

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2017
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Schmalzel, vice chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Those present introduced themselves. Schmalzel announced that, along with the attendance sheet, a sign-up sheet to host the Clean Air Action display was being passed around as well.

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

Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Dave Bulkowski		Kent County
Mike Burns		City of Lowell
Dan Burrill		City of Wyoming
Mark DeClercq		City of Grand Rapids
Adam Elenbaas		Allendale Township
Rod Ghearing	<i>Proxy for Peter Varga</i>	ITP-The Rapid
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Kevin Green		Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop		City of Hudsonville
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for John Lanum</i>	MDOT
		MDOT
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Darrel Schmalzel, <i>Vice Chair</i>		City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer		City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for Steve Warren</i>	KCRC
		KCRC
Ben Swayze		Cascade Township
Mike Womack		City of Cedar Springs

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Faber	GVMC
Art Green	MDOT
Abed Itani	GVMC
Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Dan Strikwerda	City of Hudsonville
George Yang	GVMC
Mike Zonyk	GVMC

Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman	Jamestown Township
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Jamie Davies
Eric DeLong
Mike DeVries
Robert DeWard
David Dewey
Tom Ecklund
Tim Grifhorst
George Haga
Bryan Harrison
Jim Holtvluwer
Tom Hooker
Ken Krombeen
John Lanum
Greg Madura
Jim Miedema
Tom Noreen
Chuck Porter
Rob Postema
Julius Suchy
Cameron Van Wyngarden
Peter Varga
Steve Warren, Chair
Rod Weersing

City of Rockford
City of Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Township
Gaines Township
Village of Sand Lake
GRFIA
Tallmadge Township
Ada Township
Caledonia Township
Ottawa County
Byron Township
City of Grandville
MDOT
Alpine Township
OCRC
Nelson Township
Courtland Township
City of Wyoming
Village of Sparta
Plainfield Township
ITP-The Rapid
KCRC
Georgetown Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the November 16, 2016 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by LaFave, to approve the November 16, 2016 Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FY2017-2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained that MDOT, the City of Walker, the City of Cedar Springs, Hope Network, and Senior Neighbors are requesting to amend/modify the FY2017-2020 TIP. Specific requests included the following:

MDOT

FY 2017 to 2020 – Trunkline Projects							
FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase	Total Cost Est. (\$000)	Change
17	128123	M-6	Jackson Street east to Wilson Avenue	Restore & rehabilitate	CON	\$11,000	Move from FY 18 to FY 17 and cost change
17	123324	I-96 WB	@ M-21	Add ramp and complete Weave/Merge lane from Cascade Road to M-21	PE	\$300	Move from FY 18 to FY 17
17	123324	I-96 WB	@ M-21	Add ramp and complete Weave/Merge lane from Cascade Road to M-21	ROW	\$550	Move from FY 18 to FY 17
17	N/A	I-196	Various Locations	Freeway Lighting Upgrade	CON	\$400	New GPA Project
17	N/A	M-21	@ Crahen Avenue	M-21 modifications to support the Crahen St. intersection realignment	CON	\$125	New/Modified GPA Project

Robinson noted that the total cost estimation of the M-21 @Crahen project has been increased by MDOT to \$125,000. These TIP revisions are the result of Statewide and Region, road and bridge program cost and revenue modifications.

City of Walker

The City of Walker is requesting to move an FY2018 project—Kinney Ave from 3 Mile to Waldorf—to FY2020. Next, the City of Walker is requesting to move a FY2020 project—Leonard Street from Wilson to Kinney—to FY2018. The City of Walker has asked to “swap” Leonard and Kinney so that Walker can accelerate the Leonard improvement into 2018 due to several critical improvements that need to be made. Funding will not change for either project.

City of Cedar Springs

The City of Cedar Springs is requesting to add two proposed projects to the FY2017-2020 Illustrative list of projects: Main Street, Cedar Creek to 18 mile, total project estimate=\$179,255.00, and Main Street, Church to Oak Street, total project estimate=\$1,236,360.00.

Hope Network (a 5310 grant recipient)

Hope Network is requesting to add 6 revenue vehicles to their existing FY2018 list of equipment and buses.

Senior Neighbors (a 5310 grant recipient)

Senior Neighbors is requesting the addition of 3 replacement 30ft buses for FY2018 to be added to the 2018 GPA tab under Section 5310. Senior Neighbors is also adding the purchase of computer equipment for FY2021. This request will be put in the Illustrative list as the TIP is from FY2017-2020. FY2021 has not been determined.

Referring to the City of Cedar Spring’s memo, which was presented unlike the others and as a list of costs, DeClercq requested that all memos be submitted in a uniform format in the future and with a written explanation. Discussion ensued.

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the TIP amendment/modification requests, as presented.

MOTION by Holtrop, SUPPORT by Sprague, to approve the FY2017-2020 TIP amendments/modifications requested by MDOT (with the cost increase noted by Kent), the City of Walker, the City of Cedar Springs, Hope Network and Senior Neighbors. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Joseph mentioned the MTPA Conference that GVMC is hosting this year. The Conference is from July 25-28, 2017 @ Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center. Registration is now open. A save-the-date with conference information was also distributed.

Ghearing stated that ITP's CNG buses are arriving at a rate of 5 buses a week, and ITP is getting 28 CNG buses in total. He added that they hope to have a program for governmental agencies to purchase CNG fuel for their vehicles at their new station.

Schweitzer asked if the email that Robinson had sent out regarding additional federal funding had been discussed at the Technical Committee meeting. Robinson said it hadn't because the information had come out after the Technical Committee meeting. He encouraged the Committee to look at their projects on the illustrative list so the shovel ready projects can be moved forward if the funding becomes available. Itani stated that each jurisdiction should have at least one project available for the possible federal funding. DeClercq asked if TAP projects are eligible for the new funding. Itani stated the funding will be for all transportation projects. Strikwerda asked if it's necessary to get more projects on the illustrative list. Itani recommended getting big projects ready for acquiring as much federal funding as possible. Discussion ensued.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the March 15, 2017 Policy Committee meeting.

MOTION by Burrill, SUPPORT by DeClercq, to adjourn the March 15, 2017 Policy Committee meeting at 9:56 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.