

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW, Grand Rapids, MI**

Schmalzel, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

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

Darrell Schmalzel, <i>Chair</i>		City of Walker
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Robert DeWard		Gaines Charter Township
Tom Doyle	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>John Lanum</i>	MDOT
Tom Hooker		Byron Township
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Mike Burns</i>	City of Lowell
Ken Krombeen		City of Grandville
Jeff McCaul		City of Grand Rapids
Betsy Melton		Kent County Commissioner
Jim Miedema		OCRC
Casey Ries	<i>Proxy for</i>	GFIAA
	<i>Tom Ecklund</i>	GFIAA
Liz Schelling	<i>Proxy for</i>	ITP-The Rapid
	<i>Peter Varga</i>	ITP-The Rapid
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Dan Strikwerda	<i>Proxy for</i>	City of Hudsonville
	<i>Jim Holtrop</i>	City of Hudsonville
Cameron Van Wyngarden		Plainfield Township
Steve Warren		KCRC
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Mallory Avis	MDOT
Andrea Faber	GVMC
Abed Itani	GVMC
Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Darrell Robinson	GVMC
Kerri Smit	GVMC
Rick Sprague	KCRC

Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman	Jamestown Township
Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Mike Burns	City of Lowell

Dan Burrill
 Jamie Davies
 Eric DeLong
 Michael DeVries
 David Dewey
 David Ducat
 Tom Ecklund
 Adam Elenbaas
 Betty Gajewski
 Kevin Green
 Tim Grifhorst
 George Haga
 Jerry Hale
 Bryan Harrison
 Jim Holtrop
 Jim Holtvluwer
 Doug LaFave
 John Lanum
 Brett Laughlin
 Greg Madura
 Tom Noreen
 Rob Postema
 Julius Suchy
 Ben Swayze
 Toby VanEss
 Peter Varga
 Mike Womak
 Member awaiting appointment

City of Wyoming
 City of Rockford
 City of Grand Rapids
 Grand Rapids Charter Township
 Village of Sand Lake
 City of Cedar Springs
 GRFIAA
 Allendale Township
 OCRC
 Algoma Township
 Tallmadge Township
 Ada Township
 Lowell Township
 Caledonia Charter Township
 City of Hudsonville
 Ottawa County
 City of East Grand Rapids
 MDOT
 OCRC
 Alpine Township
 Nelson Township
 City of Wyoming
 Village of Sparta
 Cascade Charter Township
 Tallmadge Township
 ITP – The Rapid
 City of Cedar Springs
 Courtland Township

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the January 17, 2018 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Hooker, SUPPORT by Brod, to approve the January 17, 2018 Policy Committee minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson stated that several jurisdictions were requesting to amend/modify the FY2017-2020 TIP. Specific requests include the following:

1. The City of Grand Rapids requested to change the limits of a FY2018 TAP project—3 Mile Road sidewalk project from Monroe Avenue to Coit Avenue. The new limits are Monroe Avenue to Coit Avenue and Northwood Street to Plainfield Avenue. Federal cost will remain the same; however, there will be an increase in local cost. The project may be built concurrently with and partially funded by a plan by the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans to construct 128 new housing units.

2. Hope Network requested to add several projects and update costs to their FY2019 and FY2020 projects list. Complete details were included in the agenda packet.
3. The KCRC requested to swap a programmed FY2019 STP Urban project—7 Mile Road from Fruit Ridge Avenue to Alpine Avenue—to STP rural funding and to add 2 miles to the project. KCRC is then requesting to move two projects from the illustrative list to the project list to fill the gap in STP urban funding. These projects are 5 Mile Road from Plainfield Avenue to East Beltline Avenue and Knapp Street from East City Limits to the East Beltline.
4. MDOT requested to add several projects/phases to FY2018 for the 100th Street bridge over US-131 and associated ramps, listed below:

FY 2017 – Trunkline Project TIP Administrative Modifications Since May Meetings

FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est. (\$000)	Change/Notes
18	202513	US-131	@ 100 th Street	Emergency Repair	Const.	\$75	Emergency Repair from Bridge Hit (MER-100% M)
18	202546	US-131	@ 100 th Street	Emergency Repair	PE	\$30.5	Emergency Repair from Bridge Hit (MER-100% M)
18	202546	US-131	@ 100 th Street	Emergency Repair	Const.	\$351	Emergency Repair from Bridge Hit (MER-100% M)
18	202669	US-131	@ 100 th Street	Bridge/Interchange Improvement	PE-Bridge	\$550	Amendment New Project (100% M) *
18	202669	US-131	@ 100 th Street	Bridge/Interchange Improvement	PE-Rd.	\$300	Amendment New Project (100% M) *

* Construction year is TBD and will exceed \$5.0 Million, including federal funding

Kent described these projects and provided handouts that showed two options for redesigning the bridge—a four-lane tight diamond alternative and a single-lane roundabout alternative. Both options come out of the PEL study. Kent stated that he would like to get an agreement from the directly affected stakeholders about the preferred options. He hoped to have the design ready to be obligated soon. However, this project is not yet funded, and both options are around \$10 million. Kent stated that he needed to add the preliminary engineering cost to keep the project moving forward. This will address the clearance issue.

Schweitzer asked if there is any insurance money in the funding. Kent explained that there is some insurance money available for the emergency repairs, but it will not pay enough to replace the bridge. There is also internal funding available for emergency repairs.

Kent also explained the requests listed below to the Committee:

FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est. (\$000)	Change/Notes
18	131653	US-131	Kent/Allegan CL to 76 th Street	Mill and Resurface	Const.	\$2,300	Supplemental M Funding-GPA Project - move to FY 18
18	202765	I-196	Byron Road to 32 nd Avenue	Mill/Resurface/Joint	PE	\$20	Trunkline Road

				Repairs/Misc Skip Patching			Preservation GPA-New Project
18	202765	I-196	Byron Road to 32 nd Avenue	Mill/Resurface/Joint Repairs/Misc Skip Patching	Const.	\$1,500	Trunkline Road Preservation GPA-New Project

5. City of Rockford's FY2019 North Main Street Resurfacing project phase one bid came in extensively higher than anticipated, so they requested additional funding for the project or to swap the project with their East Main St. project, which is currently on the illustrative list and less costly. Being that no additional funding was available, the Technical Committee recommended swapping the project with their East Main St. project.
6. GVMC staff, on behalf of multiple jurisdictions, requested to add several MDOT selected FY2019 safety projects to the TIP, which are listed below.

PROJECT	LIMITS	PROJECT SCOPE	JURISDICTION	FEDERAL/STATE	NON-FED	TOTAL
Remembrance Road	At Kinney Avenue	Roundabout construction	Walker	\$ 564,885.00	\$ 62,765.00	\$ 627,650.00
Countdown pedestrian signals	29 locations throughout the city	Upgrade pedestrian signals to countdown, add push buttons, and improve ADA ramps	Grand Rapids	\$ 315,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
East Paris Avenue	At Sparks Road	Signal Modernization to a box span, add FYA, add protected left turn phase, countdown pedestrian signals and remove the night flash schedule	Grand Rapids	\$ 215,858.00	\$ 23,984.00	\$ 239,842.00
Fuller Avenue	Malta Street to Plainfield Avenue	Road Safety Audit - Pedestrian/Bike focus	Grand Rapids	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Burton Street	Buchanan Avenue to Breton Avenue	Road Safety Audit	Grand Rapids	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Division Avenue	At Burton, At Franklin, At Hall and Wealthy	Signal Modernization to add FYA, countdown pedestrian signals and ADA	Grand Rapids	\$ 380,489.00	\$ 42,277.00	\$ 422,766.00
Franklin Street	Oakland Avenue to the ECL	Road Safety Audit - Pedestrian/Bike focus	Grand Rapids	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Leonard Street	At Alpine Avenue	Signal Modernization to a box span, add FYA, countdown pedestrian signals and remove the night flash schedule	Grand Rapids	\$ 169,183.00	\$ 42,296.00	\$ 211,479.00
Shaner Avenue	15 Mile Road south .25 Miles	Vertical curve modification	KCRC	\$ 238,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 265,000.00
Total				\$ 1,919,915.00	\$ 241,822.00	\$ 2,161,737.00

7. The City of Walker requested that the 2018 CMAQ funding be adjusted to read "Dual left turn lanes from eastbound Three Mile Road to northbound Walker" for their Three Mile and Walker Avenue project and that the 2020 CMAQ Funds be adjusted to include "Advance Construct" adjacent to the title. Their plan is to construct the project in 2019 and seek reimbursement during the State's 2020 fiscal year.

Schweitzer asked the status of the CMAQ funding that was discussed in the Tech Committee meeting. Robinson explained that the discussion is still occurring. It appears that MDOT will honor the projects through FY2020. After FY2020 it is unlikely we will be receiving CMAQ funding; however, it depends on an ongoing law suit with the EPA. It will continue to be an ongoing discussion. There may be funding after FY2020 either from CMAQ or another source. Currently, the area receives \$2.5 million dollars in CMAQ funding, which is shared with ITP. It will have a large impact on our funding each year.

Itani explained that after a discussion with MDOT they are ok with continuing to provide CMAQ money to our MPO through FY2020. The reason this discussion is continuing is because before we were designated as a maintenance area for air quality for ozone. MDOT is currently looking at the status of CMAQ funding because we are now in attainment for ozone. Discussion ensued.

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the TIP amendments/modifications, as requested.

MOTION by Warren , SUPPORT by VanWynngarden, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the amendments/modifications to the FY2017-2020 TIP requested by the City of Grand Rapids, Hope Network, KCRC, MDOT, the City of Rockford, the City of Walker, and GVMC staff, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. FY2017-2020 TIP/MTP AMENDMENT

Joseph explained that the OCRC, on behalf of Ottawa County Parks Recreation, has received a conditional commitment from the MDOT TAP program for a nonmotorized path in Georgetown Township. The original project was Cottonwood Drive and 10th Avenue Non-Motorized Path, with a length of 1.99 miles. They are now requesting to split the original project into two projects based on their work with MDOT. The proposed split will be:

Phase 1: Cottonwood Drive and 10th Avenue Non-Motorized Path (0.98 miles)

Phase 2: 10th Avenue to Taylor Street to 12th Avenue (1.01 miles)

Both phases are anticipated to be obligated and completed in 2018.

This project had not previously been listed in the MTP or FY2017-2020 TIP, and therefore, staff is recommending to the Policy Committee approval of concurrent amendments to the MTP and the TIP. The Technical Committee has already approved this and there was also a public comment period that has passed. Ottawa County Parks and Recreation has done significant public outreach for this project and has generated broad public support for the project.

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve concurrently amending the current MTP and TIP, as requested.

MOTION by Miedema, SUPPORT by Strikwerda, to concurrently amend the 2040 MTP and the FY2017-2020 TIP to add Phase 1—Cottonwood Drive and 10th Avenue Non-Motorized Path – and Phase 2—10th Avenue to Taylor Street to 12th Avenue –of the OCRC’s nonmotorized path project in Georgetown Township. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Kent commented that the meetings next month would be canceled. In place of the Policy Committee meeting, MDOT will be holding a meeting about maintaining traffic. Robinson will send out an invitation to the Committee members regarding this.

Melton explained that in attendance of the Farm Bureau Annual Breakfast, the farmers were thankful to the KCRC for doing an excellent job maintaining area roads.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the March 21, 2018 Policy Committee meeting.

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ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

MOTION by Krombeen, SUPPORT by Warren, to adjourn the March 21, 2018 Policy Committee meeting at 10:00 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.