



September 4, 2015

GVMC Budget Proposed

At the August Board of Directors Meeting the GVMC, REGIS, Transportation and Environmental Programs Budget was presented. This is a balanced budget which has several firsts for the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

GVMC has completed its 3-year fiscal transformation and this balanced budget continues expansion of our programs and services. We have achieved financial stabilization, budget control and fiscal sustainability.

The budget includes a dues freeze for all departments and all member communities. There will be no increases in dues for our members.

Another first is that this is the first fully integrated budget that includes all programs working together and fully sharing resources including multiple collaborations, cost sharing and improved operational efficiencies.

The Clean Air program will be administered next year by the Environmental Department allowing greater collaboration between our programs and additional educational activities. Multiple Clean Air/Clean Water events have already been planned. This collaboration of Environmental and Transportation Programs will maximize efficiencies and synergy.

Elimination of the Memo of Understanding between REGIS and GVMC as well as the subsequent reorganization of REGIS has resulted in decreased costs and increased revenue opportunities for REGIS. This budget reflects a 90% cut in anticipated losses from the current budget

All REGIS Capital Equipment has been evaluated and additional funds are being budgeted to improve system performance and sustainability. A plan is in place that will dramatically improve the reliability of the system and should be completed by January 2016.

All GVMC Departments will be working together with our members to update and catalog existing land use, zoning, transportation, recreational and non-motorized information in a single

location. This has been a priority for our members and frequently requested by our economic development partners.

The results of this effort will be a useful resource within all GVMC programs and our regional partners involved in land use and economic development. It will also assist in decisions involving our Transportation Improvement Program.

Success of this project will require assistance from our members in insuring that we have the most up to date information available and that data included in the project is correct.

The September Board of Directors Meeting will be held immediately following breakfast with Senator Peters.

You are Invited to GVMC Breakfast**U.S. Senator Gary Peters**

September 14, 2015

8:00-9:30 am

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L. William Seidman Center

50 Front Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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