



Last week GVMC held two important meetings for the future of our organization and region. I want to thank everyone who participated in our Visioning Session and Street Summit II. Together these events had over 140 participants. Our upcoming May 9th Weekly Update will have a report on our Street Summit II.

### **GVMC Strategic Visioning Session**

Last Thursday, over 40 GVMC board members and staff gathered at the Byron Township Community Center to discuss the future vision for the organization. The four-hour session was facilitated by Dr. Lew Bender.

During the session our members discussed the past, present and future goals of GVMC. Through a series of large and small group discussions the members brought forth their vision GVMC in the future.

In addition to the work we are already doing the group decided on four major goals. Those include:

1. Be the regional leader in collaboration efforts. Facilitate regional cooperation and collaboration among public and private partners.

2. Communicate and Educate the public and our members regarding GVMC and Regional Needs.

3. Continue to excel in core competencies including transportation, environment, GIS, Regional Prosperity Initiative and our Council of Governments.

4. Continue to promote GVMC and the region in Lansing and Washington and seek further opportunities to partner and be a resource to our state and national leaders.

In addition to developing a set of new goals for the organization, the group also discussed a vision for GVMC for the future. The Vision for 2019 included many items, activities and priorities for the future.

Based on our success over the past couple of years, the participants called for continuing our focus on collaboration both within GVMC and the region. The group hopes to continue to expand our core competencies while looking for and facilitating new areas of cooperation and collaboration.

Facilitating cooperation and collaboration, coordinating services, seeking partnerships, becoming an incubator for best practices, bridging between the public and private sectors and speaking with a common voice were all part of our vision for the future.

It was an excellent session with great participation by everyone. Mike DeVries, stated after the meeting, *"GVMC membership came together to chart a course of leadership built upon accomplishment and I believe that the visioning session successfully moved the process forward"*.

*Thank you for your participation.*

