

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
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. A moment of silence was held for Darrell Robinson. Introduction of the new CEO of The Rapid, Andrew Johnson. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**Voting Members Present**Darrell Schmalzel, *Chair*

Mike Burns

Dan Burrill

Jim Holtrop

Andrew Johnson

Dennis Kent

*Proxy for
Mike Burns*

Ken Krombeen

Jeff McCaul

Terry Schweitzer

Cameron Van Wyngarden

Steve Warren

Rod Weersing

Mike Womak

City of Walker

City of Lowell

City of Wyoming

City of Hudsonville

The Rapid

MDOT

City of Lowell

City of Grandville

City of Grand Rapids

City of Kentwood

Plainfield Township

KCRC

Georgetown Township

City of Cedar Springs

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Mike Brameijer

Andrea Faber

Abed Itani

Laurel Joseph

Tyler Kent

Eric Mullen

Kerri Smit

Norm Sevensma

Rick Sprague

John Weiss

George Yang

Mike Zonyk

GVMC

GVMC

GVMC

GVMC

MDOT

MDOT

GVMC

WMEAC-RWBC

KCRC

GVMC

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Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman

Tim Bradshaw

Terry Brod

Jamie Davies

Eric DeLong

Jamestown Township

City of Kentwood

Cannon Township

City of Rockford

City of Grand Rapids

Michael DeVries
Robert DeWard
David Dewey
David Ducat
Tom Ecklund
Adam Elenbaas
Betty Gajewski
Kevin Green
Tim Grifhorst
George Haga
Jerry Hale
Bryan Harrison
Tom Hooker
Jim Holtvluwer
Doug LaFave
John Lanum
Brett Laughlin
Greg Madura
Betsy Melton
Jim Miedema
Tom Noreen
Rob Postema
Julius Suchy
Ben Swayze
Toby VanEss
Peter Varga
Member awaiting appointment

Grand Rapids Charter Township
Gaines 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
Byron Township
Ottawa County
City of East Grand Rapids
MDOT
OCRC
Alpine Township
Kent County Commissioner
OCRC
Nelson Township
City of Wyoming
Village of Sparta
Cascade Charter Township
Tallmadge Township
ITP – The Rapid
Courtland Township

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Burrill, SUPPORT by Van Wyngarden, to approve the May 16, 2018 Policy Committee minutes with two changes in the attendance. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Weiss commented on the new State Michigan Infrastructure Council. The purpose of this council is to help future planning for the State. The Michigan Public Service Commission, the Water/Waste Water Group, Storm Water and TAMC (Transportation Asset Management Council) are the groups currently under this council.

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

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained that MDOT is also requesting to amend an existing project and add it to the TIP illustrative list. GVMC is currently looking at the JobNet reports to see what is pending and what needs to be done with those pending projects. Ottawa County is requesting to add a FY2019 project to the TIP that was approved through the Local Bridge Program. KCRC is requesting to move an MDOT funded TAP project from FY2018 to FY2019 and is requesting to add a new MDOT funded

TAP project to FY2019. Kentwood is requesting to add a SPRTS project to the TIP for FY2019. L. Joseph asked the committee to review the items and advise if there are any action items and also noted that the Technical Committee has approved this list.

| FY | JN | Route | Location | Work Description | Phase | Total Cost Est. (\$000) | Change |
|----|--------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|---|
| 19 | 45790 | I-196 | Fuller Avenue to I-96 Junction | Reconstruct EB/WB freeway and add WB lane and realign ramps to M-44 (East Beltline) | Const. | \$31,000 (Amendment to existing TIP project) | Cost Increase to include additional elements associated with the new ramps to M-44 |
| 19 | 45790 | I-196EB | Fuller Avenue to I-96 Junction | Add 3 lane to connect Fuller Avenue with new EB M-44 off-ramp | Const. | \$5,000 Illustrative Project , pending approval of new funding | Add Illustrative Project to TIP (Currently in the approved MTP) |
| 19 | 204695 | US-131 | North Park to 10 Mile Road | ITS freeway management system devices and infrastructure. | PE | \$577 | Add to T/S GPA Construction in 2021 - \$2.9 Mil. |
| 19 | 204696 | N/A | WM Traffic Operations Center | Replace and upgrade video wall | PE & Const. | \$27 PE \$260 Const. | Add to T/S GPA |

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to approve the FY2017-FY2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICIES AND PRACTICES DOCUMENT

Please refer to **Item V: Attachment A** Joseph explained that the Policies and Practices document has been reviewed the past few months mainly to incorporate the Performance Measures but also other federal legislative changes. The document has been approved by the TPSG and Technical Committees. Joseph asked if there were any requested changes. Schweitzer added that there are two areas dealing with federal funding of right of way, Federal Funding and Engineering expenses, located on pages 32 and 33 in the packet. Schweitzer asked if the terminology “high priority” and “regionally significant” were the same. Itani answered by explaining the MPO addresses this on a case by case basis. The MPO opted not to use federal funds for engineering. Joseph added that Schweitzer’s proposal to change the language clarifies it. Joseph concluded by advising the committee that the Tech committee did approve the revised policies and practices document. Discussion ensued.

Joseph, Kent and Itani explained GPA’s to the committee.

MOTION by Schweitzer with changes noted by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Krombeen, to approve the revised Policies and Practices document. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Please refer to **Item VI: Attachment A** Faber discussed that GVMC is required to have a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that ensures our public participation process is continuous and transparent. The PPP is updated at the beginning of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan development cycle. Several changes were made in order to better reflect the current public participation practices of the MPO, advancements in technology, and recommendations from our recent certification review. The new information is highlighted in yellow. Requesting approval to submit to the Policy committee. Itani followed up with more in depth explanation of PPP. Faber added that if changes are needed to have them submitted by September 19, 2018.

MOTION by Johnson, SUPPORT by Krombeen, to approve the draft Public Participation Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. PRESENTATIONS BY MDOT AND GVMC STAFF ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Please refer to **Item VII: Attachments A, B, and C** Itani stated that the targets discussed today need to be in place by November 16, 2018. The transit target and freight targets have already been adopted and today we are requesting that the performance targets also be adopted.

Tyler Kent presented a slideshow on the System Performance/Freight Performance Measure Final Rule and State Targets with a discussion on travel time reliability and congestion. He was followed by Brameijer who presented on Pavement Transportation Measures. The targets are for four years but can be adjusted after two. Brameijer reminded the committee that supporting the States targets puts the burden on MDOT, including reporting and monitoring. If it is decided to support your own targets then it is up to the individual to follow up on their own targets.

Warren questioned why the targets were set so low and that he would like to continue to use PASER. He added the Committee should strive for higher targets.

Schmalzel added that Warren does make a good point; however, we need to adopt the targets in order to move forward and have the TIP approved.

Discussion ensued.

VIII. PAVEMENT/BRIDGE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE/FREIGHT PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Please refer to **Item IX: Attachment A**, Joseph provided the committee a handout and noted that we are currently meeting the statewide targets. GVMC recommends supporting bridge targets.

MOTION by Burrill, SUPPORT by Schweitzer to approve supporting the states targets for Pavement/Bridge and System Performance/Freight Performance Measures. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Joseph advised that there will not be a Technical Meeting next month due to a construction meeting.

Itani added that the TIP is coming to an end and the development of the new FY2020-2023 TIP will begin soon. He advised the committee to start looking at projects. The CMAQ funding for FY2020 is secure.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the September 19, 2018 Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Burns, SUPPORT by Van Wyngarden, to adjourn the September 19, 2018 Policy Committee meeting at 10:53 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.