



**August 2, 2013**

**Budget for 2013-2014**  
**Presented to the**  
**Board of Directors**

At yesterday's Board of Directors Meeting we presented the budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is very similar to the current year with some adjustments due to new project grants and reclassification of expenses with our new accounting system. While GVMC member dues will remain frozen, we are budgeting a approximately 5% increase in revenues and an overall 1.6% increase in expenses. Administration/Indirect Expenses are reduced by 10%. Transportation dues have increased very slightly

**Updates to Fireworks**  
**Ordinances Available Online**

Earlier this summer legislation was signed allowing communities to amend their fireworks ordinances to restrict hours of use. This legislation was a much needed change to last year's new fireworks laws which limited the authority of municipalities to restrict the usage of fireworks.

We have posted on our website ([www.gvmc.org](http://www.gvmc.org)) as a guide for our members several examples of both the original fireworks ordinances and the recent amendments. Please feel free to use these examples as guides if your community is considering changing your own fireworks regulations.

to meet the needs of the local match on our upcoming projects.

A few new special grants include the next phase of a 131 Corridor Study from 100th street to M-57 and a traffic study to be conducted in the Michigan Street area of downtown Grand Rapids.

REGIS revenues will remain the same though there will be a 4.8% increase in dues as agreed to by the members in 2011 as part of their 5 year plan. REGIS expenses will increase 8.8% due to adding 1 full time employee, electrical expenses and equipment enhancements and upgrades.

Our new process is to present the budget to the members in

August with final approval at our September meeting. Our new fiscal year begins on October 1, 2013. We first used this process last year and it was well received by members as being more transparent and allowing longer time for questions and feedback.

The 2013-2014 Budget is very transparent in that it has already been approved and recommended to the GVMC Board by the Transportation Policy Committee, the REGIS Board and Executive Committee, and the GVMC Executive Committee. Furthermore, the majority of the Budget was approved by the GVMC Board of Directors on June 6th with the approval of the Unified Work Program.

**Grant Opportunity /Free GVMC Seminar**

**SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL**

**Wednesday August 28, 2013**

**9:00 am –12:00 Noon**

**Grand Rapids Township Hall**

**1836 E. Beltline NE**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49525**

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