

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

DeVries, chair of the Technical 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**

Sue Becker		Alpine Township
Kristin Bennett		City of Grand Rapids
Rick DeVries (<i>Chair</i>)		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Bradshaw		City of Kentwood/Caledonia Twp.
Mike Burns		City of Lowell
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Tom Doyle		MDOT
Wayne Harrall	<i>Proxy for</i>	Kent County
	<i>Mike DeVries</i>	Grand Rapids Township
Dennis Kent	<i>Proxy for</i>	MDOT
	<i>Tom Doyle</i>	MDOT
Doug LaFave		City of East Grand Rapids
Brett Laughlin		Ottawa County Road Commission
Liz Schelling		ITP-The Rapid
Kelly Sheeran	<i>Proxy for</i>	Algoma Township
	<i>Kevin Green</i>	Kent County
Rick Solle		Plainfield Township
Rick Sprague	<i>Proxy for</i>	Kent County Road Commission
	<i>Tim Haagsma</i>	Gaines Township
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Charlie Sundblad		City of Grandville

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Andrea Dewey	FHWA
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Steve Hartman	Hope Network
Russ Henckel	City of Wyoming
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Kerri Smit	GVMC
George Yang	GVMC
Mike Zonyk	GVMC

Voting Members Not Present

Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Terry Brod	Cannon Township

Mike DeVries
 Bill Dooley
 Adam Elenbaas
 Jim Ferro
 Rachel Gokey
 Kevin Green
 Tim Grifhorst
 Tim Haagsma
 Jerry Hale
 Roy Hawkins
 Jim Holtvluwer
 Tom Hooker
 Bill LaRose
 Matt McConnon
 Tom Noreen
 Jeff Oonk
 Steve Peterson
 Terry Schweitzer
 Sandy Stelma
 Julius Suchy
 Toby VanEss
 Conrad Venema
 Phil Vincent
 Steve Warren
 Rod Weersing

Grand Rapids Township
 City of Wyoming
 Allendale Township
 Ada Township
 Village of Sand Lake
 Algoma Township
 Tallmadge Township
 Gaines Charter Township
 Lowell Township
 GFIAA
 Ottawa County
 Byron Township
 Cedar Springs
 Courtland Township
 Nelson Township
 City of Wyoming
 Cascade Charter Township
 City of Kentwood
 Village of Caledonia
 Village of Sparta
 Tallmadge Township
 ITP – The Rapid
 City of Rockford
 Kent County Road Commission
 Georgetown Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DeVries entertained a motion to approve the January 9, 2019 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Strikwerda, to approve the January 9, 2019 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2017-2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph reviewed.

MDOT, KCRC, Grand Rapids, and Staff on behalf of Hope Network 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. This will trigger a federal amendment for the 2019 Local Traffic Operations and Safety GPA, which will require committee approval.

#120835 – College Ave SE (at Michigan)	
Original TIP Project Total = \$360,914.00	Revised TIP Project Total = \$635,600.00
Federal Funding = \$288,731.00 (CMAQ)	Federal = \$288,731.00 (CMAQ)
Local Match = \$72,183.00	Local Match = \$346,869.00

- 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.

Joseph discussed the local report pending projects. Most changes made for the FY2020 program reflect the FY2023 TIP; the years need to be consistent between the FY2017-2020 TIP and FY2020-2023 TIP. Most are amendment triggers for the programming decisions that were made. There were also a couple Ottawa County projects that were approved by the rural task force. Those projects are in the TIP because they are in the local planning area; there is no jurisdiction to their funds.

Joseph discussed the GPA Target Report and advised the committee that threshold increases would need to be approved for Trunkline Road, Transit Operating, Local Traffic Operations and Safety.

MOTION by LaFave, SUPPORT by Bradshaw, to accept the FY2017-2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS as presented. 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 were as follows:

- 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.*
- Allocate the rest (\$301,322) to KCRC for their portion of the approach work on the 100th Street Bridge project. *This work is being done under the Trunkline bridge replacement project that is currently in the TIP, and therefore the funding would be transferred to an MDOT funding template.*
- If for some reason the 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.

Joseph explained that after the TPSG Meeting changes were made. MDOT had 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 serve basis. The MDOT project would now be listed as its own project and not part of the 100th Street Bridge project.

Kent advised that changes needed to be made of the proposed 100th Street Bridge Project.

Harrall added that he would like to keep it on the table for now and discuss at the Policy meeting, and if funds could not be obligated it would be defaulted to The Rapid.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by LaFave, to approve the City of Grand Rapids request and to keep the other option open until the Policy Meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. NONMOTORIZED PROJECT LIST

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** Joseph advised that they 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.

Joseph added that the City of Hudsonville added and changed the limits to an existing project and it was not on the project list.

Harrall added that the projects on the Non-motorized list should be listed by priority in case individuals are unable to attend meetings to discuss details.

Kent discussed the bridge/trail project.

MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Strikwerda, to recommend the NONMOTORIZED PROJECT LIST to the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. UPDATED TIP LANGUAGE TO REFLECT PM 2 AND 3

Referring to **Item VI: Attachment A**, Joseph stated that, 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.

Bradshaw asked if the fatality data on page 4-5 was accurate. Kent added his opinion on the fatality data.

Joseph advised to take action this month as the deadline is May 28th.

MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Bradshaw, to approve the FY2017-2020 TIP text amendment to incorporate additional performance measure requirements also to include the additional comments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. STATE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Kent – MDOT delivered a presentation on the status of the State’s Long Rang Transportation Plan and provided a survey for the Committee/public to fill out.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Faber advised that MDOT preformed an Air Quality Conformity Analysis for projects in our current TIP and Plan, as well as Holland and Muskegon’s, and the STIP. It is available for public comment through Wednesday, March 20. We are well within out emissions budgets. Faber will be putting together a steering committee to help guide the direction of 2045 MTP, our long range plan, and asked the Committee to contact her if interested.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

DeVries entertained a motion to adjourn the March 6, 2019 Technical Committee meeting at 10:20 am.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Harrall, to adjourn the March 6, 2019 Technical Committee meeting at 10:20 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.