



**GVMC Reviews Balanced  
Budget with NO Dues  
Increases for the 2nd Year**

For the second year in a row the GVMC Board of Directors is considering a budget which contains no increases in dues for any of its programs. All member dues for all programs continue to be frozen at the 2013-2014 levels.

GVMC has completed its fiscal transformation and the balanced budget continues expansion of our programs and services to our members.

The GVMC budget process is very transparent and involves many members. The 2016-2017 Budget is presented to the Board of Directors at the August meeting for their review and consideration. It is not voted on until the September meeting. Over 80 people were involved in the preparation of the budget and it has had numerous reviews by committees involved in the MPO Transportation Department, GVMC Executive Committee, REGIS Executive Committee and Board of Directors and others.

All GVMC programs continue to grow and GVMC has received substantial non-dues related revenue through program and service expansion and growth.

Some highlights of the budget include:

- REGIS completed the total evaluation of its program and all aspects of its system. REGIS has dramatically improved speed and system reliability while removing 17 servers thus reducing energy costs by 70%.
- REGIS will complete a migration from Oracle to Microsoft SQL. This will save our members \$171,000 over 5 years.
- GVMC has been awarded a GLRI grant for stormwater implementation of green infrastructure in public spaces and experiential learning for student in the Rogue River Watershed. The total grant was \$451,600 with the EPA contributing \$340,065.
- The Village of Fruitport joined our NPDES Stormwater Program raising our membership to 23 communities and Grand Valley State University.
- GVMC will once again be the fiduciary agent for the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance. This program and its 13 county geographic has dramatically increased our public profile and leadership on a regional level.

This budget will allow us to continue to focus on our 9 strategic initiatives for GVMC and our agencies. Those initiatives include:

1. Managing Emerging Issues
2. Encouraging Collaborative Service Sharing
3. Coordinating a Region-Wide Training Exchange
4. Nurturing a Regional Economic Development Partnership
5. Planning for Sustainable Communities
6. Regional Leader in Collaboration Efforts-Facilitator
7. Communicate/Education Regarding GVMC and Regions
8. Focus on Core Competencies (Transportation, Environment, GIS, Regional Prosperity)
9. Increase Lansing/Washington Connection

By focusing our efforts on these nine strategic initiatives we have made dramatic improvements to our communications, involvement, transparency, member participation and our influence in these areas. GVMC with this budget has prioritized our efforts in these areas and will continue to seek new opportunities to implement our strategic initiatives.