



Interurban Transit Partnership

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PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Rapid Central Station Conference Room (250 Grandville Avenue, SW) | Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

| | <u>PRESENTER</u> | <u>ACTION</u> |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| 1. PUBLIC COMMENT | | |
| 2. MINUTES REVIEW – January 10, 2022 | Terry Schweitzer | Review |
| 3. DISCUSSION | | |
| a. Ellsworth/RCS Renovation | Steve Schipper | |
| b. Busch Drive Property Acquisition | Steve Schipper | |
| c. TMP | Nick Monoyios | |
| 1) Board Retreat Recap | | |
| 2) TMP Committee Roster Review | | |
| 3) Local Operating Funding Tools | | |
| d. TDM Study Update | Nick Monoyios | |
| e. Division United Update | Nick Monoyios | |
| f. Mobility Summit – Precursor to TMP | Nick Monoyios | |
| 4. ADJOURNMENT | | |

Next meeting: May 9, 2022



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ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Bliss, Jack Hoffman, Terry Schweitzer, Paul Troost, Ryan Anderson

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Postema, Dave Bulkowski

Staff Attendees:

Deb Prato, Kris Heald, Steve Schipper, Mike Wieringa, Linda Medina, Steve Luther, Kevin Wisselink, Deron Kippen, Max Dillivan, Nancy Groendal, Bill Kirk, Andy Prokopy

Other Attendees:

Mr. Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered

2. MINUTES – November 15, 2021.

Mr. Schweitzer asked Ms. Heald to make a couple of minor changes to the minutes.

3. Discussion

a. TMP Goals & Objectives (prep for the Board Retreat)

Mr. Monoyios stated that on February 23, 2022, we will be having our Board Retreat and discussing the goals and objectives for the scope of work for the TMP. We want to develop a very diverse, robust, and intentionally composed roster for the steering committee which will go to the board to review that roster and get those folks on board to start developing the scope of work. The final RFP submission will be coming to the August Board meeting.

Mr. Schweitzer inquired if there were other funding opportunities with private entities to partner with. Perhaps looking at other opportunities outside the six cities.

Mr. Hoffman expanding geographics county-wide or to a regional system. He is willing to consider all options. Use the existing partnerships within the six cities as a steppingstone to a larger effort to create a regional transportation system. Mr. Troost added that we need to look beyond the six cities if we are looking 5 years down the road. He feels the best way to get more funding would be on the county-wide level. Mr. Hoffman also added that a big issue is manufacturers require bodies to be in

the field and the workers live in the city. He would like to see manufacturers build where the people live.

Mayor Bliss stated that one of the struggles is that companies don't have much space to continue to grow. She feels that we do need to look at a county-wide or regional model.

Ms. Prato wants to position The Rapid and our team to provide access to the many important services that the community needs such as employment, education, housing, medical, and recreation. These are not the biggest obstacles we have. We need to be systems thinkers. We need to look at where we could or should be in twenty (20) years. In terms of the public, Mr. Anderson would like to know where the demand is and what can The Rapid do best to help. Mr. Monoyios stated that we are in a really good position to steer this project in the right direction for years to come. We will discuss more at the Board Retreat in February.

b. Laker Line Expanded Scope Update

Mr. Monoyios said we are moving forward with the expanded scope initiative. We will be going to the Board in January for the purchase of a new vehicle and a compressor for the CNG Fueling Station. Mr. Schweitzer inquired in terms of the funding for these improvements if there was a timeline for completing all the items. Based on our timeline, Mr. Monoyios advised that all these items will be finished in this construction season for this calendar year.

c. TDM Study Update

Mr. Monoyios stated that an RFP was released, and a consultant team has been selected who is very highly regarded. The project team met with the consultant team to outline some of the tasks. Over the next six (6) months there will be an insight into transit implications. Transit will be a part of every TDM. There is no prescriptive approach to what TDM is in each region. Everything will be customized based on a specific process. Mr. Schweitzer asked how TDM fits in with the TMP? Mr. Monoyios indicated that the TMP will start at the latter end of the summer. One deliverable will be a TDM needs assessment and program evaluation which will start in March as we absorb that data and existing conditions that will be critical so timing is ideal because we can use that to inform some of the initial phases of the data collection of the TMP. Mr. Anderson asked how the consultants assess the voice of the user. Mr. Monoyios stated that latent demand is a big part of it. We could use capital dollars to make transit and biking more convenient. We talk about the first mile/last mile. It's a full spectrum of tools based on what the needs are.

d. Division United – Identifying Action Items

Mr. Monoyios gave a quick update on Division United. He advised that the project team meet monthly, and they will be bringing items for the board's input and review. Items are categorized in the short, mid, and long term. Joint opportunities will be a large part of it. Mr. Schweitzer said one of the aspirational items on the list is the Real Estate investment trusts. We had members from lending agencies on the steering committee, and our best prospect retired at the end of that study. We are going to need a leader in the lending industry to help lead the charge. The intention is to provide a funding source within the Division Avenue corridor to help both residents and businesses. Mr. Monoyios said that he will send out the legislative priority one-pager to the board after the meeting.

e. Preview of Planning & Technology Items

- IT

Mr. Prokopy stated that we will be bringing a Board item for an upgrade to the System Storage. We budgeted for this back in 2020. We are currently at 90% of our storage capacity. We are looking to plan for growth over the next five (5) years. The RFP went out approximately six (6) weeks ago. We had 4 responses come back. The responses range in cost from \$200,000 – \$300,000 one was in the 700,000 range. We still must go through the process of scoring these proposals. We have budgeted approximately \$200,000 in funds available to cover the cost. We have seen an uptick in the costs of

technology, but we have the funds budgeted to cover the cost. Ms. Prato asked if we don't do this, what is the risk? Mr. Prokopy stated that if we don't do this, we cannot continue some of our databases like AVAIL, INIT, and other critical systems. Mr. Guy inquired about using the Cloud. Some applications can move to the Cloud; Ecolane is one of those applications. On-Demand is also on the cloud.

Mr. Schweitzer asked how long of useful life will this be? Mr. Prokopy answered it will be approximately five (5) to six (6) years. Ms. Prato also stated that cyber security is a large part of this as well. Mr. Prokopy replied that we have taken measures to improve our cyber security awareness programs.

4. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



Kris Heald, Board Secretary



Date: March 11, 2022
To: Future Planning & Technology Committee
From: Nick Monoyios – Director of Planning
Subject: TRANSIT MASTER PLAN (TMP) – COMMITTEE ROSTER RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

The upcoming TMP will require the structure of Steering Committee (SC) and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure an effective, collaborative, and participatory process.

The SC is intended on being composed of community leaders and executives from high profile regional organizations. Its task will be to define the vision for this 20-year plan, identify key goals and objectives, and guide the process. This group will meet every two (2) months during the study period.

The TAC will be composed of jurisdictional staff in the study area to provide the technical expertise needed throughout the process and coordinate implementation of the plan outcomes. This group will meet once a month during the study period.

REQUEST

Staff requests the Committee’s deliberation and input to help finalize these rosters. Upon final review by the ITP Board, formalize invitations will be sent out to each candidate.

DRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE ROSTER

| SECTOR | AFFILIATION |
|--------------------------|--|
| Business | DeVos Place/Van Andel Arena (ASM Global) |
| Business | AHC Hospitality (Downtown GR Hotels) |
| Business | Amazon? |
| Business | Meijer? |
| Business | Gordon Food Service? |
| Business | Steelcase? |
| Business | Roskam Baking? |
| Business | Spartan Nash |
| Community Dev. | Grand Rapids Area Black Businesses (GRABB) |
| Community Dev. | Grand Action |
| Community Dev. | Greater Grand Rapids NAACP |
| Community Dev. | Frey Foundation? |
| Community Dev. | Grand Rapids Community Foundation? |
| Community Dev. | West Michigan Asian American Association |
| Community Dev. | Millennial or Youth Council Rep.? |
| Community Dev. | Grand Rapids Urban League |
| Development/Construction | Rockford Construction |
| Economic Dev. | Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce |
| Economic Dev. | The Right Place |
| Economic Dev. | Michigan Economic Development Corporation |
| Economic Dev. | West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce |
| Education | Pre-College/Secondary Students |
| Education | Pre-College/Secondary Students |
| Education | GRCC |
| Education | GRPS |
| Education | GVSU |
| Government | Kent County |
| Government | MDOT (Executive level) |
| Government | US Congressional Office |
| Government | Mayor of Grand Rapids (or Executive delegate) |
| Government | Mayor of Kentwood (or Executive delegate) |
| Government | Mayor of Walker (or Executive delegate) |
| Government | Mayor of Grandville (or Executive delegate) |
| Government | Mayor of East Grand Rapids (or Executive delegate) |
| Government | Mayor of Wyoming (or Executive delegate) |
| Government | Hudsonville City Manager & GVMC Board Member |
| Government | Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) |
| Government | Kent County Essential Needs Task Force (ENTF) |
| Government | Michigan House of Representatives Office |

| SECTOR | AFFILIATION |
|----------------|--|
| Health | Trinity Health - Mercy Health |
| Health | Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital |
| Health | Spectrum Health |
| Health | Metro Health |
| Housing | Dwelling Place |
| Housing | Grand Rapids Housing Commission |
| Housing | Housing Next |
| Non-Profit | Disability Advocates of Kent County (DAKC) |
| Non-Profit | Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. (DGRI) |
| Non-Profit | Area Agency on Aging |
| Non-Profit | Hope Network |
| Public | Transit Rider |
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| Workforce Dev. | West Michigan Works |

DRAFT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROSTER

| AFFILIATION |
|-------------------------------------|
| The Rapid |
| Mobile GR |
| City of Kentwood |
| City of Wyoming |
| City of East Grand Rapids |
| City of Walker |
| City of Grandville |
| Kent County Road Commission |
| MDOT |
| Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Gerald R Ford International Airport |
| Alpine Township |
| Plainfield Township |
| Grand Rapids Township |
| Cascade Township |
| Gaines Township |
| Byron Township |
| Georgetown Township |
| City of Hudsonville |