

**Special Report****GVMC Study on Local Government Road Funding and Act 51 Revenues****West Michigan
Street Summit II**

Tomorrow, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council in cooperation with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce will hold our West Michigan Street Summit II. Last April, this highly successful event brought local government leaders, legislators and business representatives together to discuss road funding and take a ride on an ITP bus around the region. The group got to experience first-hand the issues involved in road maintenance and the damage caused by the winter season on our local roads and highways.

This year, we took a different approach. We wanted to focus on business and hear directly from business leaders the issues they face on specific roadways that impact them.

Our plan is to provide an open house opportunity for business leaders to meet directly with road agencies and legislators. Representatives of our GVMC local governments along with MDOT will have available maps, road condition data, future plans and other information. Company leaders will be asked to highlight the roadways that are most important to their company. They will also be asked to highlight any particular

concerns they have with their most-used transportation network.

Michigan's Speaker of the House Jase Bolger will also be present to present his plan for funding transportation in the future. Meijer will be our host and is sponsoring this important event.

GVMC along with our strategic partners will continue to work on behalf of our members in promoting permanent long-term solutions to our transportation financing needs. We will keep you updated on our activities.

**GVMC Completes Annual
Survey of Road Revenues
and Expenditures**

In August 2013, GVMC conducted a survey of local government road agencies to gather and share information about their road funding. We recently completed our second survey which expanded the number of units who participated and provided even more detail regarding local versus Act 51 Revenues. We also collected budgeted expenditures and some projections for the future.

Like last year, we found that many local governments invest a great deal of general fund dol-

lars on street maintenance and improvements.

Popular public belief is that Public Act 51 funds generated by the Michigan gas tax is the only revenue source for street maintenance. That simply is not true. In fact, the 28 governmental units that responded to the survey spend millions of dollars last year in addition to Act 51 funds. Those local dollars were used to augment gas tax revenues, provide greater leverage for grant funds or simply pay for needed maintenance where other funds were not available.

Last year we received data from 12 road agencies. This year, our data involved 28 governmental units. There are a wide variety of fluctuations in comparing year to year expenses. Scheduling of planned construction projects and reduced local revenues contributed to those differences. In some municipalities local expenditures have decreased when compared to 2013 either due to budgetary pressures of reduced overall revenues or projects which were completed. In other municipalities, projects planned for this year or the need to prioritize maintenance as an asset management tool have resulted in increased investment. Attached are the results.

Funding by Road Agencies

City	Funding and Expenditures			
	ACT 51 Funds	Local Funds	Road Maintenance Expenditures	New Construction Expenditures
Belding	\$ 386,000	\$ 113,500	\$ 619,920	\$ -
Cedar Springs	\$ 209,200	\$ 60,675	\$ 269,075	\$ -
East Grand Rapids	\$ 680,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,745,000	n/a
Grand Rapids	\$ 13,210,793	\$ 3,444,966	\$ 14,790,190	\$ -
Grandville	\$ 966,738	\$ 704,421	\$ 1,384,590	\$ -
Greenville	\$ 614,349	\$ 203,862	\$ 739,448	\$ -
Hastings	\$ 505,000	\$ 347,297	\$ 426,705	\$ -
Ionia	\$ 580,000	\$ 352,950	\$ 447,950	n/a
Kent County	\$ 29,400,000	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 35,300,000	\$ -
Kentwood	\$ 2,996,922	\$ 376,000	\$ 4,450,000	\$ -
Middleville	\$ 223,135	\$ 260,613	\$ 167,507	\$ 300,000
Rockford	\$ 325,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 1,000,000
Walker	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 1,442,554	\$ 1,084,631	\$ 475,000
Wayland	\$ 247,000	\$ 161,140	\$ 157,600	\$ 349,150
Wyoming	\$ 4,880,000	\$ 4,140,000	\$ 8,045,000	\$ 1,170,000
Total	\$ 56,864,137	\$ 15,367,978	\$ 69,787,616	\$ 3,294,150

Township Contributions to Road Funding 2013-2014

	2013-2014 Township Funds	
Township	2013 Township Funds	2014 Township Budgeted Funds
Ada Township	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Algoma Township	\$ 4,500	\$ 100,000
Allendale Township	\$ 421,000	\$ 150,000
Alpine Township	\$ 66,000	\$ 120,000
Byron Township	\$ 300,000	\$ 500,000
Caledonia Township	\$ 119,165	\$ 377,000
Cannon Township	\$ 255,000	\$ 320,100
Cascade Township	\$ 131,000	\$ 156,000
Courtland Township	\$ 394,000	\$ 350,000
Gaines Charter Township	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Georgetown Township	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Grand Rapids Township	\$ 250,000	\$ 275,000
Jamestown Township	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Plainfield Township	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Total	\$ 4,860,665	\$ 5,268,100

2014 Numbers are Estimated Budget Figures and have not been approved for all communities