

Executive Committee
Joint meeting with GVMC Finance Committee

Thursday May 19, 2011 • 12 Noon
GVMC Offices – Riverview Center -- 678 Front Ave. NW

Agenda

- 1. Approval of Minutes – April 21, 2011**
- 2. Finance**
 - a. FY 2012 GVMC Transportation MPO Unified Planning Work Program and Budget**
- 3. Transportation Department**
 - a. Kent County Transit Needs Assessment Study**
- 4. Legislative Advocacy**
 - a. Follow-up report on GVMC Resolution on Reform and Reinvention**
 - b. Issues Update**
- 5. Other Items**

Memorandum

To: GVMC Executive Committee

From: Donald J. Stypula, Executive Director

Date: May 16, 2011

Re: Agenda items for our May 19, 2011 Executive Committee meeting

Attached are the agenda and relevant documents for our next GVMC Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for **12 noon Thursday May 19, 2011 here the GVMC offices**. This is a joint meeting with the GVMC Finance Committee so we can present for your consideration the GVMC FY 2012 Transportation MPO Work Plan and Budget. We also will bring you an update on the GVMC's soon-to-be-completed Kent County Transit Needs Study and then look over some legislative issues that we are engaging in Lansing.

We'll start by reviewing and approving the attached minutes from our April 21, 2011 meeting.

FINANCE: FY 2012 GVMC TRANSPORTATION MPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

Together with the members of the GVMC Finance Committee, we are asking you to review, approve and forward to Metro Council the GVMC FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities in which the GVMC Transportation Department will engage during the next fiscal year. As you can see from the attached spreadsheets, revenues and expenditures balance at \$1,327,844.21. These revenue and expenditure amounts will be used to build the complete GVMC general fund budget for FY 2012. Recall that we bring the transportation budget for your review at this time to allow MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration ample time to review the UPWP and prepare contracts for the individual program areas.

To aid in your review, I have attached supplemental materials, including the detailed spreadsheets listing expenditures and revenues, together with a summary of our areas of transportation planning program focus, the staffing model, and the FY 2012 dues structure for GVMC-MPO members prepared by GVMC Transportation Director Abed Itani.

At our joint committee meeting on Thursday, Abed will provide an overview of the UPWP and budget and answer your questions.

Proposed Action: Review, approve and forward to the Metro Council the GVMC Transportation Unified Planning Work Program and budget for FY 2012.

KENT COUNTY TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We are in the final stages of our multi-year study of the public demand for improved public transit options in those areas of Kent County not served by the ITP-The Rapid system. GVMC Transportation Planner Andrea Dewey, who is coordinating this transit analysis project, has prepared a short briefing memo – with links to documents on the GVMC web site – for your review. At our GVMC Board meeting on June 2 at the Kent County Commission Chambers, consultants from RLS & Associates, Inc. will be on-hand to give us a through briefing on the county-wide transit needs assessment and answer your questions.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY – REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Following GVMC Board approval of the resolution in support of state government reforms and reinvention, I prepared a cover letter for both Governor Rick Snyder and our West Michigan Legislators. The letter and resolution were transmitted via email to the offices of Governor Snyder and our legislative delegation early morning on May 12. The timing was good, in that lawmakers were engaged in the debate on the Governor’s business tax plan, and discussions are continuing on various bills – governing intergovernmental collaboration – in the next several weeks. Staff in the Governor’s office was pleased with the tone and language in the resolution, as were the staff people of most legislators from the West Michigan delegation.

I have attached the final resolution and cover letter for your records.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY – ISSUES UPDATE

Intergovernmental Collaboration – It appears that Senator Mark Jansen (R-Gaines Township) prefers to use the Grand Rapids metro area-inspired Municipal Partnership Act (MPA) as the vehicle for giving local governments a new tool to encourage intergovernmental collaboration and multi-jurisdictional service sharing. Three bills to favorably amend the state’s intergovernmental cooperation acts (House Bills 4310-4312) passed the House on March 24 and were referred to Jansen’s Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing. Jansen and his staff, however, have set those bills aside and are continuing to work with Curtis Holt from Wyoming and Eric DeLong from Grand Rapids to fashion a workable MPA covering all regions of the state. Jansen and our West Michigan lobbying team have made measurable progress with

the police and fire unions regarding the MPA provisions and Jansen wants to continue that forward progress. If said progress stalls on the MPA, look for Jansen to move the three House bills to the Senate floor to keep the process moving.

Governor Snyder's Special Message on Infrastructure – The second week of October is now the target for Governor Snyder to deliver a special message to the Legislature on Infrastructure. According to his staff, he will address both transportation-related infrastructure (roads, bridges, transit, air, freight and passenger rail), together with municipal water and sewer infrastructure. At the Request of Bill Rustem from the Governor's staff, I assembled a small work group of local utilities folks to develop a wish list of ideas for improving our ability to finance water and sewer infrastructure. I also engaged the Michigan Municipal Utility Directors Association to weigh in on this topic as well. From those meetings, I am putting together a comprehensive list of ideas and recommendations that we will share Rustem at his Lansing office in mid-June.

As always, we're looking forward to seeing you and having a fruitful discussion on Thursday. If you have any thoughts, comments, questions or suggestions you can reach me anytime on my cell phone at 616-450-5217, in the office at 776-7604, at home at 257-3372.

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 21, 2011
12:00 noon
Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI

MEETING NOTES

Present

Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Rick Root	City of Kentwood

Absent

Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Other

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chair Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of March 2011. MOVE – Fox. SUPPORT - Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance

Don Stypula reviewed the six month financial report. Everything is in line and if the Board approves the proposed amendments, the budget will be completely balanced for the year.

Cy Moore pointed out that the budget amendment will let GVMC operate the Strategic Initiatives department for a full fiscal year.

There is no update yet on the transportation audit.

MOTION – To the Financial Report to the GVMC Board. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Moore. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Budget Amendments

Don Stypula reviewed the proposed budget amendments. The largest change is for an MDOT grant of \$75,000 which will largely go to the Strategic Initiatives dept. There is also carry over funding for the transportation needs assessment and the Fisher Station project. Lower expected interest income is also reflected. The Finance committee has already reviewed and approved the amendments.

MOTION – To Forward the Budget Amendments to the Full GVMC Board at the May Meeting. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Legislative Advocacy

Don Stypula reported Eric DeLong discussed Grand Rapids' position on the Governor's initiatives at the last Legislative committee meeting. Their strategy is to be cooperative in order to get a seat at the table rather than being obstructionist; working with them to be part of the solution. A resolution is being formulated on GVMC's position and will be discussed at a special Legislative committee meeting Wednesday.

Don Stypula reported he received a request from the Chamber of Commerce to assemble a workgroup on the elimination of the personal property tax. The purpose is to develop a dollar for dollar replacement.

6. Transportation TIP Amendment

Due to several changes being requested by ITP The Rapid, KCRC, the City of Grand Rapids and MDOT to the FY2011-2014 TIP, staff is requesting approval of the following changes:

- ITP The Rapid is requesting to add a Specialized Services Operating Assistance grant to the FY2011 – 2014 TIP specifically to FY2012. The grant is for \$463,289, 100% State funded.

- The KCRC is requesting to add two awarded High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects to FY2012 (please see attached). KCRC is also requesting to remove Byron Center Township from the Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail project. The Macatawa Area Coordinating Council (MACC) MPO will display the remainder of the awarded project in their TIP. Next, KCRC is requesting to move an FY2012 Local Bridge Fund project (68th Street Bridge over Plaster Creek) to FY2011. Finally, KCRC is requesting to divide a current FY2011 trail project - Musketawa Trail to White Pine Trail Connector - into 3 phases with obligation to occur accordingly at 3 different times in FY2011.
- The City of Grand Rapids is requesting to change the scope and remove one awarded FY2011 Safety project (please see attached). The City is also requesting to add a Rail Trail Acquisition project as well as Butterworth Avenue Realignment and Reconfiguration project for design phase services.
- MDOT is requesting Administrative Modifications as well as Amendments to the FY2011-2014 TIP, specifically to FY2011 and FY2012.

MOTION – To Move the Proposed TIP Amendments to the Agenda of the May GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Other

8. Adjournment – 1:15 p.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Fox. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GVMC Finance Committee Members

FROM: Abed Itani, Director of Transportation Planning

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 2011

RE: FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program Proposed Budget

The FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities that the GVMC Transportation Division, the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), will undertake. The GVMC must submit the UPWP annually to the sponsoring federal agencies, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, prior to October 1st. It functions as the coordinated budget for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Attached to this memo, a general outline of the FY2012 UWP transportation tasks related to GVMC Transportation Department and associated budget to complete these tasks. The GVMC Transportation Program receives its local match through dues assessed to the 33 participating member agencies. The ITP and MDOT activities and associated budgets will be made available to GVMC upon completion before end of June.

If you have any questions please call me at 776-7606.

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FY2012 GVMC Unified Work Program Tasks

Program Areas of Focus:

- **Transportation/Land Use Regional Coordination**
This activity will continue our coordination with land use planning departments within the MPO area and to continue to develop and update the social economic data for use in the travel demand forecasting model and corridor studies.
- **Safety Conscious Planning (Intersection Profile Study)**
This task will continue our efforts to bring safety planning into the mainstream MPO planning process as required by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) based on the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) requirements. GVMC will continue to hold safety forums and other educational activities to raise the awareness of safety planning and enhancement within the MPO area.
- **Transportation Geographic Information System**
This task will provide staff training to utilize the REGIS and GIS+/TransCad. Also this will enable the transportation department to migrate fully to a platform that is compatible with the state Framework and REGIS. Staff will update the regional transportation database and will input all data in GIS format.
- **Travel Demand Model Update/Calibration/Validation/Air Quality (MOVES)**
The transportation department will continue to enhance the travel demand model we currently use. Staff will be involved in the development and maintenance of a mode split model to allow simulation of most modes of transportation. GVMC staff will perform a model validation analysis to determine and improve the model accuracy. GVMC will assist MDOT is collecting freight data for the purpose of developing a freight model. Staff will develop new technical tools to produce data for use in the MOVES2010 program. Staff will develop "Local" data input files for the MOVES2010 program.
- **Transit/Mode Split Model**
The transportation department will continue to improve and maintain the transit model, in cooperation with MDOT and the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP), which will allow simulation and evaluation of most transit bus route alternatives.
- **Freight Planning**
MPO staff will work closely with local officials, interest groups, state, and federal transportation partners to further integrate freight planning into the transportation planning process. MPO staff will work with stakeholders to inventory and monitor freight routes and intermodal facilities within the metropolitan area. MPO staff will also monitor freight related issues and seek input from freight stakeholders on how to best integrate freight planning into the existing transportation process.
- **Clean Air Action! Program**
This task will continue the effort of the Council to educate and raise the

awareness of the general public with regard to ground level ozone and its negative health impacts.

- **Congestion Management System (CMS)**
To comply with this federal requirement in SAFETEA-LU the transportation department will continue to expand and improve the Congestion Management System which allows us to monitor congestion and its causes. GVMC staff will collect data on peak hour traffic volumes to determine the level of service during the peak hour rush. GVMC staff will analyze traffic accident data to identify high accident locations for future improvements.
- **Pavement Management System (PMS)**
To assure compliance with SAFETEA-LU the transportation department will continue to improve the Pavement Management System which allows us to monitor pavement conditions in the most productive way and efficient fashion. GVMC will again collect pavement condition data for 1,600 miles of federal aid roads in the Grand Rapids metropolitan area.
- **2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update**
Staff will continue to monitor and update the LRTP. Staff will be working with the MPO communities to update/amend the LRTP during this fiscal year. Staff will be working with elected officials and technical committee members to meet regional goals and objectives in order to improve mobility and reduce vehicle emissions.
- **2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update**
Staff will monitor 2011-2014 TIP projects. Staff will begin the development of the 2014-2017 TIP in compliance with SAFETEA-LU.
- **Intelligent Transportation System (ITS Implementation)**
The transportation department will continue its effort to complete the ITS deployment activities as recommended by the ITS study.
- **Non-Motorized Plan**
Staff will continue to work on updating the non-motorized plan and amending any changes to the long range transportation plan.
- **Public Involvement/Information**
Staff will continue to improve public involvement in the transportation process as required by SAFETEA-LU.
- **Technical Assistance**
Staff will continue to provide technical assistance on various projects as requested from the MPO members.

Staffing

Work Load and federal funding is available to support seven full time and two part time staff positions. The proposed staffing model is as follows:

Transportation Director
 Administrative Assistant
 Senior Transportation Planner (2)
 Transportation Planner (4)
 Part time Interns (1)

Director of Transportation Planning: Responsible for administration of the transportation planning program, development of the Council's transportation unified work program and policies, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Long Range Transportation Plan, establishment of project budgets, management of the transportation staff, management of the transportation department budget, staff coordinator of GVMC Transportation Committees, and coordinates with state and federal agencies.

Administrative Assistant: Duties will include assistance in preparing agendas for the Transportation Programming Study Group, Technical and Policy committees meetings, updating traffic and demographic data files, assisting in Ozone Action Program activities, preparing annual reports, and other administrative tasks.

Senior Transportation Planner: Duties will include travel demand modeling, traffic impact studies, GIS data development and updates, updating the Transportation Management Systems (CMS, PMS and SMS), and updating the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Senior Transportation Planner: Duties will include work on updating the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, development and management of a regional non-motorized plan, developing non-motorized projects for future funding and inclusion in the TIP, participation in early transit route planning and services with the transit providers, collecting traffic data, air quality conformity analysis and land use activities.

Transportation Planner: Duties will include work on developing a regional safety plan as a part of the long range transportation plan, involvement in the ITS program, assist in the development of SMS and updating of the PMS, collecting traffic data, coordinating efforts with MDOT and FHWA regarding safety issues, and providing technical assistance to local units of government.

Transportation Planner: Duties will include work on the developing and managing the Transportation Improvement Program, traffic count program, managing enhancement and CMAQ projects, HPMS updates, collecting traffic data, GIS data updates, air quality conformity analysis for the TIP and the long range transportation plan, and coordination with MDOT, FHWA, transit providers and local units of government.

It is assumed that all staff time will be charged to MPO transportation related activities.

GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL/TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
 FY2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Work Item	GVMC EXPENDITURES					TOTAL
	CONTRACT	SALARY	FRINGES	DIRECT	INDIR. ALLOC.	
1.0 DATA BASE MANAGEMENT						
1.1 Demographic & Economic Projections	0	7,841	2,843	2,500	8,256	21,439.95
1.2 Traffic Volumes & Physical Conditions	0	10,020	3,633	5,000	10,550	29,203.09
CONSULTANT (TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM)	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
1.3 Geographic Information System Maintenance & Update	0	24,942	9,044	2,500	26,263	62,749.12
CONSULTANT (GIS)	40,000	0	0	0	0	40,000.00
SUBTOTAL	40,000	42,803	15,520	10,000	45,069	153,392.17
2.0 LONG RANGE PLANNING						
2.1 Travel Demand/Air Quality Modeling	0	46,303	16,789	3,000	48,755	114,848.02
2.2 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update	0	34,343	12,453	2,500	36,162	85,457.02
SUBTOTAL	0	80,646	29,242	5,500	84,917	200,305.04
3.0 SHORT RANGE PLANNING						
3.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	0	34,612	12,550	5,000	36,446	88,608.47
3.2 Technical Assistance	0	16,667	6,043	5,000	17,549	45,258.96
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3.3 Clean Air Action! Program	0	29,648	10,750	0	31,218	71,616.29
CONSULTANT	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000.00
3.4 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)	0	5,919	2,146	0	6,233	14,298.08
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3.5 Non_Motorized Planning	0	5,086	1,844	2,500	5,356	14,786.46
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3.6 Safety Conscious Planning	0	7,339	2,661	0	7,728	17,727.48
SUBTOTAL	25,000	99,271	35,996	12,500	104,529	277,295.74
4.0 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS						
4.1 Pavement Management System	0	54,997	19,942	5,000	57,910	137,848.94
CONSULTANT	45,000	0	0	0	0	45,000.00
4.2 Congestion Management System	0	36,089	13,086	5,000	38,000	92,175.17
CONSULTANT	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000.00
4.3 Asset Management***	0	4,401	1,596	10,000	4,634	20,631.10
SUBTOTAL	80,000	95,487	34,624	20,000	100,544	330,655.21
5.0 RIDESHARING						
5.1 Rideshare	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.0 SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNING						
6.1 ADA Planning/Compliance	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.2 Community Information & Education	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.3 Human Resource Planning	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.4 Long Range Planning	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.5 REGIS/GVMC	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.6 Website Development	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.7 Feasibility Study	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
7.0 PROGRAM COORDINATION						
7.1 Administration	0	93,986	34,079	5,000	98,963	232,028.42
SUBTOTAL	0	93,986	34,079	5,000	98,963	232,028.42
8.0 Land Use Planning						
8.1 Land Use Coordination	0	55,543	20,140	0	58,485	134,167.63
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SUBTOTAL	0	55,543	20,140	0	58,485	134,167.63
			FRINGE RATE =		36.26%	
			INDIRECT ALLOCATION RATE =		77.28%	
TOTALS	145,000	467,736	169,601	53,000	492,508	1,327,844.21

GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL/TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
 FY2011-2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Work Item	GVMC REVENUES						TOTAL
	STP	PL SEC-112	CMAQ	SPR MTF	FTA SEC-5303	LOCAL MATCH	
1.0 DATA BASE MANAGEMENT							
1.1 Demographic & Economic Projections	0	8,774	0	0	8,576	4,090	21,439.95
1.2 Traffic Volumes & Physical Conditions	0	23,903	0	0	0	5,300	29,203.09
CONSULTANT (TRAFFIC COUNT PROGRAM)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
1.3 Geographic Information System Maintenance & Update	0	28,248	0	0	22,590	11,911	62,749.12
CONSULTANT (GIS)	32,740	0	0	0	0	7,260	40,000.00
SUBTOTAL	32,740	60,925	0	0	31,166	28,561	153,392.17
2.0 LONG RANGE PLANNING							
2.1 Travel Demand/Air Quality Modeling	0	61,102	0	0	32,157	21,589	114,848.02
2.2 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update	0	52,460	0	0	17,091	15,906	85,457.02
SUBTOTAL	0	113,562	0	0	49,249	37,494	200,305.04
3.0 SHORT RANGE PLANNING							
3.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	0	47,142	0	0	24,810	16,656	88,608.47
3.2 Technical Assistance	0	20,374	0	0	16,293	8,591	45,258.96
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3.3 Clean Air Action! Program	0	0	57,293	0	0	14,323	71,616.29
CONSULTANT	0	0	20,000	0	0	5,000	25,000.00
3.4 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)	0	11,703	0	0	0	2,595	14,298.08
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3.5 Non_Motorized Planning	0	12,103	0	0	0	2,684	14,786.46
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
3.6 Safety Conscious Planning	0	14,510	0	0	0	3,218	17,727.48
SUBTOTAL	0	105,832	77,293	0	41,104	53,067	277,295.74
4.0 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS							
4.1 Pavement Management System	0	112,829	0	0	0	25,020	137,848.94
CONSULTANT	36,833	0	0	0	0	8,168	45,000.00
4.2 Congestion Management System	0	75,445	0	0	0	16,730	92,175.17
CONSULTANT	28,648	0	0	0	0	6,353	35,000.00
4.3 Asset Management***	0	0	0	20,631	0	0	20,631.10
SUBTOTAL	65,480	188,275	0	20,631	0	56,269	330,655.21
5.0 RIDESHARING							
5.1 Rideshare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.0 SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNING							
6.1 ADA Planning/Compliance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.2 Community Information & Education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.3 Human Resource Planning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.4 Long Range Planning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.5 REGIS/GVMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.6 Website Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
6.7 Feasibility Study	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
7.0 PROGRAM COORDINATION							
7.1 Administration	0	151,932	0	0	37,125	42,972	232,028.42
SUBTOTAL	0	151,932	0	0	37,125	42,972	232,028.42
8.0 Land Use Planning							
8.1 Land Use Coordination	0	71,381	0	0	37,567	25,220	134,167.63
CONSULTANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
SUBTOTAL	0	71,381	0	0	37,567	25,220	134,167.63
TOTALS	98,220	691,907	77,293	20,631	196,210	243,584	1,327,844.21

FY2012 Local Match Projections

	Transportation Planning Activities Common Local Match	Transportation Planning Activities Operational/Project Local Match
<u>1.0 DATA BASE MANAGEMENT</u>		
1.1 Demographic & Economic Projections	\$4,090	
1.2 Traffic Volumes & Physical Conditions	\$2,650	\$2,650
1.3 Geographic Information System Maintenance & Update	\$19,171	
<u>2.0 LONG RANGE PLANNING</u>		
2.1 Travel Demand/Air Quality Modeling	\$21,589	
2.2 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Update	\$15,906	
<u>3.0 SHORT RANGE PLANNING</u>		
3.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)		\$16,656
3.2 Technical Assistance	\$8,591	
3.3 Clean Air Action! Program	\$19,323	
3.4 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)	\$0	\$2,595
3.5 Non_Motorized Planning	\$2,684	
3.6 Safety Conscious Planning	\$0	\$3,218
<u>4.0 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</u>		
4.1 Pavement Management System		\$33,187
4.2 Congestion Management System		\$23,082
4.3 Asset Management***	\$0	
<u>7.0 PROGRAM COORDINATION</u>		
7.1 Administration	\$34,377	\$8,594
<u>8.0 Land Use Planning</u>		
8.1 Land Use Coordination	\$25,220	
Subtotal	\$153,601	\$89,983
Percent Cost Per Activity	63.06%	36.94%
GVMC Contributions	\$34,682	\$20,318
Total	\$118,919	\$69,665
Urban Total Cost	\$113,413	\$59,190
Cost Of Rural Program	\$5,506	\$3,225
<u>Rural Lane Miles</u>	Rural Miles	Common Cost
Kent County Road Commission	694.86	\$5,187
Ottawa County road Commission	42.72	\$319
		Operational Cost
		\$3,038
		\$187

FY2012 Local Match Projections
2000 Census

	Population	FY2011 Dues	Transportation Planning Activities Common Local Match	MPO Agency Road Centerline Federal Aid Urban Lane Miles	MPO Agency Road Centerline Local Federal Aid Miles Percent	Transportation Planning Activities Operational/Project Local Match	FY2012 Total Dues
Kent Co Rd Comm Urban		\$38,018	\$11,471	775.70	36.65%	\$24,733	\$36,203
Kent Co Rd Comm Rural		\$5,953	\$2,593	694.86	94.21%	\$3,038	\$5,632
Ada	9,882	\$1,590	\$1,500	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,500
Algoma	7,596	\$1,222	\$1,153	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,153
Alpine	13,042	\$2,098	\$1,979	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,979
Byron	17,553	\$2,824	\$2,664	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,664
Caledonia	8,964	\$1,442	\$1,360	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,360
Cannon	12,075	\$1,943	\$1,833	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,833
Cascade	15,107	\$2,431	\$2,293	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,293
Courtland	5,817	\$936	\$883	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$883
Gaines	20,112	\$3,236	\$3,052	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$3,052
Grand Rapids	14,056	\$2,261	\$2,133	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,133
Plainfield	30,195	\$4,858	\$4,583	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$4,583
Sparta	4,968	\$799	\$754	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$754
Subtotal	159,367	\$25,640	\$24,187	0.00		\$0	\$24,187
Ottawa Co Rd Comm Urban		\$11,330	\$3,134	266.16	12.58%	\$7,631	\$10,764
Ottawa Co Rd Comm Rural		\$366	\$159	42.72	5.79%	\$187	\$346
Allendale	13,976	\$2,045	\$1,927	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,927
Georgetown	41,658	\$6,096	\$5,743	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$5,743
Jamestown	5,062	\$741	\$698	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$698
Tallmadge	6,881	\$1,007	\$949	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$949
Subtotal	67,577	\$9,889	\$9,316	0.00		\$0	\$9,316
Cities/Villages							
Cedar Springs	3,112	\$669	\$422	7.38	0.35%	\$206	\$628
East Grand Rapids	10,764	\$2,159	\$1,458	20.31	0.96%	\$568	\$2,027
Grand Rapids	197,800	\$41,063	\$26,801	419.55	19.82%	\$11,734	\$38,535
Grandville	16,263	\$4,723	\$2,204	79.32	3.75%	\$2,218	\$4,422
Hudsonville	7,160	\$1,834	\$970	26.75	1.26%	\$748	\$1,718
Kentwood	45,255	\$10,736	\$6,132	140.63	6.64%	\$3,933	\$10,065
Lowell	4,013	\$935	\$544	11.89	0.56%	\$333	\$876
Rockford	4,626	\$1,207	\$627	18.01	0.85%	\$504	\$1,131
Sparta	4,156	\$853	\$563	8.49	0.40%	\$237	\$801
Walker	21,842	\$6,363	\$2,960	107.20	5.07%	\$2,998	\$5,958
Wyoming	69,368	\$17,041	\$9,399	235.01	11.10%	\$6,573	\$15,972
Subtotal	384,359	\$87,583	\$52,080	1,074.54		\$30,052	\$82,132
Other Transportation Members							
ITP	N/A	\$14,500	\$7,250	0.00	0.00%	\$7,250	\$14,500
Kent Co Airport	N/A	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,500
MDOT	N/A	\$0	\$0	531.12	20.06%	\$0	\$0
Subtotal		\$16,000	\$8,750	531.12		\$7,250	\$16,000
Kent County	574,335	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$3,000
Ottawa County	83,314	\$1,476	\$1,476	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,476
Subtotal		\$4,476	\$4,476	0.00		\$0	\$4,476
FY 2011GVMC Administrative Match	\$60,000	\$259,256	\$116,166	2,647.52		\$72,890	\$189,056
FY2012 GVMC Administrative Match	\$55,000		Adjusted Total Minus MDOT Miles	2,116.40		Local Match	\$244,056

FY2012 Local Match Projections
2010 Census

	Population	FY2011 Dues	Transportation Planning Activities Common Local Match	MPO Agency Road Centerline Federal Aid Urban Lane Miles	MPO Agency Road Centerline Local Federal Aid Miles Percent	Transportation Planning Activities Operational/Project Local Match	FY2012 Total Dues
Kent Co Rd Comm Urban		\$38,018	\$11,471	775.70	36.65%	\$24,733	\$36,203
Kent Co Rd Comm Rural		\$5,953	\$2,593	694.86	94.21%	\$3,038	\$5,632
Ada	13,142	\$1,590	\$1,864	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,864
Algoma	9,932	\$1,222	\$1,409	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,409
Alpine	13,336	\$2,098	\$1,892	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,892
Byron	20,317	\$2,824	\$2,882	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,882
Caledonia	10,821	\$1,442	\$1,535	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,535
Cannon	13,336	\$1,943	\$1,892	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,892
Cascade	17,134	\$2,431	\$2,431	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,431
Courtland	7,678	\$936	\$1,089	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,089
Gaines	25,146	\$3,236	\$3,567	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$3,567
Grand Rapids	16,661	\$2,261	\$2,364	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,364
Plainfield	30,952	\$4,858	\$4,391	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$4,391
Sparta	4,970	\$799	\$705	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$705
Subtotal	183,425	\$25,640	\$26,022	0.00		\$0	\$26,022
Ottawa Co Rd Comm Urban		\$11,330	\$3,134	266.16	12.58%	\$7,631	\$10,764
Ottawa Co Rd Comm Rural		\$366	\$159	42.72	5.79%	\$187	\$346
Allendale	20,708	\$2,045	\$2,685	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$2,685
Georgetown	46,985	\$6,096	\$6,092	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$6,092
Jamestown	7,034	\$741	\$912	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$912
Tallmadge	7,575	\$1,007	\$982	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$982
Subtotal	82,302	\$9,889	\$10,672	0.00		\$0	\$10,672
Cities/Villages							
Cedar Springs	3,509	\$669	\$448	7.38	0.35%	\$206	\$655
East Grand Rapids	10,694	\$2,159	\$1,366	20.31	0.96%	\$568	\$1,934
Grand Rapids	188,040	\$41,063	\$24,018	419.55	19.82%	\$11,734	\$35,752
Grandville	15,378	\$4,723	\$1,964	79.32	3.75%	\$2,218	\$4,183
Hudsonville	7,116	\$1,834	\$909	26.75	1.26%	\$748	\$1,657
Kentwood	48,707	\$10,736	\$6,221	140.63	6.64%	\$3,933	\$10,154
Lowell	3,783	\$935	\$483	11.89	0.56%	\$333	\$816
Rockford	5,719	\$1,207	\$730	18.01	0.85%	\$504	\$1,234
Sparta	4,140	\$853	\$529	8.49	0.40%	\$237	\$766
Walker	23,537	\$6,363	\$3,006	107.20	5.07%	\$2,998	\$6,004
Wyoming	72,125	\$17,041	\$9,213	235.01	11.10%	\$6,573	\$15,785
Subtotal	382,748	\$87,583	\$48,889	1,074.54		\$30,052	\$78,941
Other Transportation Members							
ITP	N/A	\$14,500	\$7,250	0.00	0.00%	\$7,250	\$14,500
Kent Co Airport	N/A	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,500
MDOT	N/A	\$0	\$0	531.12	20.06%	\$0	\$0
Subtotal		\$16,000	\$8,750	531.12		\$7,250	\$16,000
Kent County	602,622	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$3,000
Ottawa County	89,418	\$1,476	\$1,476	0.00	0.00%	\$0	\$1,476
Subtotal		\$4,476	\$4,476	0.00		\$0	\$4,476
FY 2011 GVMC Administrative Match	\$60,000	\$259,256	\$116,166	2,647.52		\$72,890	\$189,056
			Adjusted Total				
FY2012 GVMC Administrative Match	\$55,000		Minus MDOT Miles	2,116.40		Local Match	\$244,056

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FY2012 Local Match Projections

Lane Miles	Population	Existing Dues Structure \$0.16	Transportation Planning Activities Common Local Match	MPO Agency Road Centerline Federal Aid Lane Miles	Transportation Planning Activities Operational/Project Local Match	Total Dues
Kent Co Rd Comm Urban		\$28,677	\$11,471	775.70	\$24,196	\$35,667
Kent Co Rd Comm Rural		N/A	\$2,953	694.86	\$2,979	\$5,932
Ada	9,882	\$1,581	\$1,783	0.00	\$0	\$1,783
Algoma	7,596	\$1,215	\$1,371	0.00	\$0	\$1,371
Alpine	13,042	\$2,087	\$2,353	0.00	\$0	\$2,353
Byron	17,553	\$2,808	\$3,167	0.00	\$0	\$3,167
Caledonia	8,964	\$1,434	\$1,618	0.00	\$0	\$1,618
Cannon	12,075	\$1,932	\$2,179	0.00	\$0	\$2,179
Cascade	15,107	\$2,417	\$2,726	0.00	\$0	\$2,726
Courtland	5,817	\$931	\$1,050	0.00	\$0	\$1,050
Gaines	20,112	\$3,218	\$3,629	0.00	\$0	\$3,629
Grand Rapids	14,056	\$2,249	\$2,536	0.00	\$0	\$2,536
Plainfield	30,195	\$4,831	\$5,449	0.00	\$0	\$5,449
Sparta	4,968	\$795	\$896	0.00	\$0	\$896
Subtotal	159,367	\$25,499	\$28,758	0.00	\$0	\$28,758
Ottawa Co Rd Comm Urban		\$7,834	\$3,134	266.16	\$7,463	\$10,597
Ottawa Co Rd Comm Rural		N/A	\$182	42.72	\$183	\$365
Allendale	13,976	\$2,236	\$2,304	0.00	\$0	\$2,304
Georgetown	41,658	\$6,665	\$6,866	0.00	\$0	\$6,866
Jamestown	0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0	\$0
Tallmadge	6,881	\$1,101	\$1,134	0.00	\$0	\$1,134
Subtotal	62,515	\$10,002	\$10,304	0.00	\$0	\$10,304
Cities/Villages						
Cedar Springs	3,112	\$498	\$504	7.38	\$202	\$706
East Grand Rapids	10,764	\$1,722	\$1,743	20.31	\$556	\$2,298
Grand Rapids	197,800	\$31,648	\$32,028	419.55	\$11,476	\$43,504
Grandville	16,263	\$2,602	\$2,633	79.32	\$2,170	\$4,803
Hudsonville	7,160	\$1,146	\$1,159	26.75	\$732	\$1,891
Kentwood	45,255	\$7,241	\$7,328	140.63	\$3,847	\$11,174
Lowell	4,013	\$642	\$650	11.89	\$325	\$975
Rockford	4,626	\$740	\$749	18.01	\$493	\$1,242
Sparta	4,156	\$665	\$673	8.49	\$232	\$905
Walker	21,842	\$3,495	\$3,537	107.20	\$2,932	\$6,469
Wyoming	69,368	\$11,099	\$11,232	235.01	\$6,428	\$17,660
Subtotal	384,359	\$61,497	\$62,236	1,074.54	\$29,391	\$91,627
Other Transportation Members						
ITP	N/A	\$7,250	\$7,250	0.00	\$7,250	\$14,500
Kent Co Airport	N/A	\$747	\$1,500	0.00	\$0	\$1,500
MDOT	N/A	\$0	\$0	531.12	\$0	\$0
Subtotal		\$7,997	\$8,750	531.12	\$7,250	\$16,000
Kent County	574,335	\$8,131	\$3,000	0.00	\$0	\$3,000
Ottawa County	83,314	\$1,476	\$1,476	0.00	\$0	\$1,476
Subtotal		\$9,607	\$4,476	0.00	\$0	\$4,476
GVMC Administrative Match	\$40,000	\$151,114	\$132,263	2,647.52	\$71,462	\$203,725
		Adjusted Total				
		Minus MDOT Miles		2,116.40	Local Match	\$243,725

Population of Michigan Cities, Villages, Townships, and Remainders of Townships: 2000 and 2010

Area Name	Resident Population											
	2000					2010					Change from 2000-2010	
	Original Count	Revised Count	Percent of Total	Rank	Original Count	Percent of Total	Rank	Percent Change	Rank			
Kent County	574,335	574,336	5.78%	--	602,622	6.10%	--	+4.9%	--			
Ada township	9,882	9,882	0.10%	184	13,142	0.13%	145	+33.0%	48			
Algonia township	7,596	7,590	0.08%	232	9,932	0.10%	191	+30.9%	55			
Alpine township	13,976	13,976	0.14%	122	13,336	0.13%	142	-4.6%	1,272			
Bowne township	2,743	2,743	0.03%	581	3,084	0.03%	547	+12.4%	242			
Byron township	17,553	17,536	0.18%	103	20,317	0.21%	95	+15.9%	160			
Caledonia village	1,102	1,102	0.01%	1,205	1,511	0.02%	988	+37.1%	34			
Balance of Caledonia township	7,862	7,862	0.08%	223	10,821	0.11%	170	+37.6%	31			
Cannon township	12,075	12,075	0.12%	148	13,336	0.13%	142	+10.4%	287			
Cascade charter township	15,107	15,107	0.15%	117	17,134	0.17%	108	+13.4%	212			
Cedar Springs city	3,112	3,163	0.03%	511	3,509	0.04%	476	+10.9%	277			
Courtland township	5,817	5,817	0.06%	289	7,678	0.08%	240	+32.0%	50			
East Grand Rapids city	10,764	10,763	0.11%	166	10,694	0.11%	173	-0.6%	929			
Gaines charter township	20,112	20,112	0.20%	92	25,146	0.25%	75	+25.0%	81			
Grand Rapids city	197,800	197,804	1.99%	2	188,040	1.90%	2	-4.9%	1,304			
Grand Rapids charter township	14,056	14,057	0.14%	121	16,661	0.17%	111	+18.5%	125			
Grandville city	16,263	16,263	0.16%	109	15,378	0.16%	119	-5.4%	1,341			
Grattan township	3,551	3,554	0.04%	456	3,621	0.04%	459	+1.9%	708			
Kentwood city	45,255	45,259	0.46%	35	48,707	0.49%	32	+7.6%	384			
Lowell city	4,013	4,013	0.04%	401	3,783	0.04%	444	-5.7%	1,359			
Lowell charter township	5,219	5,219	0.05%	315	5,949	0.06%	289	+14.0%	197			
Sand Lake village	492	492	0.00%	1,574	500	0.01%	1,553	+1.6%	726			
Balance of Nelson township	3,700	3,684	0.04%	437	4,264	0.04%	391	+15.7%	163			
Oakfield township	5,058	5,055	0.05%	323	5,782	0.06%	302	+14.4%	190			
Plainfield charter township	30,195	30,195	0.30%	56	30,952	0.31%	57	+2.5%	669			
Rockford city	4,626	4,632	0.05%	354	5,719	0.06%	307	+23.5%	91			
Solon township	4,662	4,627	0.05%	355	5,974	0.06%	288	+29.1%	62			
Sparta village	4,159	4,169	0.04%	389	4,140	0.04%	398	-0.7%	936			
Balance of Sparta township	4,779	4,766	0.05%	341	4,970	0.05%	341	+4.3%	555			
Spencer township	3,681	3,681	0.04%	439	3,960	0.04%	417	+7.6%	387			
Casnovia village (pt.)	176	173	0.00%	1,765	176	0.00%	1,763	+1.7%	719			
Kent City village	1,061	1,062	0.01%	1,226	1,057	0.01%	1,230	-0.5%	916			
Balance of Tyrone township	3,067	3,069	0.03%	535	3,498	0.04%	478	+14.0%	198			
Vergennes township	3,611	3,611	0.04%	451	4,189	0.04%	395	+16.0%	157			
Walker city	21,842	21,842	0.22%	85	23,537	0.24%	80	+7.8%	377			
Wyoming city	69,368	69,381	0.70%	18	72,125	0.73%	18	+4.0%	572			



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 16, 2011
TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Andrea S. Dewey, Transportation Planner
RE: **Kent County Transit Needs Assessment Draft Report Presentation**

In 2008, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, in cooperation with ITP/The Rapid and Kent County, successfully applied for and received a \$150,000 Service Development New Technology grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation to conduct a transit needs assessment for Kent County. These funds, combined with \$100,000 in supporting funds from ITP/The Rapid, were used to fund the Kent County Transit Needs Assessment study.

The purpose of the Kent County Transit Needs Assessment (KCTNA) is to complete an assessment of the unmet need and demand for transit in Kent County, in particular those parts of Kent County that are not currently served by The Rapid. The information collected as part of this study provides information about the potential expansion of transit service beyond the current scope of existing transit service providers in the county.

Specifically, the KCTNA's primary goals are to:

- a) examine the current transit use and service provided and identify gaps in service,
- b) anticipate future transit demand by identifying areas that may need transit to meet demand, and finally
- c) if a latent demand is identified, to identify governance options and financial implications of future public transportation service.

In December, 2009 RLS & Associates, Inc. was selected as the consultant to perform the \$223,685 KCTNA study and in March 2010 work began. Since that time a technical workgroup made up of representatives of several townships, Kent County, MDOT, The Rapid, Hope Network, Disability Advocates, and GVMC has met seven times to assist the consultant with the development of the study.

Four Technical Memorandums have been generated along with a Draft KCTNA Report and are available on the GVMC website (<http://www.gvmc.org/transportation/KCTNA.shtml>):

- Technical Memo #1: Existing transit services, costs, ridership, population demographics
- Technical Memo #2: Latent demand estimation from a 1,000-household and employer surveys
- Technical Memo #3: Potential transit service options
- Technical Memo #4: Alternatives to finance and govern the proposed transit service options.

In June 2010, six public meetings were held to introduce the study and make available preliminary information about existing transit service providers and demographics. At the same time a series of focus groups were coordinated by the consultant with various transit users, non-users, and caregivers. Now that the study is nearly complete, another series of six public meetings are scheduled May 23-26, 2011 to reveal the results of the study and gather public input on the Draft KCTNA report.

In addition to the public meetings, final presentations of the Draft KCTNA report, including consultant recommendations for new transit service in Kent County, will be presented to the GVMC Board (June 2) and the Kent County Board of Commissioners (June 9). Comments received at these final presentations, combined with notes from presentations to the ITP/The Rapid and Hope Network boards, will be incorporated into a final KCTNA Report, expected late June, 2011.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (616) 776-7601 or andrea.dewey@gvmc.org.



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May 12, 2011

Hon. Rick Snyder, Governor
State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909

**RE: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Support for a Responsible Reform and
Reinvention Agenda for Michigan**

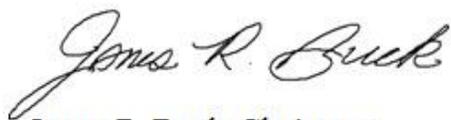
Dear Governor Snyder:

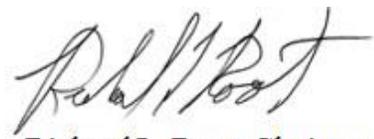
The Board of Directors and members of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council – representing Kent and Ottawa Counties and 33 local units of government in West Michigan – would like to advise you that on May 5, 2011 we unanimously adopted the attached resolution which seeks to align our efforts with you and the Legislature to assist in the formulation of positive reform for Michigan.

The elected officials and public administrators serving on the Board of GVMC possess the experience, expertise, and problem-solving ability to assist in overcoming our state’s challenges and steer Michigan in a new and vibrant direction. While we are not, through this resolution, either endorsing or criticizing governmental consolidation concepts such as the “One Kent” proposal, we are requesting the opportunity to be at the decision-making table, assisting you and your staff in crafting workable legislation and policies that bring sustainable benefits for Michigan citizens and the communities where they live.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. If you have questions, or if the Grand Valley Metro Council can be of further assistance, please contact our Executive Director, Donald Stypula, at 616-450-4217 or stypulad@gvmc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
THE GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL


James R. Buck, Chairman
GVMC Board


Richard L. Root, Chairman
GVMC Legislative Committee



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RESOLUTION

A Resolution Endorsing a Responsible Reform and Reinvention Agenda for Michigan

WHEREAS, Since 1990, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC), which serves Kent and Ottawa Counties and 33 local governments with a combined population of 950,000, has brought together elected and appointed officials to discuss issues, overcome differences and prove time and again that collaboration and cooperation can solve problems on a regional scale; and

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan has embarked on a bold new course to reform and reinvent Michigan through changes in tax policy, the adoption of governmental reforms and the creation of a more positive, business-friendly environment that encourages investment and entrepreneurial ventures; and

WHEREAS, the GVMC has proposed thoughtful legislative priorities for the 96th Michigan Legislature including common sense governmental reforms to encourage intergovernmental cooperation, innovative approaches to ensure sustainable funding for county and local governments, state tax policies to foster new investment and growth, the elimination of unfunded state mandates on county and local governments and new sources of revenue to support investments in transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the GVMC offers its resources and those of its membership to work collaboratively with Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Legislature, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and regional economic partners like The Right Place, Inc. to encourage new economic opportunities through improved state tax policies, intergovernmental cooperation, regional problem solving and other innovative strategies that will enable Michigan to successfully compete for new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council has determined that a simple, fair and efficient state taxation system, coupled with the adoption of GVMC-backed governmental reforms to enhance multi-jurisdictional collaboration and cooperation, will bring lasting benefits to communities and citizens throughout Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council believes that a complete reform and reinvention agenda must include the development of innovative economic development strategies and tactics that respect the role of county and local governments and regional economic development agencies in helping Michigan successfully compete for economic growth and job creation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council hereby declares its intent to work in partnership with Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Legislature, state and regional economic partners, and other opinion leaders to champion the reinvention of Michigan through changes in business tax policy, development of new approaches to ensure sustainable funding for county and local governments, the adoption of governmental reforms to encourage intergovernmental collaboration and cooperation on a regional scale and other common sense solutions that will enhance Michigan's business climate and solidify the state's reputation as a wonderful place to live, work, learn and recreate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GVMC Executive Director is authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder and Lt. Governor Brian Calley, together with the leadership and members of the 96th Michigan Legislature.

This Resolution declared adopted by unanimous vote of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council on May 5, 2011.



James R. Buck
Chair



Donald J. Stypula
Executive Director