



**GVMC Completes
Federal Certification
Review**

Last week our Transportation Department was busy with a federal recertification review for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Representatives of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation and MDOT conducted an extensive review of our operations, plans, goals and objectives.

Policy Committee Members Ken Krombeen, Steve Warren, Scott Connors and Marc DeClercq participated in part of the review and discussed the strong collaborative nature of our process.

Certification reviews occur every four years and evaluate all aspects of our transportation program. It will take several months to compile the data and comments

WJRW Interview

On Monday, I had the opportunity to be interviewed on WJRW radio regarding Proposition 1. The interview dealt with the importance of replacing the Personal Property Tax for local government. City, Villages, Townships and Counties depend on those revenues for essential services like police, fire, courts, jails and libraries. It was an opportunity to get our local government message to the public.

Welcome Greg Carlino



REGIS welcomed new GIS Analyst, Greg Carlino, on June 16. Greg's education includes a BS degree from Ohio State University in GIS; a MS from the University of Akron, also in GIS; and most recently, a Masters in Urban Spatial Analytics from the University of Pennsylvania. Greg has worked in GIS for 10 years, most of which has dealt with Public Utilities. He came from URS Corporation in Cleveland, where he worked for the local sewer district. Prior to that, Greg did GIS work for an electric company (PSE&G) in New Jersey.

As a REGIS Team Member, Greg will be involved in a variety of things including database administration; scripting/light programming to automate some of the regular processes REGIS does; and helping out with the Help Desk.

Greg says he enjoys the realm of GIS as he is a very visual learn-

er, so maps have always suited his learning style. He also has always taken an interest in learning about the environment: how it has evolved into what it is today, what forces have shaped that evolution: history, industry, economics, and environment. Having moved around a lot, he has experienced many examples, and learned from them. Geography and GIS touch on all of these areas.

Additionally, Greg's time will be filled with a bundle of joy soon as he and his wife, Jennifer, are expecting their first child in three weeks!

All of us at GVMC are excited to welcome Greg and his family to West Michigan and look forward to his contributions to our team!

Be sure to stop by and welcome Greg if your in the office for one of our many GVMC meetings.

REMINDER

The July Board of Directors Meeting has been cancelled due to the July 4th Holiday. Our next meeting will be on August 7, 2014 at the Kent County Building.

