

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Harrall, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Everyone present introduced themselves.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Wayne Harrall (<i>Chair</i>)	<i>Proxy for Mike DeVries</i>	Kent County Grand Rapids Township
Alex Arends		Alpine Township
Tim Bradshaw		City of Kentwood
Terry Brod		Cannon Township
Ron Carr		City of Grandville
Tim Cochran		City of Wyoming
Scott Conners		City of Walker
Rick DeVries		City of Grand Rapids
Tim Haagsma		Gaines Charter Township
Darrell Harden		MDOT SPS
Russ Henckel	<i>Proxy for Bill Dooley</i>	City of Wyoming City of Wyoming
Brett Laughlin		OCRC
Matt McConnon		Courtland Township
Liz Schelling	<i>Proxy for Rod Ghearing</i>	ITP-The Rapid ITP-The Rapid
Dan Strikwerda		City of Hudsonville
Roger Towsley		Village of Sand Lake
Steve Warren		KCRC
Rod Weersing		Georgetown Township
Ron Woods		City of Lowell
Chris Zull		City of Grand Rapids

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Mike Brameijer	GVMC Staff
Danielle Coles	FHWA
Andrea Faber	GVMC Staff
Art Green	MDOT, GRTSC
Jan Hoekstra	ITP-The Rapid
Abed Itani	GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph	GVMC Staff
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Roger Marks	C2AE
Darrell Robinson	GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma	WMEAC-RWBC

Rick Sprague
Rachel Tupica
Steve Waalkes

KCRC
FHWA
MCA

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema
Ken Bergwerff
Mike DeVries
Bill Dooley
Jim Ferro
Bill Fischer
Rod Ghearing
Roy Hawkins
Dennis Hoemke
Jim Holtvluwer
Doug LaFave
Audrey Nevins Weiss
Steve Peterson
Tom Stressman
Toby VanEss
Phil Vincent

Allendale Township
Jamestown Township
Grand Rapids Township
City of Wyoming
Ada Township
Plainfield Township
ITP-The Rapid
KCDA/GRFIA
Algoma Township
Ottawa County
East Grand Rapids
Byron Township
Cascade Charter Township
City of Cedar Springs
Tallmadge Township
City of Rockford

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harrall entertained a motion to approve the March 2, 2016 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Haagsma, SUPPORT by Warren, to approve the March 2, 2016 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

None

IV. FY2014-2017 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A** and a handout, Robinson informed the Committee that several jurisdictions were requesting to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 TIP and the new FY2017-2020 TIP. Their specific requests included the following:

- (1) MDOT requested to amend/modify several FY2016 and FY2017 projects and GPAs listed in the FY2014-2017 TIP as well as modify several projects listed in the FY2017-2020 TIP.
- (2) The City of Grand Rapids requested to have the "Michigan Street Connections" project (with associated projects) added to the FY2014-2017 and FY2017-2020 TIP illustrative list of projects.
- (3) On behalf of the City of Grand Rapids and the KCRC, staff requested to add several approved FY2017 safety projects to the FY2014-2017 and FY2017-2020 TIPs.

Kent provided additional clarification and details about MDOT's requested TIP amendments/modifications.

DeVries stated that if the TIGER grant project is approved, he'd like to work with Robinson and Kent on describing the individual Michigan Street Connections projects in the illustrative list. He noted that they'd also applied for an economic administration grant and received a TEDFA grant for these projects. Harrall asked how this project would be listed—as one project or several. Robinson stated that it would likely be listed as several projects in case the TIGER grant didn't fund all of the projects. Harrall clarified that the projects would be on the illustrative list for both the FY2014-2017 TIP and the FY2017-2020 TIP.

Warren asked if the Ionia Avenue/Division Avenue Cycle Track is a stand-alone facility. DeVries clarified that this is a dedicated two-way bike lane with separation between travel lanes. Discussion ensued.

Robinson noted that there was an error in the agenda packet about the STIP/TIP Safety Projects, and asked the Committee to refer to the new handout instead, which is accurate.

Harrall entertained a motion to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 and FY2017-2020 TIP.

MOTION by Zull, SUPPORT by Harden, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the amendments/modifications to the FY2014-2017 and FY2017-2020 TIPs requested by MDOT, the City of Grand Rapids, and Staff. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (FY2017-2020 TIP)

Harrall stated that he had been to GVMC's previous public meetings and talked with the members of the public who had come. He noted that there were several members of the public at both public meetings. Discussion ensued.

Being that there were no public comments offered on the FY2017-2020 TIP at today's meeting, the public comment opportunity was closed.

VI. APPROVAL OF DRAFT FY2017-2020 TIP

Referring to **Item VI: Attachment A**, Robinson stated that staff is requesting approval of the entire FY2017-2020 TIP document by the Technical Committee in order to move forward with all necessary approvals by Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Robinson also explained the process to develop the document, which included numerous TPSG Committee meetings, an environmental justice review, and public meetings.

Itani further explained that there were two public meetings that were held during the development of the TIP, consultation letters were sent out to interested and/or impacted agencies, an environmental justice review was held, and that all of these activities were done to meet federal requirements. He added that the TIP was developed in the spirit of performance planning and programming, and that for the next TIP, we would have targets. He noted that no air quality analysis is required from us at this point; however, in 2018 the TIP will need to be amended for a widening project, and at that point, we will need to do an air quality conformity analysis for that.

Robinson added that the latest version of the TIP is on the website and that the Committee is being asked to approve the project list, the document, and all the work done up to this point. The next step will be to bring the document to the Policy Committee, the Executive Committee, and then the GVMC Board for approval.

Harrall asked for comments on the document, and noted that the KCRC has one illustrative project listed that was advanced from FY2014-2017—resurfacing 3 Mile from East City Limits to the Beltline—and that project should be removed from the illustrative list. Conners added that the City of Walker also had projects that should be removed. Itani asked Committee members to let staff know if there were additional projects on the illustrative list that had already been completed and should be removed.

Harrall entertained a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY2017-2020 TIP.

MOTION by Warren, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY2017-2020 TIP, with the Committee members to notify GVMC staff of any already completed projects listed on the illustrative list, with the instruction that those projects be removed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Itani noted that the Committee is losing two members. Jan Hoekstra is retiring from ITP-The Rapid, and Rachael Tupica has accepted a job as Senior Transportation Planner with FHWA in Salem, Oregon. Harrall wished them both luck in their future endeavors. Hoekstra introduced Liz Schelling, who will be taking her position at ITP-The Rapid.

Harrall noted that the FY2016 preventative maintenance project is going to be bid this Friday. He stated that he would forward results to the Committee as soon as they are available. Robinson added that obligation authority will likely run out early and recommended that the Committee members get their projects in as soon as possible.

Tupica stated that FHWA is still trying to get final regulations developed and approved from MAP-21 and the FAST Act. The final proposed rule on system performance measures which includes CMAQ and freight opened on April 22nd, and will continue to be open until the third week in August. They are working on the final rule on safety performance measures and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), and anticipating the final rule on statewide metro and non-metro planning later this month. The pavement and asset management final rules will be released in October.

Harden added that all the billings and TIP amendments he's received so far have been processed, and he will be awaiting this TIP amendment, our new TIP, and the UPWP, which he would move along as quickly as possible. Itani noted that Harden is the new MDOT representative and replaces Paul Lott. Discussion ensued.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Harrall entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION by Towsley, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to adjourn the Wednesday, May 4, 2016 Technical Committee meeting at 9:56 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.