



January 9, 2015

Start of A New Year

For some of our members, January 1 is the start of their fiscal or appointment year. If you have new members of your boards or commissions or changes to staff, please let us know. We would like to include their emails for our Weekly Update.

The Weekly Update is distributed to elected, appointed, staff or individuals serving or simply interested in local government. Each month our circulation increases and we have friends from throughout West Michigan receiving the Weekly Update. Our distribution is going to leaders in both business and government.

Additionally, some of our GVMC Board Members will change with new appointments. If you have appointed a new member to serve on our Board of Directors, please let us know so we can formally administer the oath of office at an upcoming meeting.

**Lame Duck
Legislative Session**

Like other Michigan organizations, GVMC watched closely the final days and hours of the legislative session. In all 224 bills were approved in the final hours. That is an amazing number of bills to be approved in a very short period of time. Analysis of those actions will continue for months by GVMC, MML, MTA and MAC.

Regular Meeting Schedules**GVMC**

Board of Directors— First Thursday of the month at 8:30. Kent County Building

Executive Committee—Third Thursday of the month at noon. GVMC

Transportation

Policy Committee—Third Wednesday of the month at 9:30. KCRC

Technical Committee—First Wednesday of the Month at 9:30. KCRC

Environmental

LGROW Board—Third Thursday of every other Month at 1:30. GVMC

LGROW-Data, Information and Procedures—Third Wednesday every other month at 9:00. GVMC

LGROW-Public Education—second Wednesday of every other month 2:00 GVMC

LGROW— Stormwater Ordinance Committee—Last Monday of every month at 1:00. GVMC.

REGIS

Board of Directors—Fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:00. Wyoming City Hall

REGIS Users Group—Third Wednesday of every other month at 9:30. Location varies.

**Work on 2040 Metropolitan
Transportation Plan
Continues**

Our work continues on the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Two open houses were held in December. Hours of staff and committee work have been completed. Final adjustments are being made to the plan and will be reviewed by the Transportation Policy Board.

We will bring the 2040 Plan to the GVMC Board in March for final approval.

Our Doors Are Open

Over the past year we have seen an increase in the number of members using our conference room for special meetings. Thanks to our partnership with KCEMS, the conference has enhanced computer and video capabilities. If you would like to use the room please contact Gayle at mccrathg@gvmc.org

Parking while always free is sometimes limited due to the snow piles. Let us know if you have questions.

Next Board Meeting**February 5, 2015****8:30 am****Kent County Building**