Terry Schweitzer

Rick Sprague

*Proxy for
Wayne Harrall*

Dan Strikwerda

*Proxy for
Jim Holtrop*

Cameron Van Wyngarden

Steve Warren

Rod Weersing

Stephen Wooden

City of Walker

Cannon Township

City of Lowell

City of Wyoming

The Rapid

MDOT

Alpine Township

City of Grand Rapids

City of Grand Rapids

GFIAA

City of Kentwood

KCRC

Kent County

City of Hudsonville

City of Hudsonville

Plainfield Township

KCRC

Georgetown Township

Kent County Commission

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Faber

Art Green

Abed Itani

Laurel Joseph

Terry Martin

Norm Sevensma

Brad Sharlow

Kerri Smit

Rick Sprague

Mike Zonyk

GVMC

GRTSG, MDOT

GVMC

GVMC

Carrier & Gable

RWBC-WMEWAC

MDOT

GVMC

KCRC

GVMC

Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman

Tim Bradshaw

Terry Brod

Jamie Davies

Jamestown Township

City of Kentwood

Cannon Township

City of Rockford

Michael DeVries
Robert DeWard
Adam Elenbaas
Karyn Ferrick
Betty Gajewski
Rachel Gokey
Kevin Green
Tim Grifhorst
George Haga
Jerry Hale
Bryan Harrison
Jim Holtrop
Jim Holtvluwer
Tom Hooker
Ken Krombeen
Doug LaFave
Brett Laughlin
Jim Miedema
Eric Mullen
Josh Naramore
Tom Noreen
Rob Postema
Sandy Stelma
Julius Suchy
Ben Swayze
Toby VanEss
Mike Womack
Member awaiting appointment

Grand Rapids Charter Township
Gaines Charter Township
Allendale Township
City of Grand Rapids
OCRC
Village of Sand Lake
Algoma Township
Tallmadge Township
Ada Township
Lowell Township
Caledonia Charter Township
City of Hudsonville
Ottawa County
Byron Township
City of Grandville
City of East Grand Rapids
OCRC
OCRC
MDOT
City of Grand Rapids
Nelson Township
City of Wyoming
Village of Caledonia
Village of Sparta
Cascade Charter Township
Tallmadge Township
City of Cedar Springs
Courtland Township

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the January 16, 2019 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Burrill, SUPPORT by Sprague, to approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sevensma asked if there was any information on the proposed gas tax. Schmalzel and Kent advised that it had not been introduced yet.

IV. **FY2017 – 2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS**

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained the requests and added that there were a couple projects added after the Technical Committee Meeting. Most of the projects were approved by the Technical Committee.

MDOT, KCRC, Grand Rapids, and Staff on behalf of Hope Network and ACSET are requesting to amend/modify the FY2017-2020 TIP. The TPSG Subcommittee is also recommending action to program surplus STP-Urban funds. Here are the specific requests:

MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list and GPA projects in the attached JobNet summaries. MDOT is also requesting the review and approval of the 2019 Trunkline Road GPA threshold and associated projects.

KCRC is requesting to move a project from the illustrative list into the 2019 TIP that is being funded with rural STP funds they've purchased from Montcalm County. It's not impacting funding from any other project.

City of Grand Rapids is requesting to modify an existing 2019 CMAQ project by adding local participating and non-participating costs. Advised the committee that the memo handed out noted one federal amendment; however, they only need modifications and will not require a federal amendment.

Staff on behalf of Hope Network is requesting to add a 5310 transit operations project to the 2020 TIP. Adding this job is also triggering a GPA threshold increase, which should be reviewed for approval.

Staff on behalf of ACSET is requesting to add a 5310 bus replacement project to the 2019 TIP. Adding this job is also triggering a GPA threshold increase, which should be reviewed for approval.

Joseph continued to explain the GPA threshold report in JobNet and that team did a rebase lining of GPA's to make sure the accounting is looking at program costs vs obligated cost. In doing that some 2019 projects needed to be reapproved. There is a list of local pending projects that mostly have to do with cases that are made for the FY2020-2023 program. Some years remained the same and some adjustments were made to budgets. Safety projects were also added to FY2020.

Joseph added that the team would be working on a better way to present all the reports.

Schweitzer asked about the recommendation from the TPSG meeting on obligation authority. Joseph answered that it would be addressed later in this meeting. Schweitzer also asked about the Hope Network project on whether or not the services were involved. Joseph advised that she would follow up on it.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by VanWyngarden, to accept the FY2017-2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The TPSG Subcommittee had an emergency meeting on February 26, 2019 to program \$484,322 in 2019 STP-Urban funds that had not been part of the GVMC allocation at the time the FY17-20 TIP was originally programmed. Their recommendations, which are up for consideration by the Tech Committee, are as follows:

- o Allocate \$183,000 to the City of Grand Rapids Hastings Street project (Prospect to College reconstruction), which is currently significantly over- matched. New federal amount would be \$630,450 and the new local participating amount would be \$1,588,499. Total project cost won't change.

- o Allocate the rest (\$301,322) to KCRC for their portion of the approach work on the 100th Street Bridge project.

Initially the TPSG committee suggested that the funds go under the MDOT job. However, after discussions with MDOT in Lansing, they did not agree with that proposal. Due to the fact that local programs operate on a first come, first served basis. Joseph advised the committee to review the memo from Harrall in regards to just creating a new project.

- o If for some reason Grand Rapids is unable to make obligation in 2019, the subcommittee recommends flexing the unobligated amount to ITP to go toward the purchase of a bus.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Johnson, to accept the TPSG Subcommittee's TIP MODIFICATIONS to surplus 2019 STP-Urban funds. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. NONMOTORIZED PROJECT LIST

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** Zonyk discussed. We are preparing to get the Nonmotorized Subcommittee together to start recommending the pool of projects to go through the MGS process for possible funding with 2021-2023 regional TAP funds. According to GVMC's Policies and Practices document, "all nonmotorized projects requesting federal funds must be endorsed by the MPO to receive federal funds and be included in the TIP." One way to demonstrate this endorsement is by showing the project in GVMC's Nonmotorized Plan project list, which is illustrative in nature, but demonstrates the nonmotorized needs in the region. This is the list the committees use to choose the pool of projects that they recommend should move forward through the MGS application process with the eventual goal of receiving regional TAP funding as conditional commitments are awarded.

When we put out the call for projects for the FY2020-2023 TIP programming we got a few submissions for potential TAP projects that were not already in the NM Plan list, which led staff to send out an additional request for review of the NM Plan project list and submittal of any nonmotorized needs that had not been added since the last update. The list of project additions is attached for your review and action. Reminder, no funding is being committed to any new project at this point.

The goal at this time is to make sure all the needs are represented so that the NM Subcommittee will have everything in front of them when they start their recommendation process. We will do a thorough inventory update in the coming months when we get ready to start the MTP update process.

Zonyk also added that two projects were not on the list at the time of the Technical Committee Meeting, Grand Rapids Township, Crahen Valley Park Trail and Jamestown Township on 32nd Avenue Sidepath.

MOTION by Burrill, SUPPORT by Madura, to approve the request, on behalf of multiple jurisdictions, to add several nonmotorized projects to the Nonmotorized Plan project list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. UPDATED TIP LANGUAGE TO REFLECT PM 2 AND 3

Referring to **Item VI: Attachment A** Joseph explained. As part of the implementation of federal performance-based planning requirements, starting May 20, 2019, any updates or amendments to the TIP or MTP must be developed according to the performance-based provisions of 23 CFR Part 450 and the pavement and bridge condition and system performance and freight performance measure requirements.

This means that the MPO must update the "Performance Measures and Project Selection" chapter of the FY17-20 TIP document to reflect how we incorporated these performance measures into our programming process. Staff has drafted this additional language and is asking the Committee to review and provide comments; the modified chapter is attached and highlighted to show the new changes/additions. Action will be determined at the upcoming meeting.

Joseph added that there were changes made after the Technical Committee Meeting based on their comments. The table with the FY2019 Targets was added. Also, added/changed some language

MOTION by Brod, SUPPORT by Schweitzer, to approve the FY2017-2020 TIP text amendments to incorporate additional performance measure requirements.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. UPWP AMENDMENT

Referring to **Item VII: Attachment A** Joseph discussed that ITP-The Rapid is requesting to amend the FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program to add a planning project for transit oriented development and multimodal planning on the Silver Line Corridor. This is a discretionary planning grant they were recently selected to receive. Johnson added more information about the project.

If approved by the Policy Committee, the UPWP amendment will move forward to the GVMC Board for their review and action at their next meeting.

MOTION by Strikwerda, SUPPORT by Wooden, to approve ITP-The Rapid's request of an amendment to the FY2019 UPWP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Referring to **Item VIII: Attachment A** Faber discussed that per the court decision in South Coast II, beginning February 16, 2019, transportation conformity determinations for the 1997 ozone standard are needed for those areas that were maintenance areas when the 1997 ozone standard was revoked and then attainment for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standard, which includes GVMC's MPO area.

MDOT conducted an air quality conformity analysis of GVMC's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with 40 CFR 51, and the results demonstrate that the forecasted volatile organic compound (VOC) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions for all analysis years are

below the State Implementation Plan (SIP) budgets (see table below). The complete document is available at www.gvmc.org/air-quality.

Analysis Year	Emissions (tons/day)	
	VOC	NOx
SIP Budget	40.7	97.87
2020	10.02	11.27
2030	6.13	5.20
2040	4.34	3.22

Therefore, we are requesting formal approval of the attached resolution of support for the results of the air quality conformity analysis.

Faber added that there is currently a public comment period and the document is available on the website.

MOTION by Sprague, SUPPORT by Johnson, to approve the resolution of support for the results of the air quality conformity analysis. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VIII. STATE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Brad Sharlow from MDOT presented on the status of the State's Long Rang Transportation Plan and provided opportunity for comments from the Committee/public. MDOT hopes to finish the first round of public involvement by April.

Ries asked how this plan is different from GVMC's State plan. Discussion ensued.

Faber added that she would be putting together a steering committee to develop the next MTP, which would be looking at goals and objectives. Looking for around ten to fifteen committee members and the public to attend.

Discussion Ensued.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Joseph added that the May meeting will be the last meeting to make modifications to the FY2020 projects until October 1st. This includes TAP projects. FY2019 changes/modifications can still be made.

Kent advised on Spring Construction.

Itani mentioned his retirement next March.

Green went over the upcoming MDOT projects.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the March 20, 2019 Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Burrill, SUPPORT by Wooden, to adjourn the March 20, 2019 Policy Committee meeting at 10:33 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.