



February 1, 2013

GVMC/MPO Begins 4 Year -\$55 Million Budget Process

In a meeting held on Wednesday, January 30th, representatives of our member communities began the process of budgeting federal and local funds for upcoming road construction and improvement projects. In total, through cooperation and collaboration, twenty-two people gathered, planned and budgeted over \$42 million dollars in federal funds. Approximately \$13 million of local funds will be used to leverage the \$42 million in federal dollars. Projects were approved in many communities and are for the years 2014 through the end of 2017 and the combined federal and local investment will exceed \$55 million.

Of course, millions more project dollars were requested by the communities, but by working together the group was able to prioritize the most critical projects for our region. This cooperative effort is only the first part in our MPO project budgeting process. There are future meetings scheduled which will appropriate other federal, state and local dollars.

Board Meeting Thursday February 7th

Our next Board of Directors Meeting will be again held at 8:30 am in the Kent County Commission Chambers. At the meeting we are planning to provide our members with an Annual Report for fiscal year 2012. We will also have a review and ask for approval of our audit. GVMC has never completed a Annual Report to our members and we are working to prepare the material.

Reserve Your Quarterly Luncheon Tickets

for

March 11th with Congressman Bill Huizenga

Price: \$25.00 per person

RSVP to Gayle at mccrathg@gvmc.org



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Asset Management Training

GVMC is pleased to announce another **FREE** training session for local government officials. On **February 20th** from 8:45-1:30. The session will be held at the Grand Rapids Township Hall.

Intended for local government appointed and elected officials the seminar will focus on asset management and how it applies to roads.

Topics like lowering costs through asset management, preventative maintenance and also asset management principles will be covered.

To register, email ctt@mtu.edu or call 906-487-2102 .

GVMC FREE SEMINAR CRISIS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Thursday March 14

East Grand Rapids City Hall

10:00-1:30

This Free Seminar will cover Strategic and Crisis Communications. It will be facilitated by Kelly Rossman-McKinney of Truscott Rossman one of Michigan's most successful communications firms. **We invite all GVMC members to attend and bring your Board Members and key staff.**

Lunch will be Provided

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