



**The Future of Michigan's  
Roads and Bridges To Be  
Discussed Next Week At  
GVMC**

As part of our strategic initiatives to "Manage Emerging Issues" and "Nurture Regional Economic Development Partnerships", we are facilitating five small group discussions with representatives of our region and the Michigan Transportation Team (MTT).

On Tuesday April 3rd at 10:00, 11:00 and 1:00 and Thursday April 5th at 11:00 and 1:00, GVMC will host small-group discussions regarding the future of Michigan's roads and bridges. Everyone is invited to attend any one of these sessions. Not only members of GVMC but representatives of the business community, the Grand Rapids Chamber, The Right Place and the West Michigan Policy Forum will be attending. If you would like to join one of the sessions, just let us know.

Scott Greenlee of the MTT will be meeting with us to discuss the results of studies on the current

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state of Michigan's roads and bridges and also Governor Snyder's plan to finance and improve our infrastructure.

The Governor's plan involves 30 legislative bills and complete restructuring of the way we finance maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Scott will detail for us these proposals and listen to our suggestions and comments. We need to provide local response to this state-wide issue.

We are keeping these sessions small in order to be able to maximize discussion and provide our honest and open feedback. Our comments will be relayed by Scott to the Governor, legislative leaders and leadership of the Michigan Transportation Team.

The MTT is a state-wide partnership of businesses, associations, governments and private citizens. Some of the members include: MML, MTA, MAC, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Retailers Association, Michigan Manufacturers Association, GVMC, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Sheriff's Association, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and many more.

Please join us if your available! Email your RSVP to Gayle at [mccrathg@gvmc.org](mailto:mccrathg@gvmc.org) or Andrea at [andrea.faber@gvmc.org](mailto:andrea.faber@gvmc.org)

**April Quarterly Luncheon**

Our Board Meeting and Luncheon will be held on April 9th at the Prince Center. With guest Mark Murray, our luncheon is on track to set a new attendance record for GVMC. I am writing this reminder early in order to give everyone the opportunity to make their reservation. We may not be able to accept last-minute reservations due to space and meal limitations.

Mark is the President of the Meijer Corporation and brings with him tremendous experience in both government and business. I had the opportunity to meet with him this week and he told me that he "has more years in the public sector working in government than he does in business". His work with MSU, Michigan Treasurer, President of Grand Valley State University and now his role at Meijer make him a much sought-after speaker. His is also involved in Business Leaders for Michigan and chaired Governor Snyder's Transition Team.

Mark is really looking forward to meeting with GVMC. His presentation will focus on governmental cooperation and collaboration and the leadership and courage it takes to be successful.

**Please Email Your Community's  
Programs and Ideas for  
Cooperation!**

**Don't Forget to Reserve Your  
Quarterly Luncheon Tickets  
for  
April 9th with Mark Murray  
RSVP to Gayle at [mccrathg@gvmc.org](mailto:mccrathg@gvmc.org)**