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 *(Chair)*

Proxy for Mike DeVries

Alex Arends

Grand Rapids 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

Proxy for Bill Dooley

City of Wyoming

City of Wyoming

Brett Laughlin

OCRC

Matt McConnon

Courtland Township

Liz Schelling

Proxy for Rod Ghearing

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
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 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 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.**