MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
POLICY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW, Grands Rapids, MI

Schmalzel, chair of the Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present
Darrell Schmalzel, Chair
Dan Burrill
Karyn Ferrick
Jim Hol trop
Tom Hooker
Andrew Johnson
Dennis Kent
Greg Madura
Josh Naramore
Rick Sprague
Julius Suchy
Ben Swayze
Cameron Van Wyngarden
Steve Warren
Rod Weersing
Stephen Wooden

City of Walker
City of Wyoming
City of Grand Rapids
City of Hudsonville
Byron Township
The Rapid
MDOT
Alpine Township
City of Grand Rapids
KCRC
Kent County
Village of Sparta
Cascade Charter Township
Plainfield Township
KCRC
Grand Rapids Township
Georgetown Township
Kent County Commission

Proxy for
Eric Mullen
MDOT

Eligible Members Not Present
Alex
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Voting Members Not Present
Gail Altman
Tim Bradshaw
Terry Brod
Mike Burns

Jamestown Township
City of Kentwood
Cannon Township
City of Lowell

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present
Amanda Chatel
Andrea Faber
Laurel Joseph
Terry Martin
Don Mayle
Norm Sevensma
Terri Smitt
Dan Strikerwa
George Yang
Mike Zonyk

Public Transit User
GVMC
GVMC
Carrier & Gable
MDOT
RWBC-WMEWAC
GVMC
GVMC
GVMC

Proxy for
Wayne Harrall
KCRC

Proxy for
Mike DeVries
GVMC

Proxy for
Mike Kent
GVMC

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MDOT
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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schmalzel entertained a motion to approve the May 15 and July 17, 2019 Policy Committee minutes.

**MOTION by Suchy, SUPPORT by Naramore, to approve the May 15 and July 17, 2019 Policy Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

Referring to **Item IV: Attachment A**, Joseph explained that MDOT, Kentwood, Kent County Road Commission, Grand Rapids, and staff on behalf of Ottawa County and GVMC 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 in the attached summaries. Please note that projects with the date of 6/6/2019 in the "Local Fed Approval Date" column were previously acted upon during the development of the FY2020-2023 TIP. Pending jobs without the 6/6/19 approval date have been highlighted...
for Committee reference. MDOT is also requesting Committee review of the S/TIP exempt project list.

Kent explained all the details of the MDOT requests to the Committee.

Strikwerda advised the Committee that the City of Hudsonville may need to change its limits depending on funding.

Joseph continued to address the remaining requests.

- The City of Kentwood is requesting to increase the budget for a FY2020 project. This increase will not change the federal funding associated with the project.

- Kent County Road Commission is requesting to move a project from the illustrative list into FY2020 to utilize STP Rural funds they are purchasing from Montcalm County.

- The City of Grand Rapids is requesting a TIP amendment to reduce the budget of a 2019 project by more than 25%. The federal amount will not change.

- Staff on behalf of Ottawa County Road Commission is requesting to change the funding source of a 2019 local bridge project from federal to state. This has triggered a GPA threshold amendment in the 2019 Local Bridge GPA. However, being so close to the end of the fiscal year, it is likely this project will need to move to FY2020, so that should be considered by the Committee.

- Staff is requesting Committee review and approval of a technical correction amendment to the FY2020 Planning Studies project. This project was transferred into JobNet from the E-file in the incorrect phase type. Therefore, the original job number needs to be abandoned and a replacement job has been created.

**MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Holtrop, to accept the FY2017-2020 AND FY2020-FY20-23 TIP AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. 2045 MTP VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND OBJECTIONS

Referring to Item V: Attachment A Faber advised the committee that one of the first steps in updating the MTP is to review the vision statement, goals and objectives to assure that they remain relevant and satisfy federal transportation planning factors. The goals and objectives in the 2040 MTP were too long and needed condensing. Taking into consideration the 10 planning factors from the FAST Act, data from the recent MTP survey, and performance-based planning requirements, the revision process began. The MTP Steering Committee met on Monday, August 26 to further refine them and the unanimously approved vision, goals and objectives are included in your agenda packet. Staff is asking for the committee to review and approve.

Naramore requested to strike the word “alternative” and use another term, such as “active.” Johnson followed up by suggesting the term “modes”.

**MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Warren, to approve the revised 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) VISION STATEMENT, GOALS AND**
OBJECTIVES with the term “alternative” being substituted with another term.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. FY2020-2023 DRAFT TAP PROJECT LIST

Referring to Item VI: Attachment A Joseph explained the proposed non-motorized projects and that they have gone through the non-motorized, TPSG and Technical Committees. Changes were made after the Technical meeting due to the City of Wyoming’s notification that the FY2020 Plaster Creek project will not be ready for obligation in that year so it was moved to FY2021. Staff is asking the Policy Committee to review and take action to support the attached pool of projects and to move forward in the MGS application system and go through the MDOT technical review process for potential regional TAP funding. Staff is asking for an action of support to move forward.

MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Johnson, to approve to move forward with the FY2020-2023 DRAFT TAP PROJECT LIST. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Faber discussed the e-mail that was sent to the Committee with the request for financial information for the long-range plan. Also advised them if they had questions to let staff know. Naramore asked that the week deadline of the request be extended. Schmalzel asked if this was new to request financial information for the long range plan. Faber discussed.

Zonyk gave an update on the MPO.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Schmalzel entertained a motion to adjourn the September 18, 2019 Policy Committee meeting at 10:56 am.

MOTION by Madura, SUPPORT by Burrill, to adjourn the September 18, 2019 Policy Committee meeting at 10:56 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.