MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Grand Rapids Township Hall
1836 East Beltline NE Grand Rapids, MI

Schweitzer, chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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
Tim Bradshaw City of Kentwood/Caledonia Twp.
Terry Brod Cannon Township
Scott Conners City of Walker
Mike DeVries Grand Rapids Township
Rick DeVries City of Grand Rapids
Karyn Ferrick City of Grand Rapids
Wayne Harrall Kent County
Roy Hawkins GFlAA
Russ Henckel City of Wyoming
Nicole Hofert City of Wyoming
Andrew Johnson ITP The Rapid
Dennis Kent Proxy for Mike Burns MDOT
Brett Laughlin Ottawa County Road Commission
Greg Madura Alpine Township
Jim Miedema Ottawa County Road Commission
Josh Naramore City of Grand Rapids
Darrel Schmalzel City of Walker
Rick Sprague Proxy for Tim Haagsma KCRC
Dan Strikwerda Gaines Township
Charlie Sundblad City of Hudsonville
Steve Warren City of Grandville
Rod Weersing Kent County Road Commission
Kevin Wisselink ITP-The Rapid
Steven Wooden Kent County

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present
Brad Doane GVMC Staff
Andrea Faber GVMC Staff
Art Green MDOT
Abed Itani GVMC Staff
Laurel Joseph GVMC Staff
Tyler Kent MDOT
II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Schweitzer advised that there will be NO ACTION. Formal November meeting minute approval will be pushed back to March separately for each Committee.

III. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

IV. **TIP AMENDMENTS**

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A. Joseph explained on behave MDOT, Kent County Road Commission, Grand Rapids, Lowell, Ottawa County Road Commission, Walker, Hudsonville, and Jamestown Twp the following amendments/modifications to the FY2020-2023 TIP are being requested. Here are the specific requests:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached TIP Amendments/Modifications Summary. 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.
Kent County Road Commission is requesting to add two local bridge projects to FY2022, which have triggered a FY2022 Local Bridge GPA threshold amendment.

The City of Grand Rapids is requesting to increase the total and local budget for multiple FY2020/2021 projects (no change in federal funding levels) and add a local bridge project to FY2022. These project changes/additions have also contributed to triggering GPA threshold amendments.

The City of Lowell is requesting to add a new small urban project to FY2020 that was recently selected by MDOT for funding.

Ottawa County Road Commission is requesting a slight budget adjustment on an RTP project. The is pending because of the pending FY2020 Local Road GPA threshold amendment.

The City of Hudsonville is requesting to move their Buttermilk Creek Pathway TAP project fully to FY2021. This project is currently half funded in FY2020 with the remainder using advanced construct funding in FY2021. Because of MGS application and review timing, this project will not make it to obligation in FY2020. It is recommended that the federal funding levels remain the same as originally programmed (please see draft TAP pool attachment for more project details).

The help balance the move of the Hudsonville TAP project to FY2021, staff, on behalf of Jamestown Twp/OCRC, is recommending to fully fund the Greenly Street nonmotorized path project in FY2020 instead of using advanced construction for half as originally programmed. This project is on track for obligation in FY2020.

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

V. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**

Referring to **Item V: Attachment A** Faber explained and passed around a sample of the MTP draft to the committee. The GVMC Staff The draft 2045 MTP document represents months of work and includes input from Committee members, stakeholders, and the public. GVMC staff have brought many elements of the draft document to the Technical and Policy Committees over the last several months, including:

1. Updated socioeconomic data for use in our new travel demand model
2. A revised vision statement, goals, and objectives for the MTP
3. The results of the comprehensive mode-based needs and deficiencies analysis, which included the integration of new performance-based planning requirements
4. The MTP project list

The following was also accomplished:
5. A financial analysis to determine projected funding levels through 2045
6. An environmental justice analysis and environmental mitigation analysis for the project list
7. Consultation on the draft project list (one comment received indicating support of the project lists)
Public involvement opportunities have also been continuous throughout the development of the MTP, and an official public comment opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft MTP will be held from February 1 – March 2. There will also be a public meeting during the public comment period. The date is, at this time, is to be determined.

At the March meetings, the Committees will again be asked to approve the draft document, which will be updated to include feedback received during the public comment period and/or minor editorial changes. GVMC staff plans to take the 2045 MTP to the GVMC Board for final approval on May 7, 2020.

Due to the large file size, please access the draft 2045 MTP at www.gvmc.org/mtp. It will be posted online by the end of the day on January 8, 2020.

Schweitzer advised the committee to check out the link on the GVMC website and that the MTP should be reviewed by the committee to prepare for the adoption.

**MOTION by Laughlin, SUPPORT by Hawkins, to recommend APPROVAL the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) DRAFT to bring the document to the public for comment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Faber advised that on the GVMC website is a copy of the Air Quality Conformity report ready to review.

Kent advised that February 5th, 2020 there will be a construction update meeting at the Grand Rapids TSC office. Kent will follow up by sending out a notice to the committee.

Itani addressed the committee with a “good bye” as this will be his last meeting before his retirement.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Schweitzer adjourned the January 15, 2020 Policy/Technical Committee meeting at 9:49 am.