

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY/TECH COMMITTEE
Tuesday July 17, 2019
GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL
1836 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI**

Schmalzel, Chair of the Tech/Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
Introductions were made.

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

Kristin Bennett	City of Grand Rapids
Tim Bradshaw	City of Kentwood
Scott Conners	City of Walker
Rick DeVries	City of Grand Rapids
Robert DeWard	Gaines Charter Township
Jim Ferro	Ada Township
Roy Hawkins	GFIAA
Jim Holtrop	City of Hudsonville
Andrew Johnson	The Rapid
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Jim Miedema	OCRC
Darrell Schmalzel	City of Walker
Terry Schweitzer	City of Kentwood
Kelley Sheeran	Algoma Township
Rick Sprague	KCRC
Dan Strikwerda	City of Hudsonville
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Cameron Van Wyngarden	Plainfield Township
Steve Warren	KCRC
Rob Weersing	Georgetown Township
Stephen Wooden	Kent County Commission

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Sean Brechenser	MDOT
Andrea Dewey	FHWA
Tom Doyle	MDOT Lansing
Andrea Faber	GVMC
Art Green	GRTSG, MDOT
Abed Itani	GVMC
Laurel Joseph	GVMC
Tyler Kent	MDOT
Don Mayle	MDOT
Cathy Sampsele	MDOT
Kerri Smit	GVMC

Kevin Wisselink
George Yang
Mike Zonyk

The Rapid
GVMC
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Voting Members Not Present

Gail Altman
Terry Brod
Mike Burns
Dan Burrill
Ryan Cotton
Jamie Davies
Michael DeVries
Adam Elenbaas
Karyn Ferrick
Betty Gajewski
Rachel Gokey
Kevin Green
Tim Grifhorst
George Haga
Jerry Hale
Bryan Harrison
Jim Holtvluwer
Tom Hooker
Ken Krombeen
Doug LaFave
Brett Laughlin
Greg Madura
Eric Mullen
Josh Naramore
Tom Noreen
Rob Postema
Casey Ries
Ben Swayze
Toby VanEss
Rod Weersing
Mike Womack
Member awaiting appointment

Jamestown Township
Cannon Township
City of Lowell
City of Wyoming
Village of Caledonia
City of Rockford
Grand Rapids Charter Township
Allendale Township
City of Grand Rapids
OCRC
Village of Sand Lake
Algoma Township
Tallmadge Township
Ada Township
Lowell Township
Caledonia Charter Township
Ottawa County
Byron Township
City of Grandville
City of East Grand Rapids
OCRC
Alpine Township
MDOT
City of Grand Rapids
Nelson Township
City of Wyoming
GFIAA
Cascade Charter Township
Tallmadge Township
Georgetown Township
City of Cedar Springs
Courtland Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schmalzel advised the committee that there will be no ACTION on the May meeting minutes until the August/September meetings when the Committees can separately approve.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. FY2017 – 2020 AND FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained the following requests.

MDOT, Grand Rapids, and Kent County Road Commission are requesting to amend/modify the FY2017-2020/FY2020-2023 TIP. Any action taken on FY2020-2023 projects will not go into effect until the FY2020-2023 TIP has final approval and becomes active. Here are the specific requests:

MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list and GPA projects in the JobNet summary. Some of the changings being made from a GPA to TIP lists, work descriptions, phase/budget changes, adding a phase in a GPA causing a GPA threshold change and abandoning a phase. Kent followed with details on the jobs listed below, specifically the Leonard St. NE project per Schmalzel's request for more information.

I-196	I-196 EB over M-45 WB ramp	0.000 Bridge Replacement	Deck replacement, beam repairs
Leonard St NE	GR TSC Areawide	6.493 Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Full Depth Concrete Pavement Repairs, ADA Ramps
I-196	9 structures located along I-196	0.000 Bridge Rehabilitation	Healer Sealer, Deck Patching, Shallow Overlay
I-196	Lane Avenue to US-131	0.902 Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Detail 8 joint repairs, cold milling and HMA resurfacing
I-96	I-96: M-37 east to M-44; I-196 @ M-11 Interchange	2.775 Operation Improvements	Upgrade to LED

- The City of Grand Rapids is requesting to move a FY2020 project to FY2021 and replace it with a project that is currently programmed for FY2021. (see below)

FY2020 STP-U

PROJECTDELETE

	<u>PROJECT LIMITS</u>	<u>SCOPE</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>FEDERAL/STATE</u>	<u>NON-FED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ottawa Avenue	Fulton Street to Michigan Street	Rotomill/resurface	0.532	\$ 284,000	\$ 71,000	\$ 355,000

ADD

Madison Avenue	Alger Street to Burton Street	Rotomill/resurface	0.50	\$ 284,000	82,688	366,688
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FY2021 STP-U

DELETE

Madison Avenue	Alger Street to Burton Street	Rotomill/resurface	0.50	\$ 254,813	\$ 82,688	\$ 337,500
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ADD

Ottawa Avenue	Fulton Street to Michigan Street	Rotomill/resurface	0.532	254,813	100,187	355,000
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- Kent County Road Commission is requesting to add an earmark project to FY2019

Project: M-6 Paul Henry Freeway Trail Design & Construction

Limits: West Michigan Regional Trail Network Connector

Federal Funds: \$100,000

Source: HPP DEMO ID MI148

Local Funds: \$25,000

Total Cost: \$125,000

MOTION by Wooden, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to accept the FY2017-2020 AND FY2020-2023 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. ADDITIONS TO THE NON-MOTORIZED PLAN LIST

Referring to **Item VII: Attachment A** Zonyk explained that the City of Kentwood is requesting to add three projects to the Non-Motorized Plan project list.

- 52nd Street Trail – Kalamazoo Ave to Breton Ave – Shared Use Path, \$800K
- 52nd Street Trail – Breton Ave to Plaster Creek Trail – Shared Use Path, \$525K
- Kalamazoo Ave – 160' N of Sunny Creek to 52nd St– Shared Use Path, \$120K

These projects have no funding associated with them, but in order for them to become candidates for future funding they need to be approved through the committees to be on our NM Plan Project List.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Hawkins, to approve the City of Kentwood's request to add three projects to the Non-Motorized Plan project list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA APPROVAL

Referring to **Item VII: Attachment A** Zonyk explained that SE Data fuels the Travel Demand Model (TDM) and allows staff to calculate characteristics including: autos per household, trips by purpose, and modes of travel, etc. It's our goal to make the model as dynamic and realistic as possible. To do so, we rely on our member communities to help allocate Households and Employment projections into the future. With this knowledge we can best project where our transportation deficiencies will occur.

At the end of last Summer GVMC hit the road visiting our members to try and allocate data for Households & Employment received by MDOT out to the year 2045 as part of our new TDM development and in preparation for our 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

With the tabulations complete staff is now asking our committees to review the data in their jurisdictions organized by Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ's). There is also an interactive GIS mapping application at the link for data review.

Warren asked if there were any general comments on patterns of growth/percentages. Zonyk explained the last model showed the population greatly increases. Itani also explained the increase in population. Warren also asked if there could be a way to track the growth. Committee shared interest in learning more about the specific growth patterns and how to track it. Discussion Ensued.

MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to approve the SE Data statistics by Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) used in the Model for future Household and Employment out to 2045. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Itani advised the Committee that Tom Doyle would be retiring in August.

Faber asked the Committee to complete the current 2045 MTP Survey if they had not.

Yang added that Monday August 1st is the deadline for MDOT Safety Projects.

Joseph advised that there is currently an opening at GVMC for a new Transportation Planner.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel adjourned the July 17, 2019 Tech/Policy Committee meeting at 9:59 am.

MOTION by Schweitzer, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to adjourn the July 17, 2019 Tech/Policy Committee meeting at 9:59 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.