Krombeen, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

No introductions were necessary.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present
Ken Krombeen, Chair
Gail Altman
Alex Arends
Terry Brod
Dave Bulkowski
Mark DeClercq
Tom Ecklund
Don R. Hilton, Sr.
Dennis Kent
Jim Miedema
Chuck Porter
Darrel Schmalzel
Roger Towsley
Peter Varga
Steve Warren, Vice Chair

City of Grandville
Jamestown Township
Alpine Township
Cannon Township
Kent County
City of Grand Rapids
GRFIA
Gaines Township
GRFIA
 MDOT
City of Lowell
OCRC
Courtland Township
City of Walker
Village of Sand Lake
ITP-The Rapid
KCR
Plainfield Township

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present
Andrea Faber
Rod Ghearing
Abed Itani
Erick Kind
Darrell Robinson
Norm Sevensma
Mike Zonyk

GVMC
ITP-The Rapid
GVMC Staff
MDOT
GVMC Staff
WMEAC-RWBC
GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present
Jerry Alkema
Jamie Davies
Eric DeLong
Mike DeVries
George Haga

Allendale Township
City of Rockford
City of Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Township
Ada Township
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Krombeen entertained a motion to approve the May 20, 2015 Policy Committee minutes.

MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Altman, to approve of the May 20, 2015 Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FY2014-2017 TIP AMENDMENTS.MODIFICATIONS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A, Robinson informed the Committee that MDOT was requesting to amend/modify several FY2015 and FY2016 projects in the FY2014-2017 TIP. These changes included:

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<td>I-196 WB</td>
<td>Over the Grand River, US-131 and Local Streets</td>
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Robinson noted that most of the changes MDOT was requesting were associated with the GPA program and can be made without an amendment. Kent added that the good side of using GPAs is that changes can be done more simply. However, not as much information about the projects is provided. He noted that most of the changes are for FY2016 GPAs and that he could bring more information on these projects to the September meeting if the Committee wished.

Warren asked Kent to give a synopsis of the I-196 WB over the Grand River project. Kent stated that this project was part of the environmental assessment for I-196, but that MDOT left that out of the project in FY2010 due to the extensive cost and lack of funding. Kent noted that they’ll be doing a number of things, including an overlay of the deck itself and widening the piers in the bridge substructure, so they’ll be ready to widen the bridge when funding is available. Warren asked for clarification that they’re not adding lanes. Kent confirmed that they wouldn’t be adding lanes at this time. Discussion ensued.

Krombeen entertained a motion to amend/modify the FY2014-2017 TIP.

**MOTION by Varga, SUPPORT by Warren, to approve of the amendments/modifications to the FY2014-2017 TIP requested by MDOT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. NFC/NHS STATEWIDE REVIEW

Referring to Item V: Attachment A, Zonyk stated that the Kent County Road Commission would like to request a modification to the regionally approved National Function Classification (NFC) modifications post 2010 census statewide review. Specifically, they requested the following changes from the current NFC Local to NFC Major Collector:

1. Leffingwell Avenue – Knapp Street to 3 Mile Road (Grand Rapids Township): This section of road connects to a minor arterial (Knapp Street), and a Major Collector (Leffingwell) to the south.
2. Kraft Avenue – 92nd Street to Broadmoor Avenue (Caledonia Township): This segment connects a segment of NFC Major Collector to the South and State trunkline to the north.
3. Samrick Avenue – West River Drive to Post Drive (Plainfield Township): This segment of road connects to a Minor Arterial to the south and north.
Zonyk noted that the last time the Committee met, they approved of signing a resolution for NFC review. This request from the KCRC was formally submitted, but had a late entry from the KCRC to classify three roads. They brought this to the Technical Committee, and they moved to have this committee approve it. Zonyk stated that the Policy Committee can discuss this or move forward with the approval.

DeClercq asked if staff at the Technical Committee level discussed the traffic issues on certain sections of Leffingwell, including the area near Catholic Central’s athletic field. Zonyk explained that the Technical Committee did discuss this agenda item, but not specific traffic issues on this road. He noted that there is a bridge that’s federal aid on the north and south side, and they’re trying to bridge that gap. Discussion ensued.

Krombeen entertained a motion to approve amending the NFC list.

**MOTION by Hilton, SUPPORT by Arends, to approve amending the NFC list to reflect the KCRC’s requests, as identified. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Krombeen reminded those who arrived after the meeting started to sign the attendance sheet.

Itani stated that Senators Inhofe and Boxer introduced a new transportation bill—DRIVE—which raises transportation funding to $60 billion a year. He stated that he didn’t think the bill would get very far because it calls for an increase in the gas tax. He added that GVMC’s van is in the shop having the transmission repaired, but that staff would be out again soon collecting pavement data.

Bulkowski asked if there was any news on transportation funding coming out of Lansing. Warren responded that the House is supposed to be in session for a couple of days, and that he hasn’t heard much. Itani stated that the big issue with the latest House bill is where the $700 million in road funding will come from. He noted that the Senate bill is preferable because it calls for an increase in the gas tax. Varga added that the Senate bill is better for public transit. Warren stated that the general public seemed to be ok with an increase in revenue to fix the roads. He heard a lot of opposition to Proposal 1 because of how funding would be distributed to a variety of sources. Discussion ensued.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Krombeen adjourned the July 15, 2015 Policy Committee meeting at 9:54 am.