MINUTES

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Kent County Road Commission
1500 Scribner NW  Grand Rapids, MI

Bradshaw, vice chair of the Technical Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Those present introduced themselves to the Committee.

I. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Voting Members Present
Sue Becker  Alpine Township
Kristin Bennett  City of Grand Rapids
Tim Bradshaw (Vice Chair)  City of Kentwood/ Caledonia Twp.
Terry Brod  Cannon Township
Scott Conners  City of Walker
Rick Devries  City of Grand Rapids
Jim Farro  Ada Township
Wayne Harrall  Kent County/ County of Kent
Nicole Hofert  City of Wyoming
Dennis Kent  MDOT

Proxy for

Mike Burns  City of Lowell
Tyler Kent  MDOT
Jack Klein  Ottawa County Road Commission

Proxy for

Brett Laughlin  Ottawa County Road Commission
Doug Lafave  City of East Grand Rapids
Jeff Oonk  City of Wyoming
Terry Schweitzer  City of Kentwood
Rick Sprague  Kent County Road Comm. /Gaines
Julius Suchy  Village of Sparta
Charlie Sundblad  City of Grandville
Kevin Wisselink  ITP-The Rapid

Staff and Non-Voting Guests Present
Janet Arouicci  MDOT
Tim Dye  Truscott Rossman
Andrea Faber  GVMC Staff
Jeff Franklin  MDOT
Laurel Joseph  GVMC Staff
Terry Martin  Carrie and Gable
Tim Mroz  The Right Place
Norm Sevensma  RWBC – WMEAC
John Weiss  GVMC Staff
George Yang  GVMC Staff
Mike Zonyk  GVMC Staff
II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bradshaw entertained a motion to approve the November 6, 2019 Technical Committee minutes.

MOTION by Suchy, SUPPORT by Harrall, to approve the November 6, 2019, Technical Committee meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. TIP AMENDMENTS

Referring to Item IV: Attachment A. Joseph explained that MDOT, Lowell, Walker, and Wyoming are requesting to amend/modify the FY2020-2023 TIP. Here are the specific requests:

- MDOT is requesting the amendments/modifications to the TIP project list in the attached pending projects summary. Kent explained MDOT was working on construction schedules and specific projects related to the Rebuild Michigan initiative. Laurel notes STIP Exempt projects
are also included as well with highlighted as new and are typically in unfunded preconstruction phases.

- Lowell is requesting to add a statewide TAP project into FY2021. They have received a conditional commitment from MDOT after completing the MGS.

- Walker is also requesting to add a regional TAP project to FY 2021. They have received a conditional commitment from MDOT after completing the MGS.

- 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 (see attached memo).

Bradshaw entertained a motion to approve the FY2020-2023 TIP amendments as presented.

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

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

Bradshaw opens this section for Public Comment. Faber summarizes that we’ve reached the fourth Milestone for public comment and a status of where we are at. With no comments Bradshaw Closes the Public comment opportunity.

Faber summarizes survey responses citing that we have tripled the rate of responses since our last MTP. Joseph elaborates on Faber’s hard work in her outreach to connect to the public. Faber commends the help from our members to get the message out for the survey.

VI. **Approval OF 2045 METORPOLITAN PLAN (MTP)**

Faber explains recent modifications and a response by Federal Highways that the document meets all regulations needed for approval. Faber asks for Technical Committee approval to move the document along to the Policy Committee as presented.

Tyler Kent comments positively about the work GVMC has done to make notable improvements in the plan.

Bradshaw entertains a motion from Technical committee to approve the draft document and move it to the Policy Committee.

**MOTION by Suchy, SUPPORT by LaFave, to recommend APPROVAL to send the 2045 MTP Project List to the Policy Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Laurel introduces results from the TPSG Committee recommendation for Using Additional STPU & EDFC Funds for FY2020.
TPSG Recommended to split the allocation for STP-Urban among three projects for OCRC (Port Sheldon & Riley St projects) & and the City of Grand Rapids (Lake Drive Project) with 2/3 of that allocation going to OCRC to use as they see fit where within their two projects. The total STP-Urban allocation is $145K.

For the State EDFC TPSG recommended that the $113K be split with KCRC (FY2020 84th St Project) receiving $80K and Kentwood (FY2021 32nd St Project) receiving $33K for their perspective projects.

Bradshaw suggests a motion to approve TPSG recommendations as presented.

**MOTION by Conners, SUPPORT by Suchy, to recommend APPROVAL of the TPSG Committee suggestions and take these to the Policy Committee for final approval.** **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

John Weiss provided a brief update about the Infrastructure Council and his view of how other regions in the state see west Michigan as a leading example of how our members work well together as “cylinders of excellence”.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Suchy adjourned the November 6, 2019, Technical Committee meeting at 10:00 am.