

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
Transportation Division  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
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. A moment of silence was held for Darrell Robinson. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

**I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS****Voting Members Present**Rick DeVries (*Chair*)

Tim Bradshaw

Scott Conners

Art Green

Tim Haagsma

Wayne Harrall

*Proxy for**Mike DeVries*

Russ Hencken

*Proxy for**Bill Dooley*

Tom Hooker

Dennis Kent

Bill LaRosie

Brett Laughlin

Robert Maffeo

Terry Martin

Jeff Oonk

*Proxy for**Tim Cochran*

Steve Redmond

Liz Schelling

Brad Sherlow

Dan Strikwerda

Rick Sprague

Julius Suchy

Steve Warren

Rod Weersing

Chris Zull

City of Grand Rapids

City of Kentwood/Caledonia Twp.

City of Walker

MDOT/GRTSC

Gaines Charter Township

Kent County

Grand Rapids Township

City of Wyoming

City of Wyoming

Byron Township

MDOT

Cedar Springs

Ottawa County Road Commission

MDOT

Carrier &amp; Gable

City of Wyoming

City of Wyoming

MDOT

ITP-The Rapid

MDOT

City of Hudsonville

Kent County Road Commission

Village of Sparta

Kent County Road Commission

Georgetown Township

City of Grand Rapids

**Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present**

Michael Brameijer

Andrea Dewey

Andrea Faber

Abed Itani

Laurel Joseph

Tyler Kent

Norm Sevensma

Kelly Sheeran

GVMC Staff

FHWA

GVMC Staff

GVMC Staff

GVMC Staff

MDOT

RWBC/WMEAC

Algoma Township

Kerri Smit  
Mike Zonyk

GVMC  
GVMC

**Voting Members Not Present**

Sue Becker  
Ken Bergwerff  
Robyn Britton  
Terry Brod  
Mike Burns  
Mike DeVries  
David Dewey  
Bill Dooley  
Tom Doyle  
David Ducat  
Adam Elenbaas  
Jim Ferro  
Kevin Green  
Tim Grifhorst  
Tim Haagsma  
Jerry Hale  
Roy Hawkins  
Jim Holtvluwer  
Doug LaFave  
Matt McConnon  
Tom Noreen  
Jeff Oonk  
Steve Peterson  
Terry Schweitzer  
Rick Solle  
Charlie Sundblad  
Toby VanEss  
Conrad Venema  
Phil Vincent  
Todd Wibrigh

Alpine Township  
Jamestown Township  
Nelson Township  
Cannon Township  
City of Lowell  
Grand Rapids Township  
Village of Sand Lake  
City of Wyoming  
MDOT  
City of Cedar Springs  
Allendale Township  
Ada Township  
Algoma Township  
Tallmadge Township  
Gaines Charter Township  
Lowell Township  
GRIAA  
Ottawa County  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Courtland Township  
Nelson Township  
City of Wyoming  
Cascade Charter Township  
City of Kentwood  
Plainfield Township  
City of Grandville  
Tallmadge Township  
ITP – The Rapid  
City of Rockford  
City of Grandville

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

DeVries entertained a motion to approve the May 2, 2018 Technical Committee minutes.

**MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Suchy, to approve the May 2, 2018 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment.

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

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained that MDOT is requesting committee review of the trunkline action pending JobNet report to determine the appropriate amend/modify action for these items. 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 MDOT funded TAP project from FY2018 to FY2019 and requesting to add a new MDOT funded TAP project to the FY2019. Kentwood is requesting to add a SPRTS project to the TIP for FY2019 and the staff is requesting the review of the local/transit action pending JobNet report to determine the appropriate actions that need to be taken. L. Joseph asked the committee to review the items and advise if there are any action items.

Itani began to explain that MDOT migrated all the TIP projects from FY2017 to FY2020 from E-File to JobNet. The moving process did not go smooth resulting in a need for a reconciliation of what MPO was approved and amended from E-File to JobNet. Once everything is reconciled we will move forward with JobNet. The table was provided to the committee for each to review and make sure it is correct. Itani – also stated that D. Robinson was the primary contact on JobNet and the rest of the team is now learning. Should be good in a couple weeks.

Kent discussed that the sheets used to come in three different categories for MDOT, local and transit projects and listed all the changes that were occurring in the JobNet system. Which is good and bad because it shows all the changes, most are minor. Kent also stated that the projects in the TIP will increase in price in the next month or so. Will rise to the level of an amendment it's just not programmed yet. Discussed the I-196 Fuller east to I-96 junction bridge project, cost are going up. Kent in addition to that MDOT is asking to add an illustrative project to add the third east bound lane to connect Fuller Avenue with new EB M-44 off-ramp, possibly \$5 million dollars. This project was already in the plan. Itani asked about the East bound lane being taken out for lack of funding. Kent discussed the separation of the east bound merging lane. Green followed up and explained the project.

FY	JN	Route	Location	Work Description	Phase Est. (\$000)	Total Cost Change
19	45790	<b>I-196</b>	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) <b>Cost Increase to include additional elements associated with the new ramps to M-44</b>	
19	45790	<b>I-196EB</b>	Fuller Avenue to I-96 Junction	Add 3 lane to connect Fuller Avenue with new EB M-44 off-ramp	Const.\$5,000 <b>Illustrative Project, pending approval of new funding Add Illustrative Project to TIP (Currently in the approved MTP)</b>	

Laughlin explained the Ottawa County Barry Street Bridge project. Local Bridge Program project, would like to start this winter. It was selected from the 2015 call and was scheduled for 2018. This request was not forwarded and did not get into the TIP. Requesting to have it added to the TIP and begin February or March of FY2019

Harrall discussed the Kent County Road Commission's State funded TAP projects. The Caledonia Trail Phase 1B will be moving from FY2018 to FY2019 and the Pioneer Trail Phase 5, a funded FY2019 project was not in the TIP and needs to be added.

Joseph explained that the City of Kentwood was approved for a Safe Routes to School project which is a State run program and is there is not regional funding issues and need to be added to the TIP. Joseph added that the City of Grand Rapids was approved for Federal Aid and request to move a project from the Illustrative to the main body of the TIP in addition to other requests. Devries thanked the GVMC team, State and Federal Government on this change.

Dewely added the importance for the local agencies and MDOT review the new E-File version in JobNet to make sure the project information is accurate. Making sure no projects are held up by inaccuracies from the data migration.

Itani advised that the team will be double checking E-File and JobNet.

**MOTION by Conners – under authority for staff to make administrative changes based on their reconciliation and discussion with MDOT and local agencies, SUPPORT by Strikwerda, to approve the FY2017-FY2020 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **V. APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICIES AND PRACTICES DOCUMENT**

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A**, Itani explained that this is the document used to put the TIP into plan. After the certification meeting there was feedback that updates were needed, the main reason for updating the document is because of Performance Based Planning requirements. Safety, congestion, transit and bridge rolled into performance based languages and targets that we will utilize the future development of the TIP and the plan itself. In order for the TIP to be amended after November, the MPO has to adopt performance based planning. In some instances using the hybrid system proposed by the state otherwise the local system will continue to use Paser.

**MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the revised Policies and Practices document to the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Referring to **Item VI: Attachment A**, Faber discussed that GVMC is required to have a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that insures 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 Bradshaw, SUPPORT by Weersing, to approve the Public Participation Plan document to the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VII. PRESENTATION BY MDOT ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Please refer to **Item VII: Attachments A and B**, Brad Sharlow from MDOT presented slideshow on the System Performance/Freight Performance Measure Final Rule and State Targets with a discussion on travel time reliability and congestion. Warren and Itani had questions on speed consistency, seasonal adjustments (driving slower in winter conditions) and data gathering time frames. Discussion ensued.

Itani mentioned the reason for the rush request is because it has to be in place by November or it will impact the TIP and the Plan. Sharlow reminded the committee that by 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.

**MOTION by Harrell, SUPPORT by Zull, to except the System Performance/Freight Performance Measures Final Rule and State Targets. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VIII. PRESENTATION BY GVMC ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Mike Brameijer presented on pavement transportation Performance Measure state targets. The targets are for four years but can be adjusted after two. Brameijer notified the committee that by 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.

Non-Interstate NHS - IRI Targets Based on 2017 Baseline Data		
	% Good	% Poor
2017	49.7%	18.6%

2 Year	<b>3% Decrease – 46.7%</b>	<b>3% Increase – 21.6%</b>
4 Year	<b>6% Decrease – 43.7%</b>	<b>6% Increase – 24.6%</b>

<b>Interstate NHS – PCM Targets Based on 2017 Baseline Data</b>		
	<b>% Good</b>	<b>% Poor</b>
<b>2017</b>	56.8%	5.2%
<b>4 Year</b>	<b>9% Decrease – 47.8%</b>	<b>4.8% Increase – 10%</b>

**IX. PAVEMENT/BRIDGE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE/FREIGHT PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS**

Please refer to **Item IX: Attachment A**, Joseph advised that there is no presentation on the bridge target just the newsletter in the agenda packet. GVMC recommends supporting bridge targets.

**MOTION by Lauglin, SUPPORT by Conners to approve Pavement/Bridge and System Performance/Freight Performance Measure Targets and support of state targets. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

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Item II: Attachment A

Joseph GVMC is trying to finalize the future year data for travel model, if you have been contacted to schedule a meeting and have not responded to please do so. We are trying to get the data by the end of this month.

Joseph advised that transportation training, hosted by MDOT, will be held September 18<sup>th</sup> and will forward on the meeting invitation.

Itani we are starting the development process of the Plan and the TIP the goal is to have the TIP ready by October FY2019 and the Plan by April FY2020.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

DeVries entertained a motion to adjourn the September 5, 2018 Technical Committee meeting.

**MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to adjourn the September 5, 2018 Technical Committee meeting at 10:52 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**