

# Introduction

This is the official Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the area served by the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) for fiscal year 2004, beginning October 1, 2003 through fiscal year 2006, ending September 30, 2006. The GVMC Study Area is comprised of Kent County, the City of Hudsonville, Allendale, Georgetown, Jamestown and Tallmadge Townships. The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Grand Rapids Area. See figure one on page 2 for a map of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council area.

Currently the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has an estimated population in excess of 650,000. The number of Federal Aid Urban roads is approximately 1200 center lane miles.

The TIP is used to identify proposed projects developed in accordance with the joint regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These regulations establish the TIP as the programming phase of the overall continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) planning process. All federal monies returned to the Grand Rapids area from the federal fuel tax is distributed through this process.

The 3C planning process provides a forum by which these officials can coordinate and regionally prioritize their projects. The annual process for selecting multi-modal transportation projects was developed based on locally determined transportation needs and helps to ensure that programmed transportation improvements are consistent with expected revenues from federal, state and local sources.

Figure 1 Map of GVMC Area

### Metropolitan Planning Organization Units

