

MINUTES

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 6th, 2015
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW Grand Rapids, MI**

Zull, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

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

Chris Zull (*Chair*)
Alex Arends
Terry Brod
Ron Carr
Timothy Cochran
Scott Conners
Rick DeVries
Rod Ghearing
Tim Haagsma
Wayne Harrall

Russ Henckel

Doug LaFave
Brett Laughlin
Paul Lott
Matt McConnon
Terry Schweitzer
Rick Sprague

Roger Towsley

*Proxy for
Mike DeVries
Proxy for
Bill Dooley*

*Proxy for
Steve Warren*

City of Grand Rapids
Alpine Township
Cannon TWP
City of Grandville
City of Wyoming
City of Walker
City of Grand Rapids
ITP-The Rapid
Gaines Charter Township
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of Wyoming
City of Wyoming
City of East Grand Rapids
OCRC
MDOT
Courtland Township
City of Kentwood
Kent County Road Commission
Kent County Road Commission
Village of Sand Lake

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present

Eric Bombery
Tim Bradshaw
Andrea Faber
Erin Haviland
Steve Redmond
Darrell Robinson
Norm Sevensma
Jim Snell
George Yang
Mike Zonyk

KCRC
City of Kentwood
GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff
MDOT
GVMC Staff
WMEAC-RWBC
GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff
GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present

Jerry Alkema
 Ken Bergwerff
 Mike DeVries
 Bill Dooley
 Jim Ferro
 Bill Fischer
 Roy Hawkins
 Dennis Hoemke
 Jim Holtvluwer
 Mark Howe
 Audrey Nevins Weiss
 Steve Peterson
 Tom Stressman
 Dan Strikwerda
 Toby VanEss
 Phil Vincent
 Steve Warren
 Rod Weersing

Allendale Township
 Jamestown Township
 Grand Rapids Township
 City of Wyoming
 Ada Township
 Plainfield Township
 KCDA/GRFIA
 Algoma Township
 Ottawa County
 City of Lowell
 Byron Township
 Cascade Charter Township
 City of Cedar Springs
 City of Hudsonville
 Tallmadge Township
 City of Rockford
 KCRC
 Georgetown Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Zull entertained a motion to approve the March 4th, 2015 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the March 4th, 2015 Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sevensma mentioned the defeat of Proposal 1, and asked about a plan b. Ghearing stated there is no plan b.

IV. FY 2014-2017 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Robinson explained that the KCRC, the City of Kentwood, ITP-The Rapid, and the City of Grand Rapids are requesting to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 TIP. Their requests included the following:

- The KCRC is requesting to add several approved FY2016 safety projects to the TIP: Vergennes Street at Cumberland Ave., Cedar Springs Ave. at Egner Street, and Division Ave. from 84th Street to 76th Street (road diet). Harrall explained that this project is currently in the TIP to be funded with NHPP funds as well as STP Flex funding. The current estimate is \$100,000 over the original cost, and they'd like to supplement this with \$100,000 in NHPP funds. The final cost breakdown would be \$700,000 federal, \$600,000 safety, \$100,000 of NHPP funds, for a total project cost of \$850,000, slightly more than the 20% match for the Road Commission. The funding left over is roughly \$500,000. They requested to move the second part of the Wolverine Blvd. project from 10 Mile to 11 Mile from FY2017 to FY2016 to utilize that extra funding. The NHPP funding remaining in FY2017 would remain unprogrammed until the next TIP is developed this fall. Discussion ensued.

- The City of Kentwood is requesting to add several approved FY2016 safety projects to the TIP: 52nd to Eastern Ave. and Shaffer Ave. to 32nd Street. These were awarded safety funds.
- The City of Grand Rapids was awarded three safety projects: Signal improvements safety projects for Fulton at Monroe and Market, 44th at Kalamazoo, and 44th and Breton.
- ITP-The Rapid is requesting to modify the cost of several projects in FY2015 of the TIP. The Laker Line project has increased funding from \$560,000 to \$2,019,000. They also reduced funding from the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) from \$1,346,090 to \$766,219, as well as reducing funding from Preventative Maintenance from \$958,666 to \$78,667 to make up the difference in added expense for the Laker Line Project. The project is moving from FY2016 to FY2015.

Referring to a handout regarding the City of Grand Rapids' requested TIP changes, Robinson noted that several of the City of Grand Rapids' projects in FY2016 and FY2017 of the TIP were funded with local funds due to an approved income tax extension that was dedicated to street and sidewalk investment. It was also noted that the Kalamazoo Avenue 42nd St. to 36th St. (FY2016) and Kalamazoo Avenue 36th St. to Forrester Avenue (FY2017) will be done this year as part of the region-wide preventative maintenance GPA project. The City of Grand Rapids requested an opportunity to substitute other projects for the projects that received local funding. These projects included:

FY2016:

- Eastern Avenue—28th St. to Alger St.
- Eastern Avenue—Alger St. to Burton St.
- Plymouth Avenue—Michigan St. to Leonard St.

FY2017:

- 32nd St.—Kalamazoo Avenue to East City Limits
- Monroe Avenue—Michigan St. to 6th/Newberry St.
- Alpine Avenue—Stocking Avenue to Leonard St.
- Fulton St.—250' West of Somerset Drive to Maryland Ave.
- Grandville Avenue—Franklin St. to Bartlett St.
- Coit Avenue—North Park Street to 4 Mile Road and North Park Street—Monroe Avenue to Coit Avenue
- Fuller Avenue—Alexander St. to Franklin St.

Additionally, one project from the STP-Urban proposed list for FY2016 was moved into the TIP: Leonard St—Plainfield to Lafayette Ave. They are looking to advance construct this project in FY2015 with advance construct conversion for FY2016. The Wealthy St—US 131 to Division Avenue project will also be changed to Wealthy St.—Commerce Avenue to Division Avenue and the federal grant will be reduced from \$957,000 to \$357,000.

Robinson went on to explain the funding splits: FY2016 75/25 split for STP Urban, in FY2017, 68.36/31.64 split for STP Urban, 75/25 split for NHPP. DeVries stated that the extra handout goes into more detail concerning the City of Grand Rapids' changes to the TIP. Discussion ensued.

Zull entertained a motion to approve the requested TIP amendments/modifications, as identified.

MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the amendments/modifications to the FY2014-2017 TIP requested by the KCRC, the City of Kentwood, ITP-The Rapid, and the City of Grand Rapids as presented, with the addition of the modification to the KCRC's Division Avenue safety project that would allow for \$100,000 in NHPP funds to be used for the project, moving the second half of the KCRC's Wolverine Blvd. project from 10 Mile to 11 Mile from FY2017 to FY2016 (provided the project is in the TIP), and the City of Grand Rapids' additional request to substitute several locally funded FY2016 and FY2017 projects with projects from the illustrative list. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. 2014 PAVEMENT CONDITION REPORT

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A**, Snell presented the 2014 Pavement Condition Report. The purpose of this report is to portray the general condition of the federal aid roadway system in the region. Overall, the system deteriorated approximately one percent this year. Snell explained that the report is on the GVMC website and a hardcopy can be made available. He noted that this report shows the status of the current conditions not future conditions. The 2015 report should be completed by the end of the calendar year. Discussion ensued.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Zonyk passed out a handout that depicted a summary of NFC modifications for submission to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as requested by our MPO road agency members. A signed resolution from the Policy Committee will finalize the review process for our MPO and be submitted by the end of May with formal documentation to MDOT.

Zull entertained a motion to recommend adoption.

MOTION by Ghearing, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend to the Policy Committee adoption of these NFC modifications and approval of this resolution with GVMC staff to formally submit the resolution to MDOT by the end of the month. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Zull entertained a motion to adjourn the May 6, 2015 Technical Committee meeting.

MOTION by Harrall, SUPPORT by Towsley, to adjourn the May 6th, 2015 Technical Committee meeting at 10:05 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.