JOINT TECHNICAL AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, May 20, 2020  
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AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—ACTION: Joint Tech/Policy Meeting Dated April 15, 2020  
Please refer to Item II: Attachment A

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS—ACTION: On behalf of Hope Network, Kent County Community Action, Grand Rapids, and Rockford, amendments/modifications to the FY2020-2023 TIP are being requested.  
Please refer to Item IV: Attachment A

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Video Conference

Schweitzer, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present

Terry Schweitzer (Chair)                City of Kentwood
Sue Becker                               Alpine Township
Kristin Bennett                         City of Grand Rapids
Ken Bergwerff                           Jamestown Township
Tim Bradshaw                            City of Kentwood/Caledonia Twp.
Terry Brod                              Cannon Township
Dan Burrill                             City of Wyoming
Scott Conners                           City of Walker
Mike DeVries                            Grand Rapids Township
Rick DeVries                            City of Grand Rapids
Karyn Ferrick                           City of Grand Rapids
Jim Ferro                               Ada Township
Tim Haagsma                             Gaines Township
Wayne Harrall                           Kent County
Roy Hawkins                             GFIAA
Russ Henckel                            City of Wyoming
Nicole Hofert                           City of Wyoming
Andrew Johnson                          ITP The Rapid
Dennis Kent                             Proxy for
                                        Mike Burns
                                        MDOT
                                        City of Lowell
                                      Ottawa County Road Commission
Brett Laughlin                          Alpine Township
Greg Madura                             Courtland Township
Matt McConnon                           Ottawa County Road Commission
Jim Miedema                             City of Hudsonville
Robert Miller                           City of Grand Rapids
Josh Naramore                           City of Walker
Darrel Schmalzel                        Algoma Township
Kelly Sheeran                           KCRC
Rick Sprague                            City of Hudsonville
Dan Strikwerda                          Village of Sparta
Julius Suchy                            City of Grandville
Charlie Sundblad                        Plainfield Township
Cameron Van Wyngarden                   City of Rockford
Phil Vincent                            Kent County Road Commission
Steve Warren                            Georgetown Township
Rod Weersing                            ITP-The Rapid
Kevin Wisselink
ITEM II: ATTACHMENT A

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present
Janet Arcuicci  MDOT OPT
Aaron Dawson  FHWA
Brad Doane  GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber  GVMC Staff
Mark Fitzpatrick  Ada Township
Jeff Franklin  MDOT
Art Green  MDOT
Laurel Joseph  GVMC Staff
Tyler Kent  MDOT
Josh Lunger  Grand Rapids Chamber
Terry Martin  Carrier Gable
Don Mayle  MDOT
Gayle McCrath  GVMC Staff
Norm Sevensma  RWBC/WMWAC
John Weiss  GVMC Staff
George Yang  GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk  GVMC Staff

Voting Members Not Present
Mike Burns  City of Lowell
Adam Elenbaas  Allendale Township
Rachel Gokey  Village of Sand Lake
Kevin Green  Algoma Township
Tim Grifhorst  Tallmadge Township
Jerry Hale  Lowell Township
Jim Holtvluwer  Ottawa County
Tom Hooker  Byron Township
Bill LaRose  Cedar Springs
Tom Noreen  Nelson Township
Steve Peterson  Cascade Charter Township
Rick Solle  Plainfield Township
Jeff Thornton  Village of Caledonia
Toby VanEss  Tallmadge Township

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sprague stated he was present in the last meeting representing Gaines Township. Joseph noted the change.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Laughlin, to approve the Jan. 15 meeting minutes with the noted change. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None
IV. TIP AMENDMENTS - ACTION: On behalf of MDOT, Grand Rapids, Lowell, Walker, and Wyoming amendments/modifications to the FY2020-2023 TIP are being requested.

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A, Joseph introduced the TIP amendments. Joseph explained last month the Technical Committee reviewed many of the TIP amendments the committee is going over today. However, the Policy Committee did not meet due to offices being shut down. Some 2020 amendments were approved using regional policy amendment allowing Technical or Policy Committee chairs/vice chairs to approve certain amendments. The amendments currently under consideration are as shown:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached TIP Amendments/Modifications Summary, including the corresponding GPA thresholds. MDOT is also requesting committee review of the S/TIP exempt project list. Many of the projects on this S/TIP exempt list have been reviewed by the Committees in the past – “new” projects have been highlighted.

- The federal proportion of the City of Grand Rapids Regional TOC projects increased to 80% of the total project cost because MDOT has agreed these projects can be funded out of the State’s ITS set-aside. The budget changes were administrative, but the FY2021 Local Traffic Ops and Safety GPA threshold was triggered and requires review and approval.

- The City of Lowell is requesting to add a State TAP funded project to FY2021 after completing the MGS review process and receiving a conditional commitment. This request was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Technical Committee in March.

- The City of Walker is requesting to add a regional TAP project to FY2021 after completing the MGS review process and receiving a conditional commitment. This request was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Technical Committee in March.

- The City of Wyoming is requesting to move a FY2020 State-EDC funded project to FY2021 due to the need for continued coordination with MDOT and FHWA on the final project design and timing for approval to break the limited access ROW for construction. This request was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Technical Committee in March.

Weiss stated there are a lot of amendments, but most of the items have already been approved by the Technical Committee or gone through some processes. Naramore agreed.

MOTION by Naramore SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend APPROVAL of the FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None
VI. APPROVAL OF 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)—ACTION: GVMC Staff is asking the Committee to approve the MTP with changes received during the public comment period.

Referring to Item VI: Attachment A, Faber explained the changes made to the MTP to the committee. The GVMC 2045 MTP document represents months of work and includes input from Committee members, stakeholders, and the public. The MTP updates are as follows:

The Technical and Policy Committees approved the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) at the joint meeting on January 15, 2020. The document then entered a 31-day public comment period that concluded on March 2, 2020. We received 20 comments from the public during this time frame, and they have been reviewed, responded to, and added to Appendix I of the MTP, starting on page 328.

Limited changes have been made to the document and include comments received to date as well as:

- A new appendix that details expected population growth by jurisdiction between 2015-2045
- Documentation of advertising for the public comment period
- Minor editorial updates

A public meeting was also held on Monday, February 10 at 5:30 pm at The Rapid. Seventeen people were in attendance, including five staff members from GVMC, two staff members from MDOT, one staff member from The Rapid, one representative from our PR firm, and eight members of the public—including a professor and student from GVSU and several members of Grand Rapids Climate Action. The members of the public expressed a variety of concerns, including these highlights:

- Educating the public about moving away from Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOVs)
- Radically changing the document to better address the climate change emergency and to consider transit as the dominant means of travel in the future, including funding transit at 10 times the current level
- Improving the survey and response rate
- Better connecting land use and transportation, so that transportation drives land use instead of land use driving transportation

All of these comments were addressed at the meeting.

Weiss complimented staff on their work on the document, particularly public involvement. Faber said the MTP garnered over 500 public comments and expanded on other outreach efforts.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Haagsma, to recommend approval of the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to the GVMC Board. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT—ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the resolution of support for the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 ozone NAAQS for the Grand Rapids Orphan Maintenance Area for GVMC’s 2045 MTP and 2020-2023 TIP.
Referring to Item VII: Attachment A, Faber introduced the Transportation Conformity Determination Report. Contents are shown in the attached resolution:

Per the court decision in South Coast II, beginning February 16, 2019, transportation conformity determinations for the 1997 ozone standard are needed for those areas that were maintenance areas when the 1997 ozone standard was revoked and then attainment for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standard, which includes GVMC’s MPO area.

MDOT has written a Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for the Grand Rapids orphan maintenance area which includes the GVMC 2045 MTP and the 2020-2023 TIP. This document demonstrates that these planning documents meet the Clean Air Act and Transportation Conformity rule requirements for the 1997 ozone NAAQS to conform to the State Implementation Plan as required by provisions of Title 40 CFR 51.390 and 93, and the South Coast II decision according to EPA’s Transportation Conformity Guidance for the South Coast II decision, and meets Title 23 CFR 450.

MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Wisselink, for APPROVAL of the resolution of support for the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 ozone NAAQS for the Grand Rapids Orphan Maintenance Area for GVMC’s 2045 MTP and 2020-2023 TIP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (FY2021 UPWP)

Joseph made an introductory comment stating the FY2021 UPWP includes the budget for all ferally assisted transportation activities undertaken by GVMC, The Rapid, and MDOT for the entire fiscal year.

No public comment

IX. PROPOSED FY2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET —ACTION: Staff is requesting the Committee's approval of the proposed FY2021 UPWP activities and budget before it is presented to the Board for final approval in May.

Referring to Item IX: Attachment A. Joseph referenced the outline and draft document committee members received in their agenda packets. Joseph highlighted aspects of the Unified Planning Work Program including:

Typical activities, such as maintaining and updating traffic demand model, pavement condition, collection, maintaining TIP, maintaining MTP, are staying the same for next year. There are new goals GVMC staff is hoping to achieve in the next fiscal year including the 2045 MTP. Next year staff is planning to do work toward implementing recommendations from the 2045 MTP, such as attempting to increase transportation funding, improving safety, including condition and operation of the existing transportation system, and mode shift away from single occupancy vehicles.

Joseph continued, saying GVMC staff will continue to work with their freight subcommittee toward a regional freight plan and continue work started this year to update GVMC’s nonmotorized plan and develop a new safety outreach campaign. Joseph mentioned GVMC will be looking to hire another planner and possibly an intern in the future as well. There will be no dues increase next year for committee members.
Wisselink said The Rapid has four projects under the UPWP including bus ADA compliance, program administration, transportation planning, and ride sharing.

Naramore addressed freight planning, recommending staff look at first mile, last mile delivery challenges. Naramore also stated the City of Grand Rapids is working with the University of Michigan on a Department of Energy Grant focused on delivery service. Naramore asked for a breakdown of unspent PL from previous years. Joseph addressed these comments.

**MOTION by Naramore, SUPPORT by Wisselink, for APPROVAL of the proposed FY2021 UPWP activities and budget before final approval in May. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Weiss introduced Laurel Joseph as GVMC’s new Director of Transportation Planning to the committee members and thanked everyone for their participation in today’s meeting.

Schweitzer said he appreciated the continued level of service the jurisdictions have been provided.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Schweitzer motioned to adjourn the April 15, 2020 Tech/Policy Committee meeting at 10:14 am, second by Haagsma. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2020

TO: GVMC Technical and Policy Committees

FROM: Laurel Joseph, Director of Transportation Planning

RE: FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

On behalf of Hope Network, Kent County Community Action, Grand Rapids, and Rockford, the following amendments/modifications to the FY2020-2023 TIP are being requested. Here are the specific requests:

- Hope Network and Kent County Community Action have received their allocation of Section 5310 funding for FY2020 and are, therefore, requesting to add transit capital projects to the TIP. These additions have triggered a GPA threshold increase that needs to be reviewed and approved (see pending projects and pending GPAs attachments).

- Grand Rapids and Rockford have both been awarded local safety funds from the statewide pool for safety projects in FY2021. Adding these projects to the FY2021 Local Traffic Operations and Safety GPA has triggered a GPA threshold increase that needs to be reviewed and approved (see pending projects and pending GPAs attachments).

- Grand Rapids is also requesting to amend a FY2021 reconstruction project, slightly modifying the limits and adding a significant amount of local funds. The federal funding level for this project will not change (see memo attached).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (616) 776-7610.
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May 12, 2020

Dear Ms. Joseph,

The City of Grand Rapids is scheduled to receive Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STPU) grant funds for Fulton Street – Arthur Avenue to Wallinwood Avenue in FY2021.

The City has submitted plans, specifications and estimate for a grade inspection to the Michigan Department of Transportation. During the design, the City’s Water Department requested that an additional block of water main replacement be done. Also, the project costs have increased. We ask that the following change be made to the project information in the Transportation Improvement Program:

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Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Rick DeVries, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer

cc: Eric DeLong  Karyn Ferrick  Josh Naramore
    Kristin Bennett  Tim Burkman  Breese Stam