

PUBLIC & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

PART 1: DOCUMENTATION



A COMPANION
DOCUMENT OF
THE 2050 MTP



Public and Stakeholder Engagement Materials

This section includes documentation of our efforts to engage the public as well as our consultation (stakeholder) organizations. It also contains records of materials sent to home and business owners as part of our environmental justice (EJ) process. It is divided into three parts:

1. Public Participation Summary Report (including information about our public survey and comments received)
 2. Consultation Documentation (including comments received)
 3. Environmental Justice materials
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Public Participation Summary Report

The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is committed to ensuring that citizen input contributes to transportation problem identification through public comment periods, public meetings, and review of the draft document, and that public involvement is a cornerstone of the transportation planning process. GVMC, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is also federally required to explicitly set forth public participation policies. The standards for this process are found in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450, and in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 613, which require that the public have reasonable opportunity to comment on transportation plans and programs. These policies are laid out in the [Public Participation Plan \(PPP\)](#), which can be found on GVMC's [website](#). The PPP describes all the public participation goals and requirements for GVMC, including specific details regarding how GVMC will invite the public into the MTP development process. These guidelines were followed by staff throughout the development of the 2050 MTP.

The MTP Public Participation Process Overview

GVMC's Public Participation Plan is typically updated prior to the development of every new MTP. However, because of the unprecedented times created by the COVID-19 pandemic, GVMC decided that our 2018 plan required updating prior to the development of the FY2023-2026 TIP to better encompass virtual public outreach strategies and information about virtual meetings. The updated Public Participation Plan was approved at a joint Technical/Policy meeting on July 21, 2021, a little over a year before the kickoff of the 2050 MTP.

Per GVMC's Public Participation Plan (PPP), we reached out to the public at four different milestones during the development of the MTP, which included:

1. The kickoff to the MTP's development
2. Pre-programming collaboration
3. Draft MTP, environmental justice, and air quality results (if applicable) completed and available for public comment
4. Adoption of draft document

In addition, we held three listening sessions with Mel Trotter guests to better understand transportation barriers they were experiencing with housing and employment. Comments received from these listening sessions are included with the comments received at public engagement milestones at the end of this document.

GVMC maintains an extensive interested citizen/agencies list, or "public participation mailing list," that is used to provide information and notice to the public on transportation planning activities. In addition to the public, this list also includes elected officials, academic institutions, chambers of commerce, neighborhood associations, housing organizations, government agencies, and transportation service providers. This list is maintained in Mailchimp and currently contains over 2,200 subscribers.

To provide the public with fast, easy access to all information related to the 2050 MTP, staff updated gvmc.org throughout the planning process. This included ensuring that announcements for all public participation opportunities, the MTP survey, other relevant background information, and past planning documents were all posted on our website. GVMC also utilized our own social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor to make details related to the document's development available to the public and asked MDOT, The Rapid and LINC UP to share our MTP Facebook posts to expand our reach.

Incorporation of Comments

All public comments received during the development of the document can be found at the end of this document. All submitted public comments were provided to the GVMC Technical and Policy Committees for consideration, and, when applicable, comments were forwarded to the respective road or transit agency for details. This committee review aided staff during the process, helping to make decisions regarding the plan along the way. All comments received were reviewed and incorporated into the MTP when and where appropriate.

In addition to the public meetings, opportunities for public comment are available at Technical Committee, Policy Committee, and GVMC Board meetings. Agendas and minutes for these meetings are posted on gvmc.org.

Evaluating our Outreach Process

GVMC staff will evaluate public participation efforts for this document through our Public Participation Plan (PPP) update process, which will identify areas of success and areas that can be improved upon for future plans.

Public Involvement Efforts by Major Milestones

1.) Kickoff to MTP Development

GVMC staff notified the public that the development of the 2050 MTP was beginning between August 15 and 16, 2022, in the following ways:

- Adding a notice and detailed MTP information to www.gvmc.org; notice appeared on "Latest Developments" and MTP page
- Sending an email to the interested citizen/agency list
- Posting on GVMC's Facebook page and X (formerly Twitter) and asking partner organizations to share the post as well; Instagram and Nextdoor were also used later to advertise the public survey
- Submitting a press release to GVMC's media contact list, which was also posted online

Public Survey

At this point, GVMC also developed and circulated an online survey through Survey Monkey to gain feedback from the public about transportation needs and priorities. This survey was an enhanced version of the survey we used for our 2040 and 2045 MTP. Prior to launching the survey, GVMC staff contracted with Grand Valley State University (GVSU) to review our previous survey and provide recommendations for updates. Part of the contract also included GVSU developing a list of locations where we could post information about the survey to reach low income and ethnic minority groups.

The revised survey asked the public eight questions about the transportation system, including their thoughts on pavement condition, safety, congestion, public transportation, nonmotorized transportation, air and rail, emerging transportation issues, options to increase transportation funding, and where they would like to see transportation dollars invested. In addition, the public was given the opportunity to provide additional comments or concerns about our transportation system. Seven optional demographic questions were included on the survey that asked the responder to provide their zip code; the city, township, or village they live in; their ethnicity; gender; age; yearly household income; and number of people in their household. Upon completion, GVMC contracted with the Hispanic Center of West

Michigan to translate the survey and the materials to advertise it into Spanish. The survey received 1,109 responses by the survey close date of November 11, 2022, and 595 respondents provided comments. To view the comments, please refer to the end of this document.

To help spread the word about the survey, GVMC contacted every jurisdiction as well as The Rapid, LINC UP, Disability Advocates, Senior Neighbors and Downtown Grand Rapids Inc (DGRI) to partner with us by posting the survey link on their website, in newsletters, or on their website; providing flyers at their location, passing our hard copies of the survey, inviting us to events where we could ask the public to take the survey on the spot, or helping us distribute information about the survey in another manner of their choosing. To provide an incentive and to encourage friendly competition between cities, townships, and villages in our planning area, GVMC also partnered with our Environmental Department to provide a \$1,000 beautification grant. The five communities with the highest response rates were entered in the draw. The winner, Jamestown Charter Township, was selected using an online randomized tool.

GVMC also used multiple social media platforms to expand our reach. GVMC posted the survey on our Facebook page four times and boosted it, on X (formerly Twitter) three times, on Nextdoor three times, and on Instagram three times. As for the student poster contest, GVMC posted on Facebook two times, on X (formerly Twitter) two times, and on Instagram one time (plus another post saying it was "coming soon" and two more after the contest closed). The results of the survey competition were posted on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter). GVMC also attended several events where we brought copies of the survey or an iPad that staff used as a kiosk. These events included:

- The Fulton Street Farmers Market on August 31, 2022, and September 9, 2022, from 9 am-12 pm
- The Kentwood Farmers Market on September 15, 2022, from 4:30-7:30 pm
- The Grand Rapids African American Art and Music Festival on September 17, 2022, from 4-8 pm
- Table on the Platform at Rapid Central Station on October 1, 2022, from 3-5 pm and October 21, 2022, from 2-4 pm

Additionally, GVMC brought paper copies of the survey to Senior Neighbors so that their clients who do not have internet access were still able to participate. However, due to inclement weather and an event being cancelled, Senior Neighbors was only able to provide five completed copies. Staff was able to manually enter data from paper copies of the survey into Survey Monkey.

Data from the survey is available in a [story map](#), and tables of the survey data are included in the pages that follow. MTP survey results by zip code can be accessed [here](#).

To reach low income and ethnic minority groups, staff dropped off flyers at the following locations that were included on the recommended list from GVSU:

Kent County

- Asian Delight Marketplace, Asian grocery store
- New Hope Baptist Church, Baptist church
- Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Catholic church
- Great Giant Supermarket, grocery store
- El Especial Supermarket & Bakery, grocery store
- Bubble Magic Laundry, laundromat
- S & H Laundromat, laundromat
- Wash-King Laundromat, laundromat
- Kentwood Cleaners & Laundry, laundromat
- Supermercado Mexico, Mexican grocery store
- Hispanic Center of West Michigan, non-profit organization
- Horrocks Market, supermarket
- Rodriguez Supermarket, supermarket
- Vernon J. Ehlers Station, train station

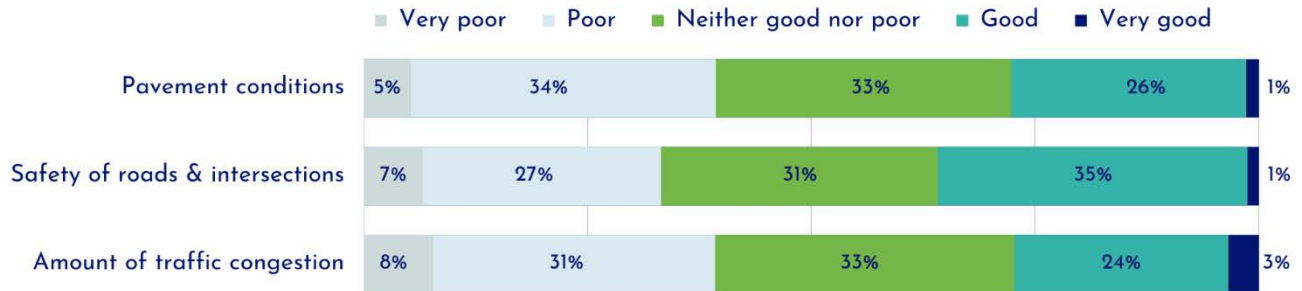
Ottawa County

- J & H Family Stores, convenience store/gas station
- The Grocery Outlet Store, discount grocery store
- Dollar Tree, dollar store
- Hi-Tone Cleaners, dry cleaner
- Jenison Cleaners, dry cleaner/laundromat
- Family Fare (x 2), supermarket
- Goodwill, thrift store

Survey Results

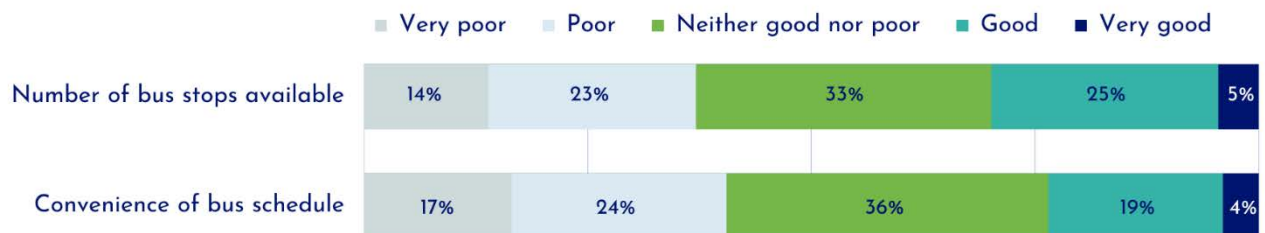
Question 1: How would you evaluate the following roadway aspects of the transportation system in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties?

Roadways



Question 2: How would you evaluate the following public transportation aspects of the transportation system in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties?

Public Transportation



Question 3: How would you evaluate the following nonmotorized aspects of the transportation system in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties?

Nonmotorized Transportation



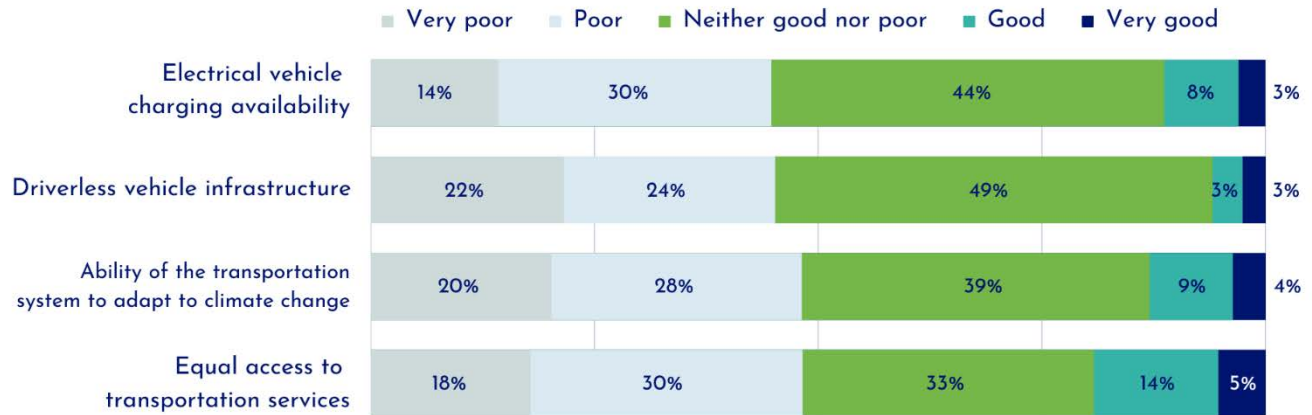
Question 4: How would you evaluate the following air and rail aspects of the transportation system in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties?

Air & Rail Transportation

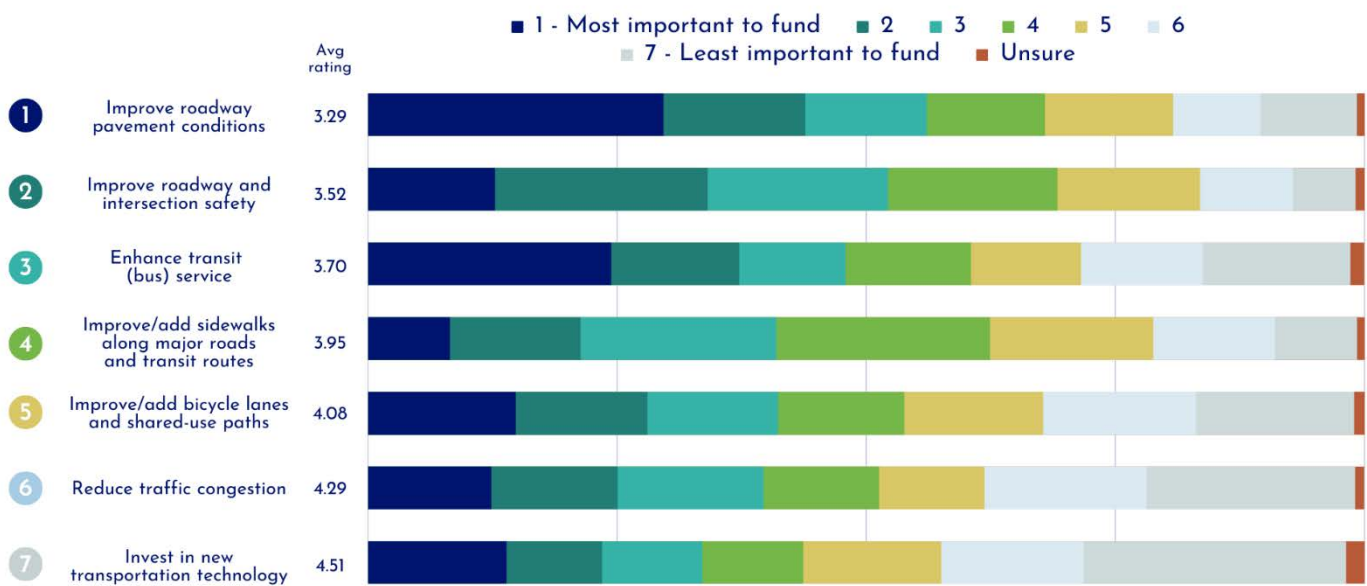


Question 5: How would you evaluate the following emerging transportation issues in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties?

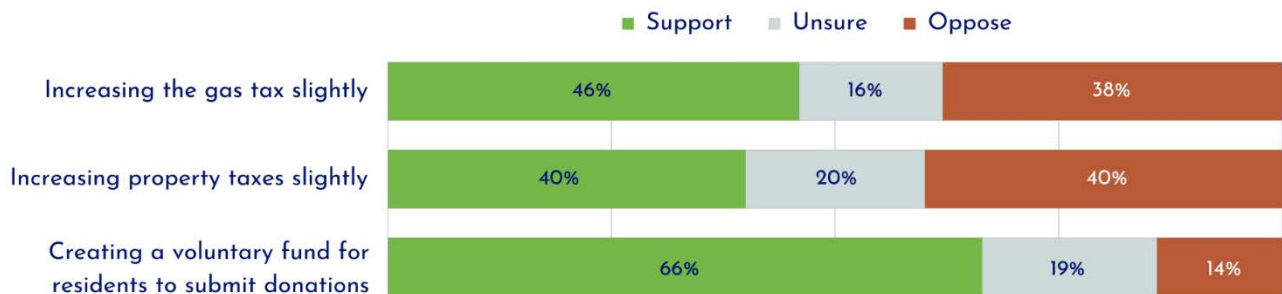
Emerging Transportation Issues



Question 6: In your opinion, which services should receive the most transportation funding? Choose a number, from most important to fund (1) to least important to fund (7)



Question 7: To increase funding for transportation improvements, which actions, if any, would you support?



Question 8: Are there other comments or concerns about our transportation system you think might help our efforts to develop a responsible Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

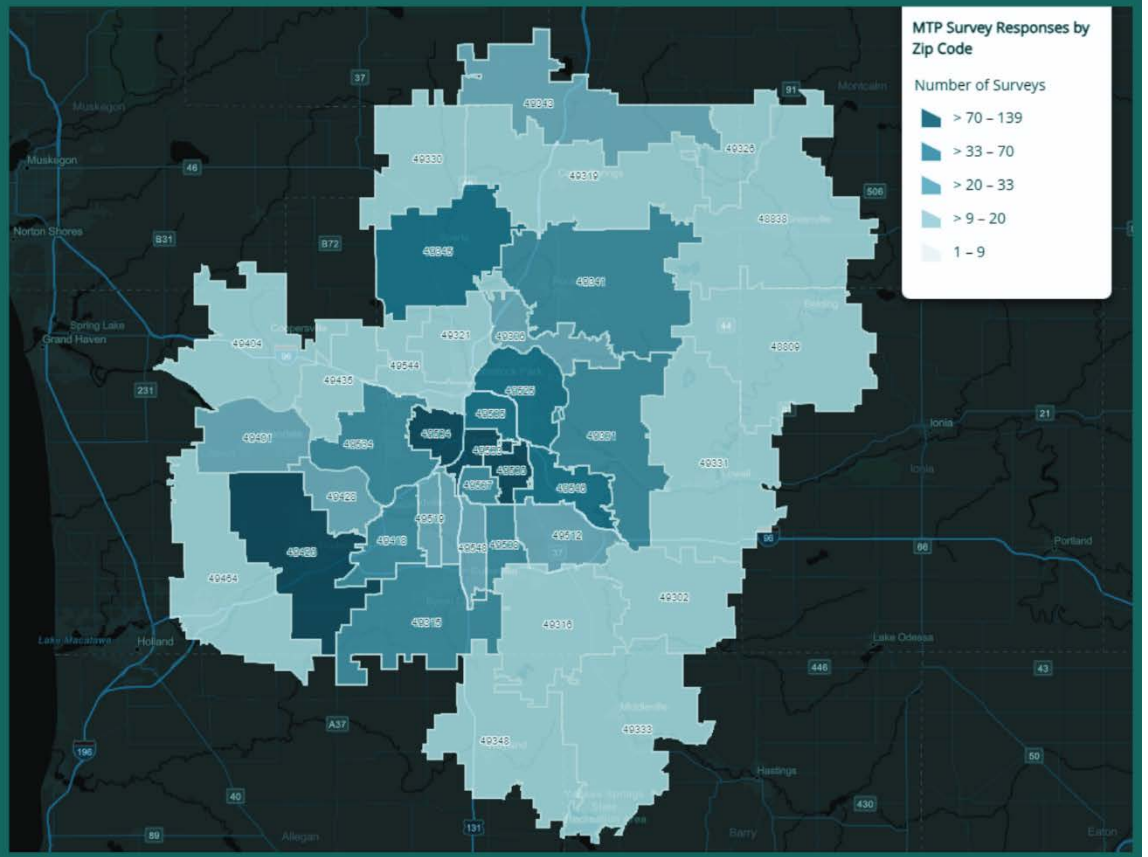
595 respondents provided additional comments and 514 skipped the question. Of the 595 comments received, 14 themes emerged. Below are the 14 themes listed from most referenced to least. Please note that comments received may have contained multiple themes.

1. Transit (233 comments)
 2. Nonmotorized (171 comments)
 3. Safety (123 comments)
 4. Passenger Rail (107 comments)
 5. Congestion Management (83 comments)
 6. Accessibility, ADA, and Equity (63 comments)
 7. Pavement Condition (37 comments)
 8. Resiliency (37 comments)
 9. Technology (37 comments)
 10. Connectivity (17 comments)
 11. Air Travel (14 comments)
 12. Freight (4 comments)
 13. Bridge (2 comments)
 14. Environmental Issues (2 comments)
- Miscellaneous (90 comments)

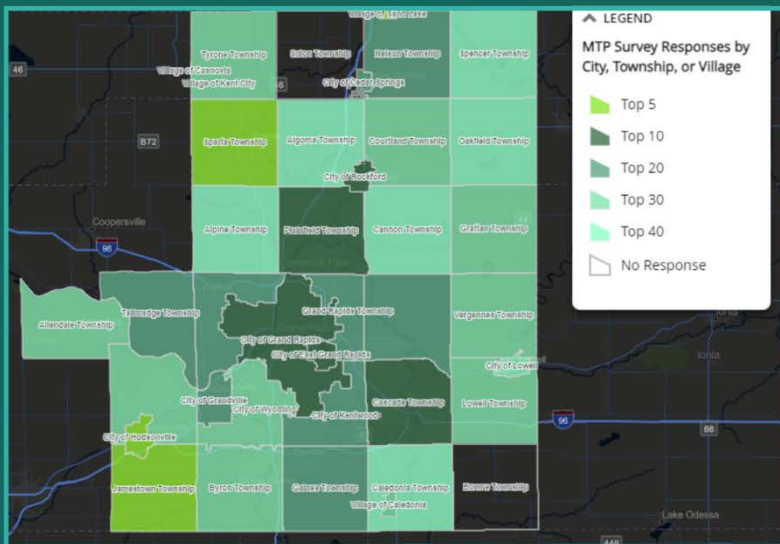


Question 9:

What is your zip code?

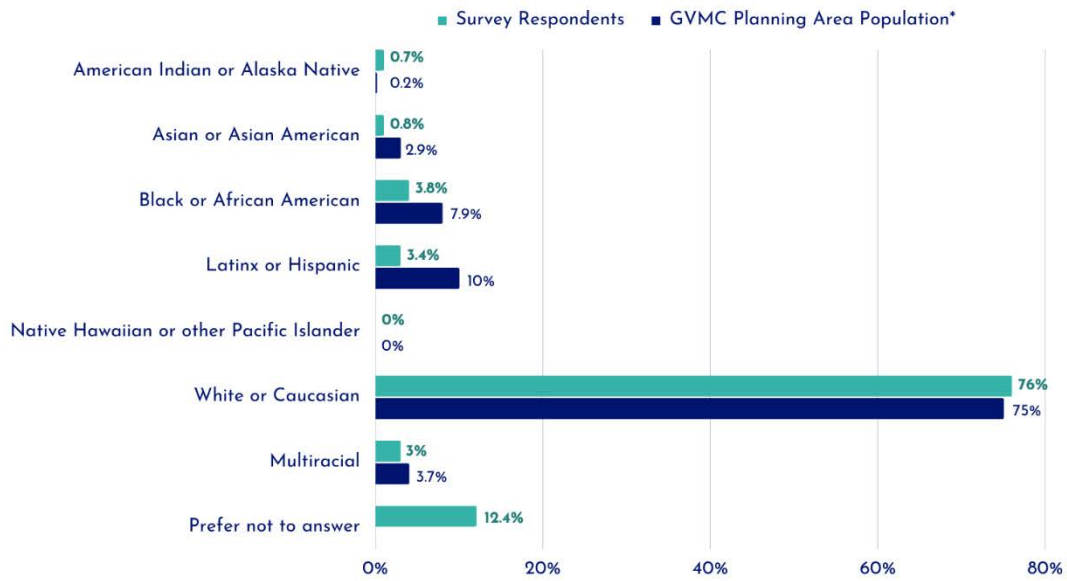


Question 10: What city, township, or village do you live in?



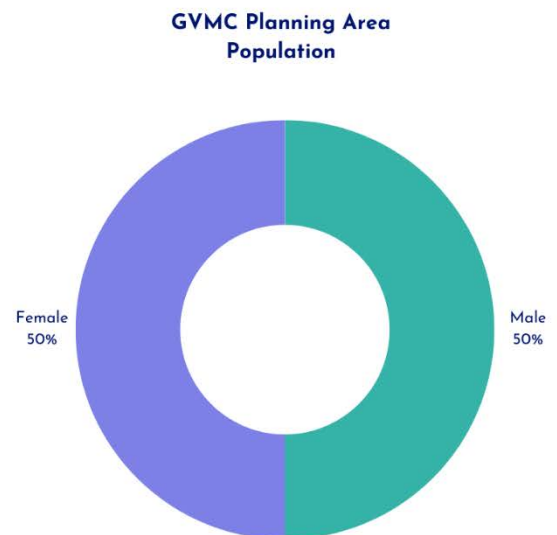
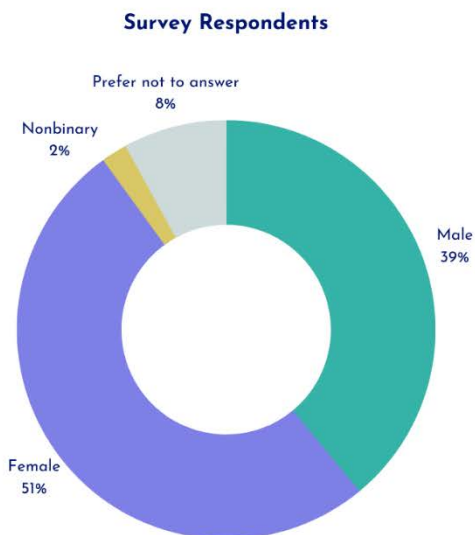
Location	Responses	Location	Responses
Grand Rapids (city)	33.79% 373	Tallmadge	0.54% 6
Jamestown	8.51% 94	Caledonia (township)	0.36% 4
Plainfield	6.34% 70	Cannon	0.36% 4
East Grand Rapids	5.43% 60	Courtland	0.36% 4
Sparta (township)	5.07% 56	Lowell (township)	0.36% 4
Cascade	4.53% 50	Nelson	0.36% 4
Hudsonville	4.26% 47	Sparta (village)	0.36% 4
Kentwood	4.17% 46	Alpine	0.27% 3
Wyoming	3.26% 36	Cedar Springs	0.27% 3
Walker	2.90% 32	Tyrone	0.27% 3
Grand Rapids (township)	2.63% 29	Algoma	0.18% 2
Georgetown	2.45% 27	Grattan	0.18% 2
Gaines	1.81% 20	Vergennes	0.18% 2
Ada	1.72% 19	Caledonia (village)	0.09% 1
Grandville	1.54% 17	Lowell (city)	0.09% 1
Other	1.54% 17	Oakfield	0.09% 1
Sand Lake	1.45% 16	Spencer	0.09% 1
Rockford	1.36% 15	Bowne	0.00% 0
Allendale	1.27% 14	Casnovia	0.00% 0
Byron Center	0.91% 10	Solon	0.00% 0
Kent City	0.63% 7	Skipped Question	5

Question 11: What is your ethnicity?



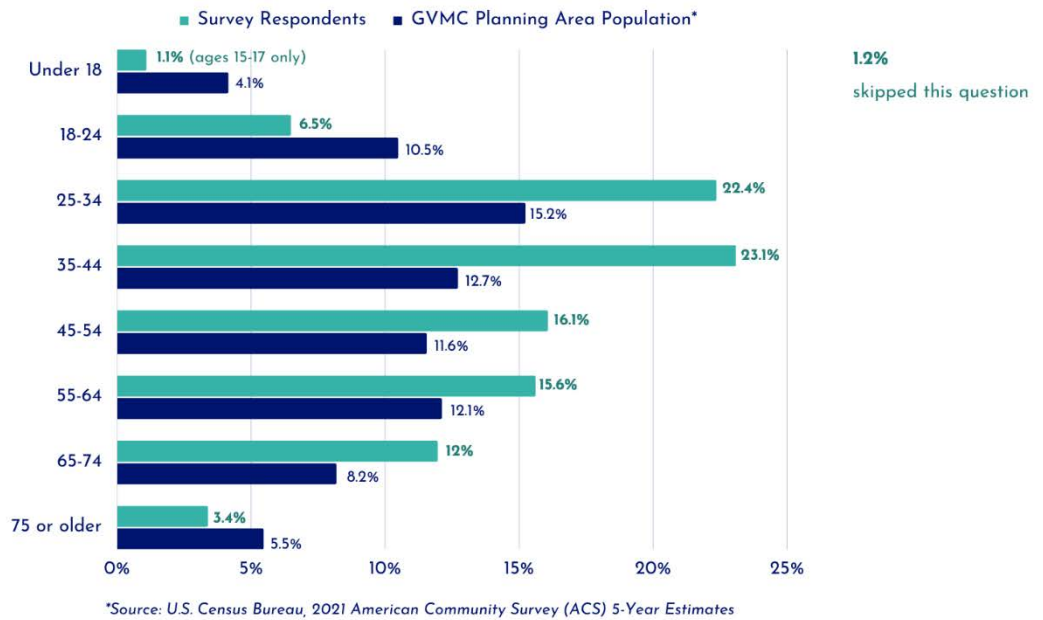
*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates

Question 12: What is your gender?

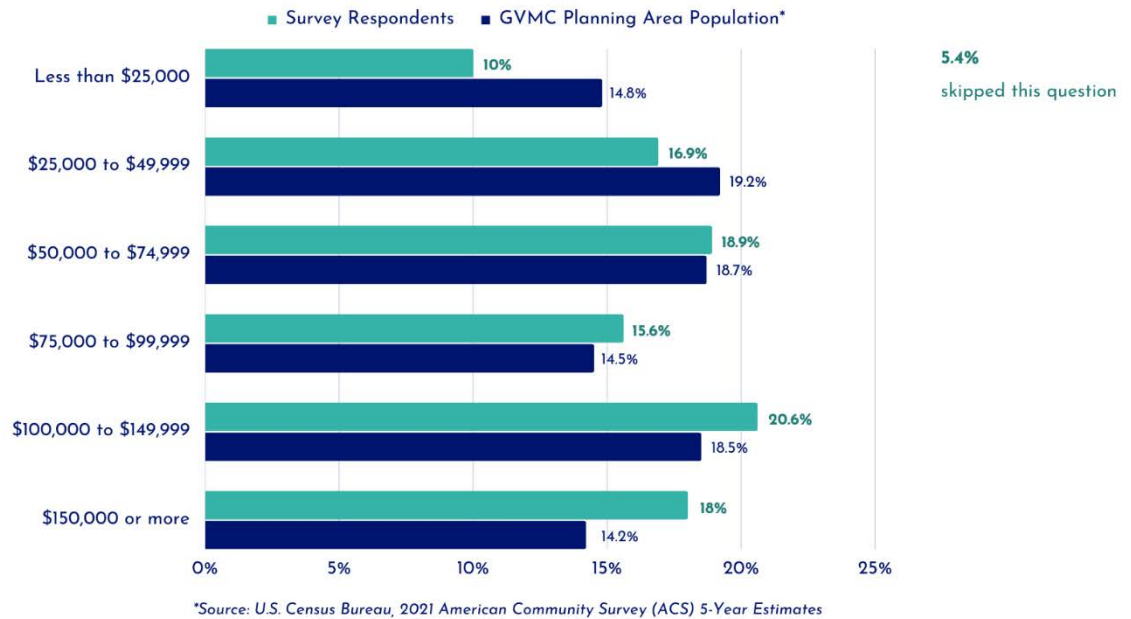


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates; "non-binary" not included in response options

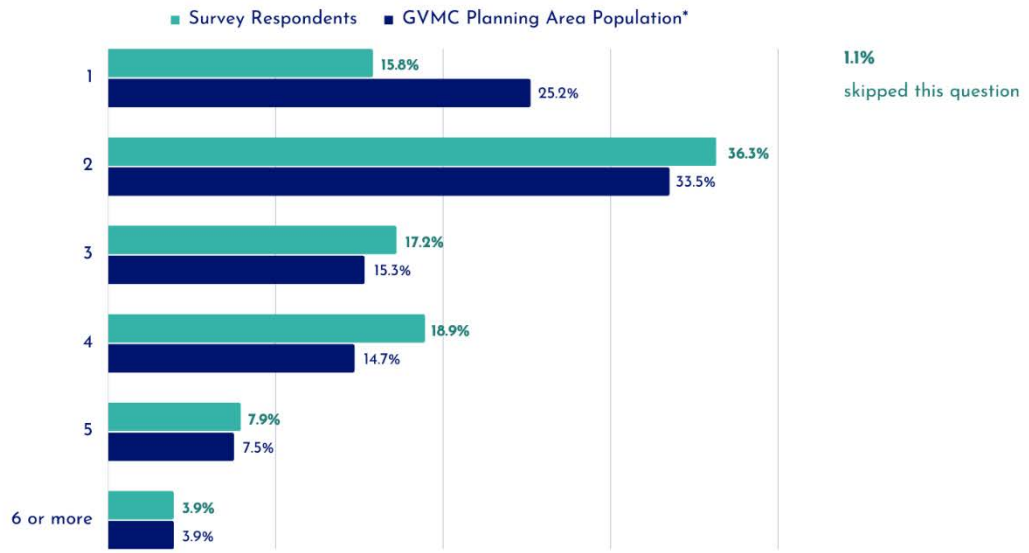
Question 13: What is your age group?



Question 14: What is your household's yearly income?



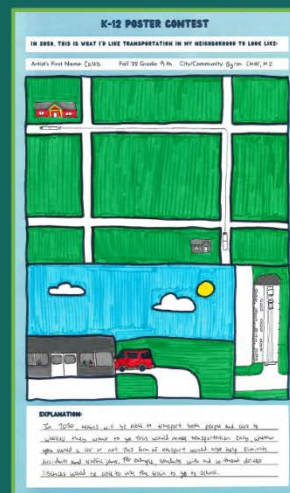
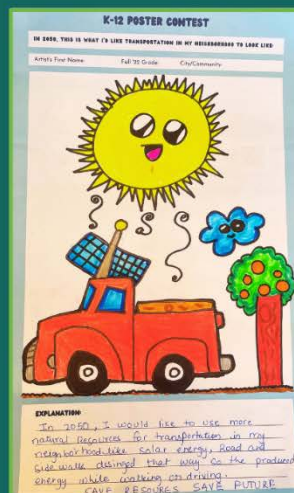
Question 15: How many people live in your household?



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Engaging children & young adults: K-12 Student Poster Contest

To involve the area's children and young adults in the survey, GVMC invited students in grades K-12 to participate in a poster contest. The students were asked to draw a picture of what they'd like transportation to look like in their neighborhood in 2050 and to provide an explanation. Poster contest templates were available at every library in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties (Grand Rapids Public Library, Kent District Library, and the Lakeland Library Cooperative) as well as a handful of local businesses, including the Academy of Art and Design, the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, and Rockford Bike Shop. Completed posters could be submitted online, mailed to GVMC, or dropped off at the pickup location. GVMC received approximately 120 completed templates, and winners were determined for three age cohorts: High School (grades 9-12), Middle School (grades 5-8), and Elementary (grades K-4). Top prizes for high school and middle school included two round-trip train tickets to Chicago provided by Amtrak, and the top prize for elementary school was a Trek bike. Prizes for second, third, and fourth place, as well as honorable mention prizes, included donations from area businesses such as movie tickets, tickets to Frederik Meijer Gardens and the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, and free illustration lessons from the Academy of Art and Design.



- Winning entries**
(from left to right)
- Elementary K-4**
Avyaan, 4th Grade, Grand Rapids
- Middle School 5-8**
Anvi, 5th Grade, Byron Center
- High School 9-12**
Caleb, 9th Grade, Byron Center

The table below describes the number of people reached through each outreach method at this milestone:

Outreach Method	Members of the Public Reached
Facebook (4 posts)	17,768
X (Twitter)	162
Instagram	3,094
Nextdoor	23,118
Email opens	695
Page views on gvmc.org under "Latest Developments" and MTP page from Aug 5, 2022 – Nov 11, 2022	1.108
Press Release* opens	23
Approximate Reach	45,968

**Note: The press release was not picked up by area media.*

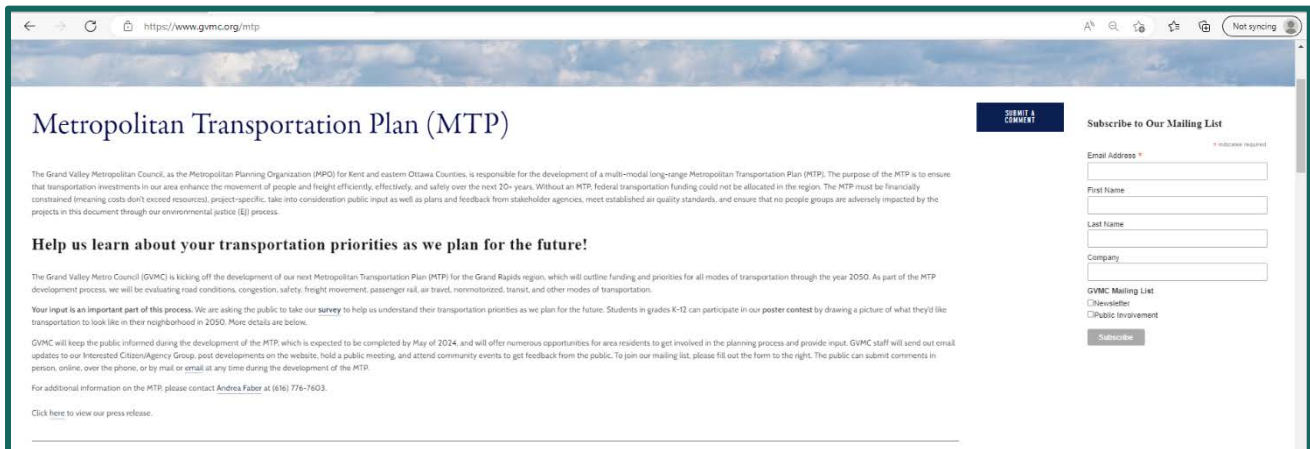
Comments Received can be found at the end of this document.

Sampling of Outreach Materials

Web Posting about MTP Kickoff and Survey – Latest Developments



Web posting – MTP Page



Student Poster Contest

GVPC asked students in grades K-12 to draw a picture of what they would like transportation to look like in their neighborhoods in 2050 and to provide an explanation. We received over 100 thoughtful and artistic responses from students across our area!

The posters are currently on display at the following locations through November 4:

- (1) Rapid Central Station
- (2) Switchbacks
- (3) Rockford Bike Shop
- (4) Grand Rapids Public Museum
- (5) Academy of Art and Design

Disclaimer: Artwork submitted and explanation may be used with the artist's first name, grade, and city/community in the 2050 MTP or appear on our website.

Want to know where your, or your child's, poster is on display? Contact us by phone (516) 776-7603 or email.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TRANSPORTATION TO LOOK LIKE IN THE YEAR 2050?

Draw a picture of what you would like transportation to look like in the year 2050 and submit it to the GVPC poster contest for the chance to win a \$1000 AMTRAK transportation prize and be featured in the 2050 AMTRAK Transportation Plan!

Head to www.gvpc.org/transportation for instructions.

LLAMAR A TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES EN LOS GRADOS K-12

¿CÓMO QUIERES QUE SE VEA EL TRANSPORTE EN EL AÑO 2050?

Dibujar una imagen de cómo te gustaría que se vea el transporte en el año 2050 y enviarla a la GVPC para participar en el concurso de arte de transporte de 2050. ¡Tendrás la oportunidad de ganar un premio y aparecer en el Plan de Transporte Metropolitano de GVPC 2050!

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Winners will be notified by November 30, 2022. In addition to the prizes below, winners will have their poster displayed in GVPC's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Elementary age (K-4th grade)

Top prize: A kids Triik bike (as pictured or similar) and helmet (courtesy of Rockford Bike Shop)

Middle school (5th-8th grade)

Top prize: One pair of round-trip Amtrak® tickets from Grand Rapids to Chicago

High school (9th-12th grade)

Top prize: One pair of round-trip Amtrak® tickets from Grand Rapids to Chicago

Second and third place prizes will also be awarded for every age category and include free tickets to a variety of exciting local places, like the AMC movie theater, the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, sets of 5 free illustration lessons, and more!

Thanks to our partners!



Poster Contest Template Pickup/Drop Off Locations:

Academy of Art and Design

All libraries in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties
Grand Rapids Children's Museum (the weeks of 8/15 and 8/22 only)
Rockford Bike Shop

Poster Host Locations:

We are building our list of host venues. Check back for updates.

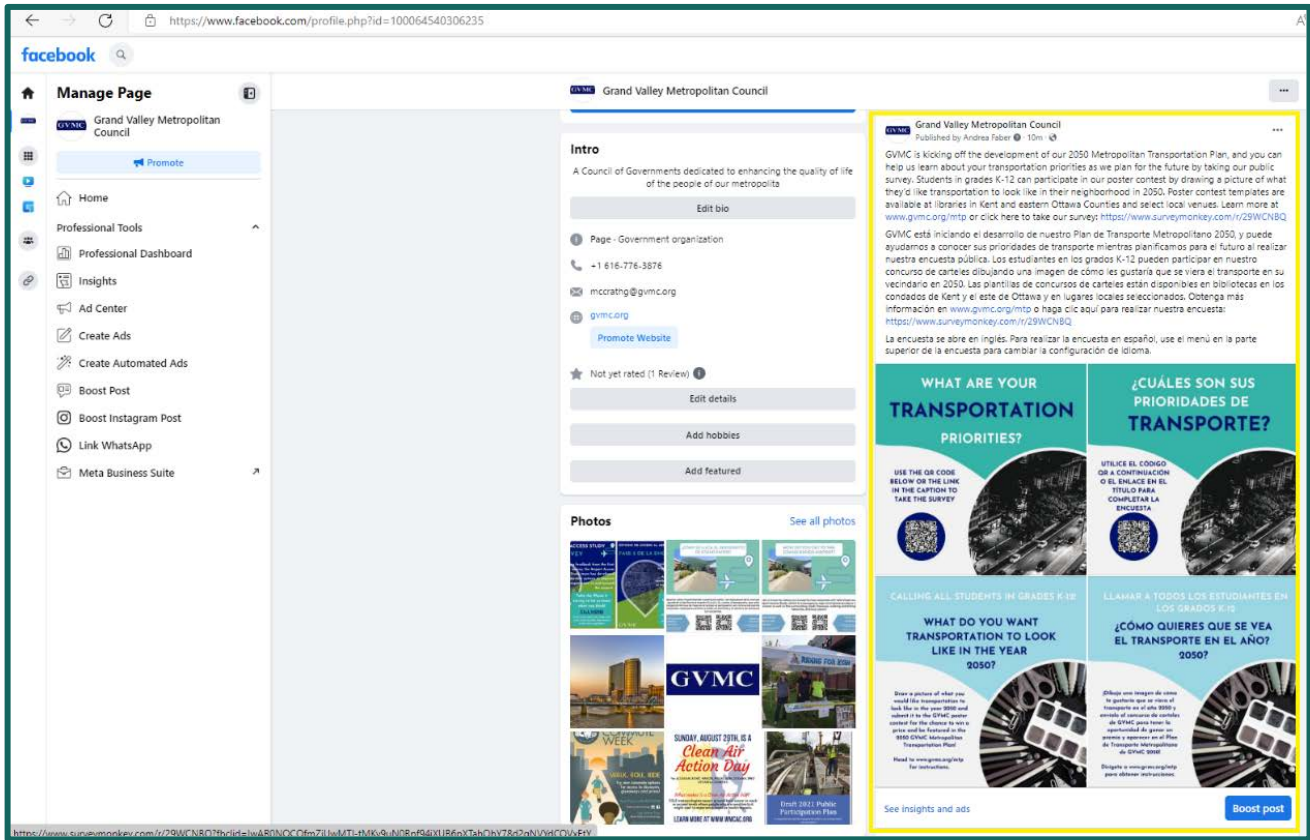
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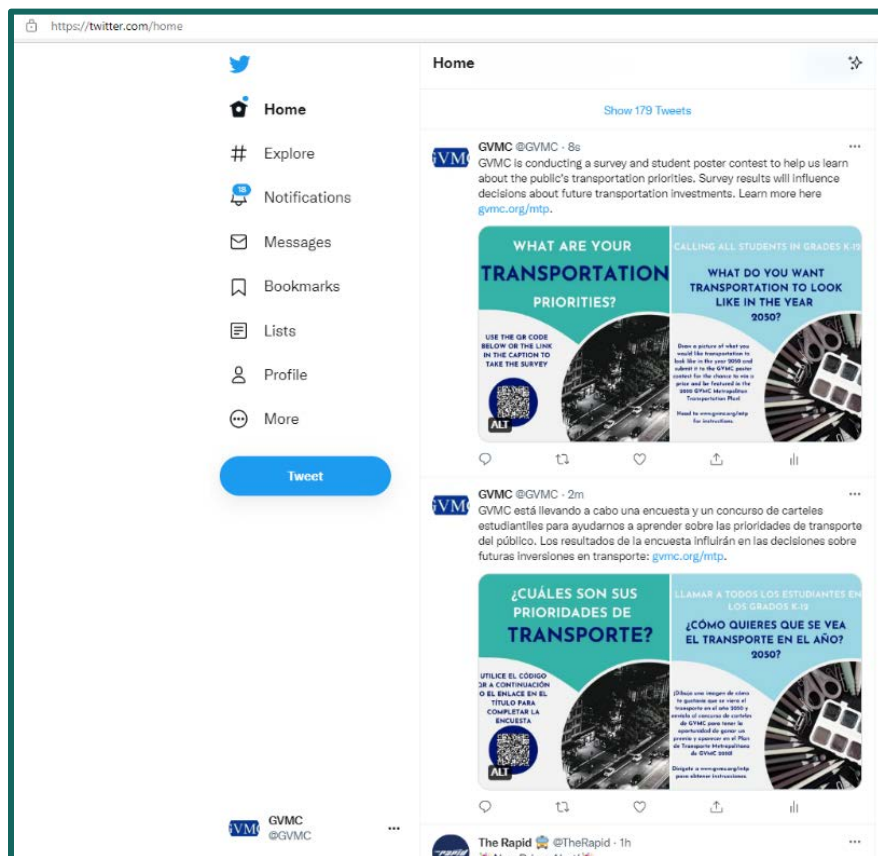


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Silverline was a bust and waste of money. The park n ride lot is mostly empty while 131 is choked with traffic. Everywhere empty buses with few or no riders suck up taxes and pollu... See more

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Joan K. Thank you for your comments, Joan!

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Help us learn about your transportation priorities as we plan for the future!



Click the image above, or [click here](#) to take the survey.

The Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC) is kicking off the development of our new [Metropolitan Area MTP](#) for the Grand Rapids region, which will outline funding and priorities for all modes of transportation through the year 2050. As part of the MTP development process, we will be evaluating road conditions, congestion, safety, freight movement, passenger rail, air travel, nonmotorized, transit, and other modes of transportation.

Your input is an important part of this process. So please take our [survey](#) and let us know your priorities as we plan for the future and spend the road. Children in grades K-12 can participate in our poster contest by drawing a picture of what they'd like transportation to look like in their neighborhood in 2050. Prizes will be offered for the following age groups:



- **Kindergarten through 4th grade**
Top prize: A kid's Trak bike, courtesy of Rockler's Bike Shop
- **5th – 8th grade**
Top prize: One pair of round-ear, Emerald glasses from Grand Rapids to Chicago
- **9th – 12th grade**
Top prize: One pair of round-ear, Emerald glasses from Grand Rapids to Chicago

Second and third place prizes will also be awarded for all age groups. Poster contest templates are available for pickup at libraries in Kent and western Ottawa Counties and some additional venues. Please see our [website](#) for a complete list.

GVMC will keep the public informed during the development of the MTP, which is expected to be completed by May of 2024, and will offer numerous opportunities for area residents to get involved in the planning process and provide input. GVMC staff will send out email updates, post developments on the website, hold a public meeting, and attend community events to get feedback from the public. The public can submit comments in person, online, over the phone, or by mail at any time during the development of the MTP.

For additional information on the MTP, please visit our [website](#) or contact [Andrea Fisher](#) at (616) 770-7000.



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Media Release

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**GVMC Seeks Input from Local Residents on Transportation
Priorities for 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Grand Rapids, Mich. - The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is seeking input from Kent and Ottawa County residents to identify regional transportation priorities for the next 25 years. The feedback will assist in the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Grand Rapids region. GVMC is required by federal law to update the MTP every four years. As part of the MTP development process, we will be evaluating road conditions, congestion, safety, freight movement, passenger rail, air travel, non-motorized, transit, and other modes of transportation, along with input from the public.

“At GVMC, we are looking to bring multiple users and stakeholders together to tell us what they need from our regional transportation network,” said John Weiss, executive director of GVMC. “Public input is critical for us to ensure regional mobility is moving forward to serve businesses and residents from Kent and Ottawa Counties.”

GVMC is seeking public input through a survey and poster contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students. A link to the survey and information about the student poster contest is available at www.gvmc.org/mtp. The communities with the highest participation rates in the survey will be entered in a drawing to win a beautification grant that will provide trees or green infrastructure for the selected community. Prizes for the poster contest will be awarded to winners in the following categories:

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GYMC está buscando información a través de una encuesta. Las comunidades con las tasas de participación de residentes más altas se inscribirán para ganar una subvención de embellecimiento que proporcionará árboles o infraestructura verde dentro de la comunidad seleccionada!



¡TOME LA ENCUESTA!

Escanee el código QR o
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11" x 17" Student poster contest template

English

K-12 POSTER CONTEST

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council is working on a transportation plan for our community through the year 2050! You can help us by drawing a picture of what you would like transportation to look like in your neighborhood in the year 2050. Think about how you will get to the store, to work, to see your doctor, and to visit your friends, then create a picture and tell us about it. Posters must be designed on this template and be received by September 30 for consideration. Posters can be submitted in the following ways:

DIGITAL



OR

MAIL

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
C/O Andrea Faber
678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 300
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

OR

DROPOFF

Bring your poster to the location where you received this template or to one of the places listed on our website (www.gvmc.org/info)

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFO:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents will only be contacted if their child wins the contest.

PRIZES



Winners will be notified by November 30, 2022. In addition to the prizes below, winners will have their poster displayed in GVMC's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

ELEMENTARY AGE (K-4TH GRADE)
Top prize: A kids Trek bike (as pictured or similar) and helmet (courtesy of Rockford Bike Shop)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (5TH-8TH GRADE)
Top prize: One pair of round trip Amtrak® tickets from Grand Rapids to Chicago

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH GRADE)
Top prize: One pair of round trip Amtrak® tickets from Grand Rapids to Chicago

Second and third place prizes will also be awarded for every age category and include free tickets to a variety of exciting local places and more!

COMPLETED POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT SEVERAL LOCAL VENUES.
VISIT WWW.GVMC.ORG/MTP FOR A LIST OF HOST LOCATIONS!

Disclaimer: Artwork submitted and explanation may be used with the artist's first name, grade, and city/community in the 2050 MTP or appear on our website.

K-12 POSTER CONTEST

IN 2050, THIS IS WHAT I'D LIKE TRANSPORTATION IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD TO LOOK LIKE:

Artist's First Name: _____ Fall '22 Grade: _____ City/Community: _____


EXPLANATION:

Spanish

CONCURSO DE CARTELES K-12

¡El Consejo Metropolitano de Grand Valley está trabajando en un plan de transporte para nuestra comunidad hasta el año 2050! Puede ayudarnos haciendo un dibujo de cómo le gustaría que fuera el transporte en su vecindario en el año 2050. Piense en cómo llegará a la tienda, al trabajo, a ver a su médico y a visitar a sus amigos, luego dibuje una imagen y cuéntenos sobre ella. Los carteles deben diseñarse en esta plantilla y deben recibirse antes del 30 de septiembre para su consideración. Los carteles se pueden enviar de las siguientes maneras:

DIGITAL



CORREO

Consejo Metropolitano de Grand Valley
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678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 300
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

PASÁNDO A DEJARLO

Lléve su poster al lugar donde recibió esta plantilla o a cualquiera de los lugares enumerados en nuestro sitio web (www.gvmc.org/info)

INFORMACIÓN DE CONTACTO DEL PADRE/TUTOR:

Nombre: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____

Número de Teléfono: _____

Los padres solo serán contactados si su hijo (a) gana el concurso.

PREMIOS



Los ganadores serán notificados antes del 30 de noviembre de 2022. Además de los premios a continuación, los ganadores tendrán su cartel exhibido en el Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MTP, por sus siglas en inglés) 2050 de GVMC.

EDAD PRIMARIA (K-4 GRADO)
Premio mayor: una bicicleta Trek para niños (como se muestra en la imagen o similar) y un casco (cortesía de Rockford Bike Shop)

ESCUELA INTERMEDIA (5-8 GRADO)
Premio mayor: Un par de boletas de ida y vuelta de Amtrak® desde Grand Rapids a Chicago

ESCUELA SECUNDARIA (9-12 GRADO)
Premio mayor: Un par de boletas de ida y vuelta de Amtrak® desde Grand Rapids a Chicago

También se otorgarán premios para el segundo y tercer lugar para cada categoría de edad e incluyen entradas gratuitas a una variedad de emocionantes lugares locales y más!

LOS CARTELES COMPLETOS SE EXHIBIRÁN EN VARIOS LUGARES LOCALES.
¡VISITE WWW.GVMC.ORG/MTP PARA OBTENER UNA LISTA DE LAS UBICACIONES ANFITRIONAS!

Descargo de responsabilidad: los obras de arte enviadas y la explicación se pueden usar con el nombre del artista, el grado y la ciudad/comunidad en el MTP 2050 o en nuestro sitio web.

CONCURSO DE CARTELES K-12

EN EL AÑO 2050, ASÍ ES COMO ME GUSTARÍA QUE SE VIERA EL TRANSPORTE EN MI VECINDARIO:

Nombre del Artista: _____ Grado de Otoño '22: _____ Ciudad/Comunidad: _____

EXPLICACIÓN

2.) Pre-Programming Collaboration

Once the comprehensive needs and deficiencies analyses were completed, GVMC invited the public to comment on them in the following ways:

- Posting a notice and detailed information on www.gvmc.org
- Sending an email to the interested citizen/agency list
- Posting on social media
- Submitting a press release to GVMC’s media contact list and posting it online
- Launching an MTP Bingo game

GVMC made this information available to the public on Thursday, June 15, 2023. The public was asked to comment on the identified modal needs on or before Wednesday, July 12, 2023, for a total comment period of 28 days.

The table below describes the number of people reached through each outreach method at this milestone:

Outreach Method	Members of the public reached
Facebook (including 1 paid post)	4,655
X (Twitter) (4 posts)	866
Instagram (including 1 paid post)	3,811
Nextdoor	9,708
Email opens	706
Page views on gvmc.org under “Latest Developments” and MTP page from June 15, 2023 – July 19, 2023	1,729
Press Release* opens	22
El Vocero Hispano (print ad, web banner, social media)	unknown
Print copies of MTP Bingo cards issued to 2 library branches & 3 Gazelle Sports locations for distribution	115
MTP Bingo fliers distributed at 35 library branches & 3 Gazelle Sports locations	unknown
Approximate Reach	Over 21,612

**Note: The press release was not picked up by area media.*

Comments Received can be found at the end of this document.

Encouraging multi-modal transportation during the summer & increasing public awareness of GVMC: MTP Bingo Game

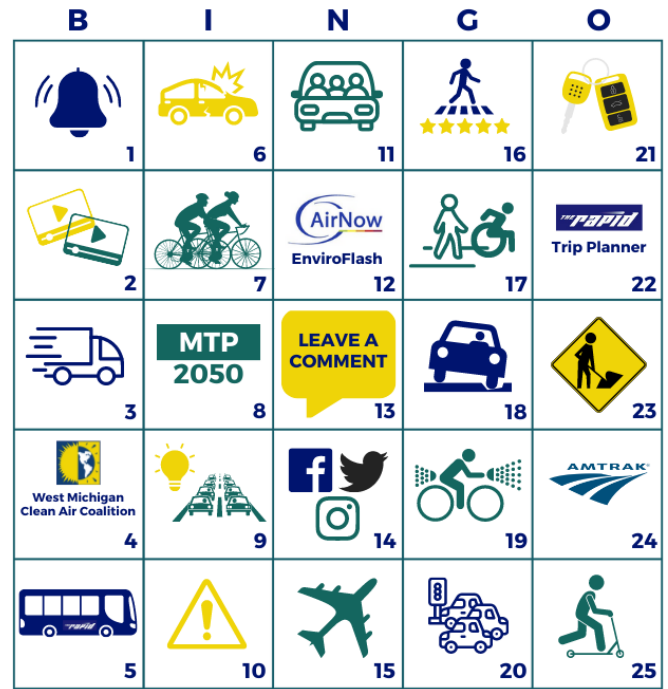
Ahead of our July 19, 2023 joint meeting of our Technical and Policy Committees, we released a series of needs analyses with input from the public, stakeholders and Committees representing various transportation modes, and performance targets the Committees previously supported. Needs analyses were developed for the following modes: air travel, freight movement, nonmotorized, passenger rail, pavement condition, traffic congestion, transit, and safety.

To enhance public participation, GVMC launched a bingo game that asked the public to participate in a variety of transportation-related activities to earn a bingo. To complete their entry, participants were asked to "review [GVMC's] needs analyses and leave a comment to share how they reflect [the participants'] overall experience and expectations for transportation in the region."

To help with outreach, we continued our partnership with our region's three main library systems -- Grand Rapids Public Library, Kent District Library, and the Lakeland Library Cooperative -- with a total reach of 35 branches. However, due to their own summer programming, engagement was limited to posting fliers with QR codes on their bulletin boards; two branches volunteered to distribute 80 bingo cards in both English and Spanish. Similar to the MTP Survey we launched in our first milestone, we also leveraged our membership, public involvement list, and social media -- Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), Nextdoor -- to solicit feedback on our needs analyses and generate publicity for the MTP Bingo game.

As an incentive to participate, we encouraged community partners and businesses to help us offer grand prizes, receiving two donations for prizes: \$100 gift card to Gazelle Sports (a regional run-specialty and active lifestyle store, supporting nonmotorized activities) and four tickets to a minor league baseball game to watch the West Michigan Whitecaps (a long-standing partner, where we often table for our Clean Air Action program). We also funded additional prizes to Tanger Outlets, Celebration Cinemas, and Kent County Parks' Millennium Park Beach and Splashpad. As a thank you, all participants had an opportunity to pick up a summer fun safety kit that included a reflective safety belt, reflective slap bracelets, a water bottle, a frisbee, and tip cards on nonmotorized road safety and what to do on Clean Air Action Days.

Although we expected more submissions (overall participation may have been higher without finishing the game), the quality of engagement and the comments we received in response to our needs analyses were very high. Instead of the minimum five (5) boxes to complete a bingo, nearly all participants completed between 9 - 16 boxes. Comments were thoughtful and many individuals shared feedback on more than one mode of transportation. These are included in the appendix and reflected in the modal needs chapters of our MTP.



14
completed
submissions



All participants
completed
6 - 16
activities (of 25)

Completion Rate	Box	Activity	Category
93%	N-13	Review our needs analyses and leave a comment to share how they reflect your overall experience and expectations for transportation in the region	Learn about GVMC
79%	I-7	Ride a bike on a nearby path or trail	Nonmotorized
79%	G-17	Take a walk or use your wheelchair to your next errand	Nonmotorized
64%	B-5	Ride The Rapid	Transit
64%	G-19	Install a light or place reflectors on your bike	Nonmotorized
57%	O-21	Go for a drive with someone	Automobile
50%	N-11	Explore the region's commute calculator	Automobile
50%	N-14	Follow us on social media	Learn about GVMC
50%	O-24	Explore Amtrak destinations	Transit
43%	B-1	Sign up for our Public Involvement List & Newsletter	Learn about GVMC
43%	B-4	Learn about Clean Air Action Days	Clean Air Action
43%	I-6	Explore the Interactive Crash Summary Map (2017-21)	Learn about GVMC
43%	N-12	Sign up for EnviroFlash	Clean Air Action
43%	N-15	View the outcomes of our recent Airport Access Study	Learn about GVMC
43%	G-20	Look at Traffic Count Data on a road you travel frequently	Learn about GVMC
43%	O-22	Use The Rapid Trip Planner	Transit
36%	B-3	View the projects included in the 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	Learn about GVMC
36%	I-8	Learn more about the MTP	Learn about GVMC
36%	O-23	Explore the Interactive Construction Map	Learn about GVMC
29%	I-9	Share an idea of how to reduce traffic	Nonmotorized
29%	G-18	Report a pothole	Road Conditions
29%	O-25	Ride an e-scooter	Nonmotorized
21%	B-2	Watch 2 short safety education videos	Learn about GVMC
21%	I-10	Report a near-miss incident or traffic safety location of concern	Learn about GVMC
21%	G-16	Review pavement conditions around you using PASER	Learn about GVMC

Sampling of Outreach Materials

Web Posting with call for feedback on needs analyses & MTP Bingo launch

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.gvmc.org/latest-developments/2023/6/15/play-mtp-bingo-win-prizes>. The page features the GVMC logo at the top center and a navigation menu with links for HOME, GVMC, TRANSPORTATION - MPO, REGIS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, and REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS. The main heading is "Play MTP Bingo, Win Prizes!" dated June 15, 2023. The text invites the public to participate in a 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Bingo competition. It lists prizes such as \$100 gift cards to Gazelle Sports and Tanger Outlets, a \$50 gift card to Celebration Cinemas, four box seat tickets to a Whitecaps game, and a seasonal pass to Millennium Park Beach and Splashpad. There are links to download bingo cards in English and Spanish, and a section for GVMC Needs Analyses. A "Please note" section states that participation in the MTP bingo does not require commenting on the needs analyses. The page concludes with contact information for individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services.

Web posting – MTP Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.gvmc.org/mtp>. The page features the title "Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)" and a "SUBMIT A COMMENT" button. The main text explains that the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties, is responsible for the development of a multi-modal long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). It details the purpose of the MTP, the funding process, and the importance of public input. A section titled "2050 MTP Development Updates" provides more information about the development process, including a public survey, a student poster contest, and the launch of the MTP Bingo game. A "Public input is an important part of this process" section encourages residents to get involved in the planning process. At the bottom, there is a "Subscribe to Our Mailing List" form with fields for Email Address, First Name, Last Name, and Company, and checkboxes for Newsletter and Public Involvement. A "Subscribe" button is located below the form.

GVMC Needs Analyses and MTP Bingo (spring and summer of 2023)

During the spring and summer of 2023, GVMC worked with various stakeholders and Committees, including organizations representing transit, passenger rail, air travel, freight movement, and nonmotorized modes of transportation and analyzed pavement condition, traffic congestion, and safety for all users of the transportation system to complete a series of needs analyses. These analyses demonstrate where the transportation system is functioning below optimal levels and will be the foundation for proposing solutions to meet the current and forecasted transportation needs by mode for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), GVMC's long-range transportation plan.

These analyses include:

Modal Needs

[Air](#)

[Freight](#)

[Nonmotorized](#)

[Passenger Rail](#)

[Transit](#)

Transportation Needs

[Congestion](#)

[Pavement Condition](#)

[Safety](#)

To encourage public engagement with the needs analyses, GVMC launched MTP Bingo. Participants were asked to select activities on the bingo card to earn a bingo, which included opportunities to interact with the transportation system or learn about available transportation resources. Once a bingo was achieved, the participant could submit their bingo card with a comment that compared their experience with the transportation system and what they learned to the results of GVMC's needs analyses.



All participants submitting a bingo card received a voucher for a free summer fun safety kit from GVMC, which included a reusable bag, a water bottle, a frisbee, a pen, notepad, chip clip, and reflective gear. They were also entered to win several grand prizes, including:

- \$100 gift card to Gazelle Sports
- \$100 gift card to Tanger Outlets
- \$50 gift card to Celebration Cinemas
- Four box seat tickets to a Whitecaps game
- Seasonal pass to Millennium Park Beach and Splashpad

[DOWNLOAD 11"x17" BINGO CARD - English](#)

[DOWNLOAD 11x17" BINGO CARD - Spanish/español](#)

[DOWNLOAD PRESS RELEASE](#)

Hard copies of the bingo card were also available at GVMC's office, at three Gazelle Sports locations in Grand Rapids and Grandville, and at the Georgetown Township Public Library and the Sparta Carnegie Township Library.

The public comment period on the needs analyses and the MTP Bingo game ran from June 15 - July 12. Completed bingo cards and comments could be submitted in person, by mail or email, or using an online submission button through Survey Monkey.

GVMC would like to thank our sponsors, Gazelle Sports and the West Michigan Whitecaps!




MTP Bingo Launch Facebook Post

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Published by Mara Gericke · June 15 ·

Play the GVMC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Bingo Game! Have fun, learn about the transportation system, and be entered to win prizes (including a \$100 gift card to Gazelle Sports, Tanger Outlets, Whitecaps tickets, and more)!

As a part of developing this plan, we evaluated road conditions, congestion, safety, freight, rail, air travel, nonmotorized/micromobility, transit, and other modes of transportation. Now it's your turn to explore these transportation topics and let us know what you think. Let your voice be heard as we plan towards 2050 in Kent and eastern Ottawa County!

Head to gvmc.org/mtp to learn more, download your bingo card, and get started!




MTP Bingo Launch Tweet

GVMC @GVMC · Jun 15

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Instagram

B I N G O

1	6	11	16	21
2	7	12	17	22
3	8	13	18	23
4	9	14	19	24
5	10	15	20	25

gvmc.transportation
Original audio

gvmc.transportation There are many ways to get a BINGO, but here is one winning combination that will have you out and about, learning about the transportation system by both bike and e-scooter! Complete these five squares and be entered to win some awesome prizes like a \$100 gift card to Gazelle Sports, a \$100 gift card to Tanger Outlets, Whitecaps tickets, and more!

Head to gvmc.org/mtp to learn more, download your bingo card, and get started!

Here are some tips for completing this BINGO combination:

B-1: Sign up at gvmc.org/public-involvement

I-7: Check out our safety page before heading out on a bike ride gvmc.org/safety-outreach

N-13: Do this last! After you learn more about the transportation system by completing the other squares, read the completed needs analyses at gvmc.org/mtp and leave a comment to share how they reflect your overall experience and expectations for transportation in the region.

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Add a comment... [Post](#)

EACH SUMMER FUN SAFETY KIT INCLUDES

- DRAWSTRING BAG
- REFLECTIVE SAFETY BELT
- REFLECTIVE SLAP BRACELETS
- WATER BOTTLE
- FRISBEE
- CHIP CLIP
- NOTEPAD
- PEN
- TIPS ON BIKE SAFETY & HOW YOU CAN DO YOUR PART ON CLEAN AIR ACTION DAYS

gvmc.transportation

gvmc.transportation Looking forward to making some progress on your MTP BINGO card over the 4th of July weekend? 🎉 Submit your winning card by Wednesday, July 12 to get your summer fun safety kit and be entered to win one of our grand prizes, including a \$100 gift card to @gazellesports & tickets to a @whitecaps game!

You can submit your winning card online, by email, in person, or by mail. Summer fun safety kits will be available for pick up at our office located at 678 Front Ave NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids. Head to gvmc.org/mtp to learn more.


Have a fun & safe holiday weekend!
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JUNE 30

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Nextdoor

 **Grand Valley Metro Council** ✓
GVMC Transportation Department • 5 Jul

One week left to play the GVMC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Bingo Game! Submit your winning card by Wednesday, July 12th to get your summer fun safety kit and be entered to win one of our grand prizes, including a \$100 gift card to Gazelle Sports & tickets to a Whitecaps game!




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gvmc.org/mtp
to learn more and
download your bingo card

Submit your entry by Wednesday,
July 12, 2023

Summer fun safety kits
can be picked up at our office located at
678 Front Ave NW, Ste 200

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  2  Like  Comment  Share

Play MTP Bingo, win prizes, and help us determine local transportation needs ▶



Grand Valley Metropolitan Council <andrea.faber@gvmc.org>
to me ▾

Thu, Jun 15, 4:15 PM



GVMC Launches Bingo Game to Help Determine Local Transportation Needs

Play MTP B-I-N-G-O with Us! Win Prizes!



GVMC invites the public to participate in our 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Bingo competition! Participants are asked to complete activities on the bingo card to create a bingo, which include interacting with the transportation system or learning about available transportation resources. Once a bingo has been achieved, the participant can submit their bingo card with a comment that compares their experience with the transportation system and what they've learned to the results of GVMC's needs analyses that summarize current and future transportation needs by mode and transportation issue (i.e., safety, congestion, and pavement condition).

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Hard copies of the bingo card are also available at GVMC's office. Additional pickup locations and more information about the game, including rules to play, are located on [GVMC's website](#). Completed bingo cards and comments on the needs analyses will be accepted through **Wednesday, July 12**. Participants can submit completed bingo cards and comments in person, [online](#), or by mail or [email](#).

Please note: It is not necessary to participate in MTP bingo to comment on GVMC's needs analyses. Comments can be submitted [online](#), by [email](#) to Andrea Faber, by mail to our office, by phone (call 616.776.7603), or in person. To stay informed about the effort, sign up to receive regular updates on our [public participation page](#).

Developing the needs analyses was a collaborative process. GVMC worked with various stakeholders and Committees, including organizations representing transit, passenger rail, air travel, freight movement, and non-motorized modes of transportation. GVMC also analyzed pavement condition, traffic congestion, and safety for all users of the transportation system. This work will be the foundation for proposing solutions to meet the current and forecasted transportation needs by mode for the 2050 MTP, GVMC's long-range transportation plan. GVMC is required by federal law to update the MTP every four years.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services and those requiring an interpreter or translation service to participate should contact Andrea Faber by phone at (616) 776-7603 or [email](#) for assistance.

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GVMC Launches “MTP Bingo” Competition to Engage the Public in Transportation Needs Analyses for Long-Range Transportation Plan

Grand Rapids, Mich. - The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) invites individuals and families in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties to participate in our 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Bingo competition. Participants are asked to interact with the transportation system by walking to their next errand, taking the bus, riding their bike, etc., or learn about our work through transportation resources online. The game culminates with the participants submitting their card with a comment that compares their experience and what they’ve learned to the results of GVMC’s needs analyses that summarize current and future transportation needs by mode and transportation issue (i.e., safety, congestion, and pavement condition). Participants completing a bingo can pick up a summer fun safety kit from GVMC and be entered to win several grand prizes, including gift cards to Gazelle Sports, Tanger Outlets, Celebration Cinema, four box seat tickets to a Whitecaps game, and a seasonal pass to Millennium Park.

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current and forecasted transportation needs by mode for the 2050 MTP, GVMC's long-range transportation plan. GVMC is required by federal law to update the MTP every four years.

"At GVMC, we are looking to bring multiple users and stakeholders together to tell us what they need from our regional transportation network," said John Weiss, executive director of GVMC. "Public input is critical for us to ensure regional mobility is moving forward to serve businesses and residents from Kent and Ottawa Counties."

To view the needs analyses or to download a bingo card, please visit www.gvmc.org/mtp. Hard copies are available at GVMC's office. Additional pickup locations are listed on GVMC's website. Completed bingo cards and comments on the needs analyses will be accepted through **Wednesday, July 12**. Participants can submit their bingo cards and comments in person, [online](#), or by mail or [email](#). To stay informed about the effort, sign up for regular updates on GVMC's [public involvement page](#).

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Criptomonedas: ¿Estados Unidos buscaría acabar con las divisas digitales?

POR: NATALIE SHERMAN
Corresponsal de Negocios,
Nueva York

¿Está Estados Unidos tratando de matar las criptomonedas?

Tal vez. Hace tres años, la mayoría de las firmas del sector en las que invirtió la empresa de Andrew Durgée tenían su sede en EE.UU.

Este año, estima que solo una de cada 10 estará en territorio estadounidense, un reflejo de que su empresa cree que el país se ha vuelto cada vez más hostil a los activos digitales como las criptomonedas y los tokens.

"El gobierno realmente ha apuntado contra la industria", dice Durgée, director gerente de la división de criptomonedas de la empresa de tecnología Republic. "La incertidumbre regulatoria hace que las inversiones en EE.UU. sean de mayor riesgo".

El sector ya estaba bajo presión, luego de que los precios de las monedas virtuales colapsaran el año pasado.

El día adicional provino del colapso de varias firmas de alto perfil, incluida FTX, dirigida por el llamado "Crypto King" Sam Bankman-Fried, a quien los fiscales acusaron de realizar "uno de los mayores fraudes financieros" en la historia de EE.UU.

Conmocionados por la agitación, los reguladores estadounidenses intensificaron su vigilancia del sector, que según las autoridades ha sido advertido desde al menos 2017 de que su actividad infringe las normas financieras de EE.UU., destinadas a proteger a los inversores.

La campaña ha producido una serie constante de cargos contra empresas y ejecutivos de criptomonedas, alegando violaciones que van desde no registrarse correctamente con las autoridades y divulgar adecuadamente su actividad hasta, en algunos casos, reclamos más perjudiciales como el mal manejo de los fondos de los consumidores y fraude.

Bitcoin, que representa la mayor parte del valor en un sector en el que han circularado miles de monedas,



El director ejecutivo de Coinbase, Brian Armstrong, es uno de los que ha amenazado con abandonar EE.UU. por su enfoque regulatorio.

es visto por los funcionarios estadounidenses como una mercancía, como el oro.

Eso significa que no se ha visto afectado en gran medida por el debate regulatorio actual, que depende de la cuestión legal de qué constituye un "valor", una inversión como una acción o un bono supervisado por la Comisión de Bolsa y Valores de EE.UU. (SEC, por sus siglas en inglés).

En cambio, los esfuerzos se han centrado en las empresas que emiten tokens o monedas para recaudar dinero, y cada vez más en los intercambios

en los que se compran y venden dichos activos digitales, que a menudo retienen los fondos de los clientes, ejecutan transacciones y participan en otras actividades que están separadas de las finanzas tradicionales.

Esta represión culminó este mes con acciones legales contra dos de las plataformas más grandes: Coinbase y Binance.

Gary Gensler, presidente de la SEC, defendió las medidas, comparando el estado de cosas en la industria con la década de 1920, antes de que EE.UU. estableciera muchas de las reglas que hoy están discutiendo: "Charlatanes, estafadores, artistas del fraude, esquemas Ponzi... El público haciendo fila en el tribunal de bancarotas".

Will Paige, analista de investigación de Insider Intelligence, dice que el sentimiento se ha deteriorado significativamente desde 2021, cuando la industria valía más de US\$3 billones, según algunas estimaciones, y parecía estar lista para una mayor acción.

"He vuelto a estar en el margen de las finanzas", dice. "La confianza en el sistema

está dañada y definitivamente ha empeorado".

A raíz de las demandas, los clientes retiraron miles de millones de dólares en fondos. Los bancos estadounidenses limitaron sus intercambios con Binance, obligándolo a dejar de aceptar dólares estadounidenses.

Robinhood, la aplicación para hacer transacciones financieras, dijo que dejaría de listar ciertos activos mencionados en las demandas, citando la "nube de incertidumbre"

que rodea a los tokens. Los críticos acusan a la SEC, bajo el mando de Gensler, de una hostil "regulación a la fuerza" destinada a impulsar su propio perfil político.

Dicen que a pesar de los repetidos esfuerzos de la industria para proponer nuevas reglas, la agencia se ha negado a reconocer las distinciones entre los diferentes tipos de criptomonedas y las características de la tecnología, como el procesamiento

automatizado descentralizado, que desafían los marcos existentes.

"Ha sido una experiencia muy frustrante", dice Bart Stephens, socio gerente de Blockchain Capital, una firma de capital de riesgo que ha invertido en cientos de criptomonedas, algunas de las cuales dice que han tenido dificultades para encontrar bancos dispuestos a hacer negocios con ellas.

"No hay duda de que se está produciendo un ataque regulatorio".

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					B-5 Marque el mapa!
1	6	11	16	21	I-9 Comparte su opinión sobre cómo reducir el tráfico en la sección de comentarios cuando envíe su tarjeta de BINGO ganadora.
					N-15 Trabajando con varias partes interesadas, CMHC completó una serie de breves análisis de necesidades que muestran dónde el sistema de transporte puede necesitar funcionamiento de la mejor manera y las formas en que puede mejorar. Consulte los en línea en: cmhc.org/transport y déje un comentario para compartir cómo reflejan su experiencia general y sus expectativas sobre el transporte en la región.
2	7	12	17	22	G-97 ¿Siga a caminar o use de ella de monedas para su próxima recarga?
					O-21 ¿Va a dar una vuelta con alguien?
3	8	13	18	23	
4	9	14	19	24	
5	10	15	20	25	

Formas de enviar una tarjeta ganadora:

Marque los cuadrados completados y comparta un comentario:

En línea en: www.gvmc.org/mtp o por correo electrónico a andrea.faber@gvmc.org (Se le pedirá que cargue una foto de su tarjeta.)

En persona (9 AM - 4 PM) o por correo a:

GVMC
678 Front Ave NW, Suite 200,
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Para obtener más información y descargar su tarjeta de bingo, visite www.gvmc.org/MTP

Sus comentarios para (I-9) y (N-15) están para orientaciones en persona o por correo.

En caso de que genere un premio, comparta su nombre y el mejor número de contacto (incluya número celular si tiene).

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The MTP BINGO Game runs until
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as we plan toward 2050
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What is the MTP?

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Without an MTP, federal transportation funding could not be allocated in the region. The MTP takes into consideration public input as well as plans and feedback from stakeholder agencies. It must also meet established air quality standards and ensures that no one is adversely impacted by future projects through an environmental justice process.

Public participation and feedback are central components of our work at GVMC, and as we conclude our needs analysis in the region, we need to hear from you!

Before playing, please review the rules and liability disclaimer at www.gvmc.org/MTP.

The MTP is developed through a collaborative effort led by



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- (4) boletos de palco para un juego de West Michigan Whitecaps de su elección
- Un pase de temporada para Millennium Park Beach & Splashpad

Para descargar su tarjeta de bingo y obtener más información, visite www.gvmc.org/MTP



El juego MTP BINGO dura hasta **miércoles, 12 de julio de 2023**



Deja que se escuche tu voz como planeamos hacia 2050 para el condado de Kent y este del condado de Ottawa

¿Qué es el MTP?

El Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MTP) es un plan multimodal a largo plazo que garantiza que las inversiones en transporte en nuestra área mejoren el movimiento de personas y carga de manera eficiente, eficaz y segura durante los próximos 20 años o más. El Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) prepara un plan de 25 años cada cuatro años según lo dispuesto por el Departamento de Transporte de EE. UU. El último se presentó en 2020 hasta el año 2045.

Sin un MTP, los fondos federales de transporte no podrían asignarse en la región. El MTP toma en consideración los aportes del público, así como los planes y los comentarios de las agencias interesadas. También debe cumplir con los estándares de calidad del aire establecidos y garantizar que nadie se vea afectado negativamente por proyectos futuros a través de un proceso de justicia ambiental.

La participación pública y los comentarios son componentes centrales de nuestro trabajo en GVMC, y al concluir nuestro análisis de necesidades en la región, ¡necesitamos saber de usted!

Antes de jugar, revise las reglas y el descargo de responsabilidad en www.gvmc.org/MTP.

El MTP se desarrolla a través de un esfuerzo colaborativo liderado por

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Additional information

How does the MTP impact you?
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What is GVMC?
The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is the metropolitan planning organization for Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties. It's federally-mandated and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process representing urban areas with populations over 50,000. To learn more about the MTP process and what we do, visit our website at www.gvmc.org.

Along with county and local governments that make up our membership, we collaborate closely with the following partners to develop the MTP (not an exhaustive list): Michigan Department of Transportation, The Rapid, Gerald R. Ford International Airport, West Michigan Trails and Greenways, Kent County Health Department, Kent County Emergency Services, Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan, Disability Advocates, Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association, The Chamber of Commerce, and The Right Place.

An important note about rules & liability:
Individuals of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities are encouraged to participate. Minors (under the age of 18) must have the consent of their parent or guardian. All participants, regardless of mode, must follow all traffic laws and other rules of the road. Participants must understand, acknowledge, and assume personal responsibility for any risks involved in the activities they choose to perform. GVMC is not liable for any bodily harm and/or damages (property, parking tickets, moving violations, etc.) resulting from your participation in the MTP Bingo Game.

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As part of the MTP development process, we evaluate road conditions, congestion, safety, freight movement, passenger rail, air travel, nonmotorized, transit, and other modes of transportation as part of an analysis to identify needs and deficiencies.

More information about how this impacts our community can be found on the back of this card.

How to participate & win:
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<p>Walk or Roll</p> <p>G-17 Take a walk or use your wheelchair to your next errand</p> <p>Road Conditions</p> <p>I-9 Share your idea(s) on how to reduce traffic in the comments section when you submit your winning BINGO card</p> <p>G-18 Report a pothole www.kentcountyorroads.net/report-an-issue</p>	<p>Bike or Ride</p> <p>I-7 Ride a bike on a nearby path or trail</p> <p>G-19 Install a light or place reflectors on your bike</p> <p>O-25 Ride an e-scooter</p> <p>Clean Air Action</p> <p>B-4 Learn about Action Days www.wmcc.org</p> <p>N-12 Sign up for EnviroFlash www.enviroflash.info</p>	<p>Transit</p> <p>B-5 Ride The Rapid</p> <p>O-22 Use The Rapid Trip Planner www.ridetherapid.org</p> <p>O-24 Explore Amtrak destinations www.amtrak.com</p> <p>Drive</p> <p>N-11 Explore the region's commute calculator www.wentshare.org</p> <p>O-21 Go for a drive <i>with someone</i></p>
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Learn about our work at GVMC

<p>B-1 Sign up for our Public Involvement List & Newsletter www.gvmc.org/public-involvement</p> <p>B-2 Watch 2 short safety education videos www.gvmc.org/safety</p> <p>B-3 View the projects included in the 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) www.gvmc.org/tip</p> <p>I-6 Explore the Interactive Crash Summary Map (2017-21) www.gvmc.org/safety</p> <p>I-8 Learn more about the MTP www.gvmc.org/mtp</p> <p>I-10 Report a near-miss incident or traffic safety location of concern www.kmtrf.com/GVMC/nearmiss</p>	<p>N-14 Follow us on social media Facebook: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Instagram: @gvmc.transportation Twitter: @GVMC</p> <p>N-15 View the outcomes of our recent Airport Access Study www.gvmc.org/airport-access-study</p> <p>G-16 Review pavement conditions around you using PASER www.gvmc.org/pavement-asset-management</p> <p>G-20 Look at Traffic Count Data on a road you travel frequently www.gvmc.org/traffic-monitoring</p> <p>O-23 Explore the Interactive Construction Map www.gvmc.org/construction</p>
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N-13 Working with various stakeholders, GVMC completed a series of short needs analyses that show where the transportation system may not be functioning at its best and ways it can improve. Check them out at www.gvmc.org/mtp and leave a comment to share how they reflect your overall experience and expectations for transportation in the region.

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Ways to Submit a Winning Card by Wed, July 12				
<p>Mark completed squares & share a comment:</p> <p>Online at www.gvmc.org/mtp or by email to andrea.faber@gvmc.org (You'll be asked to upload a photo of your card.)</p> <p>In person (8 AM - 4 PM) or by mail to: GVMC, 678 Front Ave NW, Ste 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49504</p>				
<p>In case you win a prize, please share your name & the best way to contact you (address, phone, email)</p>				

Información adicional

¿Cómo te impacta el MTP?

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¿Qué es GVMC?

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Junto con los gobiernos locales y del condado que componen nuestra membresía, colaboramos estrechamente con los siguientes socios para desarrollar el MTP (no es una lista exhaustiva): Michigan Department of Transportation, The Rapid, Gerald R. Ford International Airport, West Michigan Trails and Greenways, Kent County Health Department, Kent County Emergency Services, Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan, Disability Advocates, Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association, The Chamber of Commerce, and The Right Place

Una nota importante sobre las reglas y la responsabilidad:

Se anima a participar a personas de todos los orígenes, edades y capacidades. Los menores de edad (menores de 18 años) deben contar con el consentimiento de sus padres o tutores. Todos los participantes, independientemente del modo, deben seguir todas las leyes de tránsito y otras reglas de tránsito. Los participantes deben comprender, reconocer y asumir la responsabilidad personal de los riesgos que implican las actividades que eligen realizar. GVMC no es responsable de ningún daño físico o daños (a la propiedad, multas de estacionamiento, infracciones de tránsito, etc.) que resulten de su participación en el juego de bingo MTP.

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Juega el Plan de Transporte Metropolitano Juego de BINGO

Deje que su voz se escuche mientras planificamos hacia 2050 para el condado de Kent y el este del condado de Ottawa

El juego MTP BINGO se extiende hasta el **miércoles 12 de julio de 2023**

¿Qué es el MTP?

El Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MTP) es un plan multimodal a largo plazo que garantiza que las inversiones en transporte en nuestra área mejoren el movimiento de personas y carga de manera eficiente, eficaz y segura durante los próximos 20 años o más. El Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) prepara un plan de 25 años cada cuatro años según lo dispuesto por el Departamento de Transporte de EE. UU. El último se presentó en 2020 hasta el año 2045.

Como parte del proceso de desarrollo del MTP, evaluamos las condiciones de las carreteras, la congestión, la seguridad, el movimiento de carga, los trenes de pasajeros, los viajes aéreos, los no motorizados, el tránsito y otros modos de transporte como parte de un análisis para identificar necesidades y deficiencias.

Puede encontrar más información sobre cómo esto afecta a nuestra comunidad en el reverso de esta tarjeta.

Cómo participar y ganar:

La participación pública y los comentarios son componentes centrales de nuestro trabajo en GVMC, y al concluir nuestro análisis de necesidades en la región, ¡necesitamos saber de usted!

Mira dentro de esta tarjeta para ver las diferentes actividades que puedes hacer para participar. Antes de jugar, revise el reverso de esta tarjeta para obtener información adicional sobre las reglas y la responsabilidad.

Todos los participantes que envíen una tarjeta de bingo pueden recoger un divertido kit de seguridad de verano de GVMC y participar para ganar varios **grandes premios:**

- Tarjeta de regalo de \$100 para Gazelle Sports
- Tarjeta de regalo de \$100 para Tanger Outlets
- Tarjeta de regalo de \$50 para Celebration Cinemas
- (4) boletos de palco para un juego de West Michigan Whitecaps de su elección
- Un pase de temporada para Millennium Park Beach & Splashpad

Caminar o rodar	Bicicleta o paseo	Tránsito
G-17 Salga a caminar o use su silla de ruedas para su próximo recado	I-7 Andar en bicicleta en un camino o sendero cercano G-19 Instala una luz o coloca reflectores en tu bicicleta O-25 Montar un scooter eléctrico	B-5 Montar El Rapid O-22 Usa el planificador de viajes del Rapid O-24 Explore los destinos de Amtrak
Condiciones del camino	Acción de aire limpio	Conducir
I-9 Comparta su(s) idea(s) sobre cómo reducir el tráfico en la sección de comentarios cuando envíe su tarjeta de BINGO ganadora	B-4 Más información sobre los Días de Acción www.wmncac.org N-12 Regístrese en EnviroFlash www.enviroflash.info	N-11 Explore la calculadora de viajes regionales O-21 Ir a dar una vuelta con alguien
G-18 Reportar un bache www.kentcountysdms.net/report-an-issue		

Conoce nuestro trabajo en GVMC

B-1 Regístrese en nuestro público lista de participación y boletín www.gvmc.org/public-involvement	N-14 Síguenos en las redes sociales Facebook: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Instagram: @gvmc-transportation Twitter: @GVMC
B-2 Ver 2 cortos de seguridad videos de educación www.gvmc.org/safety	N-15 Vea los resultados de nuestro reciente estudio de acceso al aeropuerto www.gvmc.org/airport-access-study
B-3 Ver los proyectos incluidos en el Programa de Mejoramiento del Transporte (TIP) de 4 años www.gvmc.org/tip	G-16 Revise las condiciones del pavimento a su alrededor usando PASER www.gvmc.org/pavement-assess-management
I-6 Explore el mapa interactivo de resumen de fallas (2017-21) www.gvmc.org/safety	G-20 Mire los datos de conteo de tráfico en una carretera por la que viaja con frecuencia www.gvmc.org/traffic-monitoring
I-8 Más información sobre el MTP www.gvmc.org/mtp	O-23 Explore el mapa de construcción interactivo www.gvmc.org/construction
I-10 Reportar un incidente cercano un lugar de interés para la seguridad del tráfico www.livjurat.com/GVMC-repairs	

N-13 Trabajando con varias partes interesadas, GVMC completó una serie de breves análisis de necesidades que muestran dónde el sistema de transporte puede no estar funcionando de la mejor manera y las formas en que puede mejorar. Consúltelos en www.gvmc.org/mtp y deje un comentario para compartir cómo reflejan su experiencia general y sus expectativas para el transporte en la región.

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5	10	15	20	25

Patrones ganadores

- Cualquier fila o columna
- Cualquier diagonal
- Sello de correos
- N-13

Formas de enviar una tarjeta ganadora

Marque los cuadrados completados y comparta un comentario:

En línea en www.gvmc.org/mtp o por correo electrónico a andrea.faber@gvmc.org (Se le pedirá que cargue una foto de su tarjeta.)

En persona (8 AM - 4 PM) o por correo a: GVMC, 678 Front Ave NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Fecha límite: **miércoles, 12 de julio de 2023**

Espacio para presentaciones en persona y por correo

En caso de que gane un premio, comparta su nombre y la mejor manera de contactarlo (dirección, teléfono, correo electrónico)

3.) Draft MTP, environmental justice, and air quality results completed and available for public comment

Once the draft MTP document, environmental justice, and air quality results were available, GVMC invited the public to comment on them in the following ways:

- Posting a notice and detailed information on www.gvmc.org
- Sending an email to the interested citizen/agency list and a direct mailing to the environmental justice mailing list
- Posting on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor), and sharing the posts with MDOT, The Rapid, and LINC Up
- Publishing a newspaper advertisement in English in [The Grand Rapids Press](#) and in Spanish in [El Vocero](#)
- Distributing copies of the draft MTP document to all libraries within the MPO area and links to the MTP document to all jurisdictions within the MPO area
- Submitting a press release to GVMC’s media contact list and posting it online

Notices included an invitation to attend one of two open houses on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Rapid Central Station or a Virtual Open House on Thursday, April 11, 2024. GVMC made this information available to the public Thursday, March 21, 2024, and Friday, March 22, 2024. The public comment period officially started on Friday, March 22, 2024, and the public was asked to comment on the document before April 22, 2024. The comment period lasted 31 days total.

The table below describes the number of people reached through each outreach method at this milestone.

Outreach Method	Members of the public reached
Facebook Reach (3 posts)	1,169
Twitter Impressions (3 posts)	39
Nextdoor Impressions (2 posts)	22,187
Instagram Impressions (3 posts)	176
Direct mailing to environmental justice list	877
Email opens	654
The Grand Rapids Press circulation (Sunday)	19,250
El Vocero circulation	5,000
Pageviews on gvmc.org under “Latest Developments” (March 22 - April 22)	46
Pageviews on MTP page (March 22 - April 22)	413
Copies of the document to libraries and links to jurisdictions	unknown
Press release email opens*	34
Approximate Reach	49,845

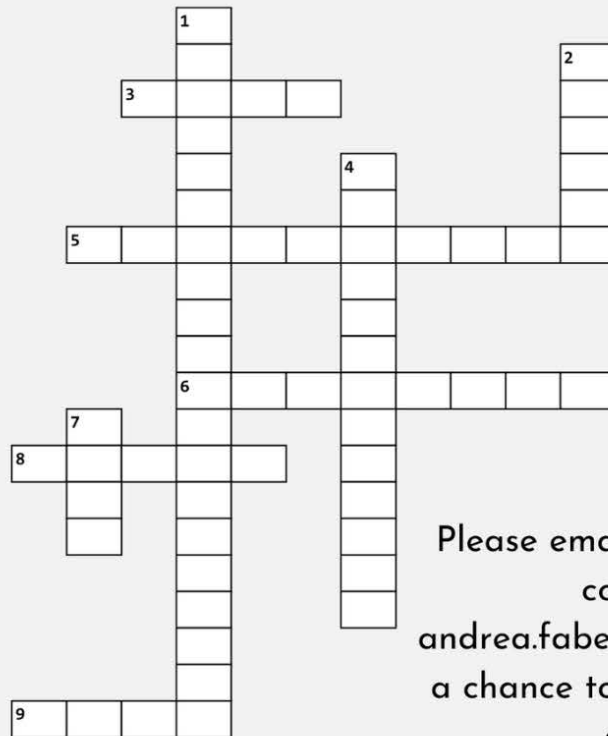
*Please note: the press release was picked up by Shelley Irwin for [“The Shelley Irwin Show” on WGVU](#), read on WOOD AM, and WZZM wrote an [article about the MTP public comment period](#) for their website.

Encouraging the public to engage with the content of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan: MTP Crossword

To enhance public participation with GVMC's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, GVMC launched a crossword puzzle competition. This competition asked the public to complete a crossword puzzle with clues that reflected the content of the MTP and then to submit the completed puzzle for an opportunity to win a \$25 gift card. The crossword puzzle was available in English and Spanish. GVMC promoted the competition online and on our social media platforms. Five members of the public participated, and two won a \$25 gift card.

GVMC 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

GVMC



Please email a completed copy to andrea.faber@gvmc.org for a chance to win a \$25 gift card

Across

- 3. Organization that developed the MTP, abbreviated pg. 1
- 5. This is required by the Clean Air Act to ensure that federal funding and approval are given to highway and transit projects that are consistent with the air quality goals established by a state air quality implementation plan (SIP) pg. 189-190
- 6. Name of Grand Rapids area urban transit system
- 8. There are 7 of these in the MTP pg. 26-28
- 9. GVMC will bring the 2050 MTP to the GVMC Board for approval in this month pg. 12

Down

- 1. The analysis GVMC conducted to ensure that the transportation projects in the MTP are equitable pg. 12
- 2. One of the top two investment priorities for the MTP is improving -----
- 4. Name of the Amtrak train that provides service between Grand Rapids and Chicago pg. 48
- 7. According to the needs analysis, our region requires ----- funding to have our transportation system function optimally pg. 4

Sampling of Outreach Materials

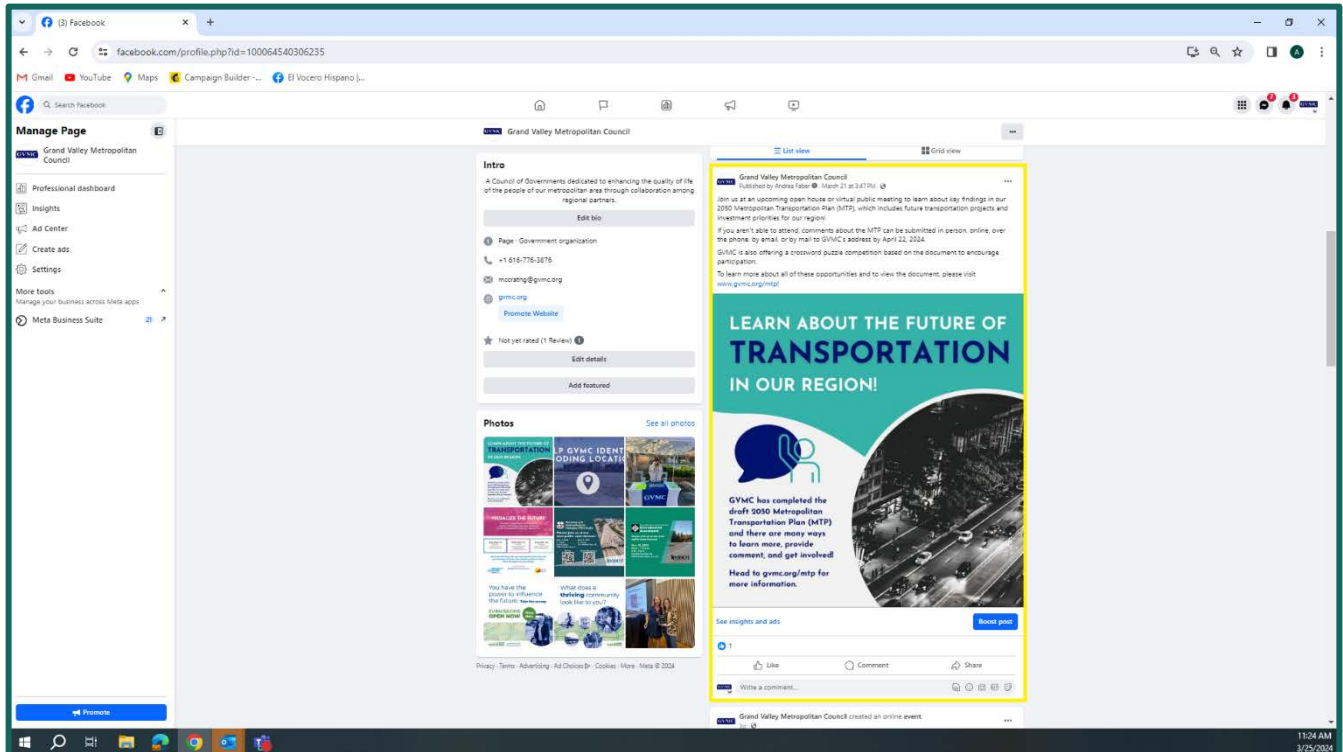
Web Posting with call to attend open houses or virtual public meeting (notice was also posted on



gvmc.org/mtp

Social Media Posts

Facebook



Twitter/X

11:26 AM 3/25/2024

Instagram

11:27 AM 3/25/2024

Nextdoor

The screenshot shows a Nextdoor post from the Grand Valley Metro Council. The post text reads: "GVMC has completed the draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which includes transportation projects and investment priorities for the next 26 years! We are hosting two open houses on April 10th and a virtual public meeting on April 11th to present the document, field questions, and gather comments from the public. If you are unable to attend the public meetings, comments on the MTP will be accepted through April 22nd, 2024. To view the draft 2050 MTP, submit comments, take part in the MTP crossword competition, and to learn more about the upcoming open houses and meeting, visit gvmc.org/mtp". Below the text is a graphic with the heading "LEARN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION IN OUR REGION!" and an image of a city street. A comment from Calvin K. Allendale, MI, asks "Where is the Helicopter Pad?". The interface includes a search bar, navigation menu, and a "Messages" button.

El Vocero Social Media Post

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from El Vocero Hispano. The post features a graphic with the GVMC logo and the text: "¡Únase a nosotros y conozca el futuro del transporte en nuestra región!". Below the graphic, there is detailed information about open houses and a virtual meeting, including dates, times, and locations. The text also mentions that people with disabilities can request assistance and that comments on the MTP 2050 are being accepted until April 22, 2024. The interface includes a search bar, navigation icons, and a "Write a comment" field.



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Goldman aumenta previsión de crecimiento de PIB y empleo en EE.UU. por la inmigración

POR CHRISTOPHER ANSTEY

BLOOMBERG.- Goldman Sachs Group Inc. (GS) ha incrementado sus proyecciones de crecimiento de la economía y el empleo en EE.UU. para el 2024, teniendo en cuenta la aceleración de la inmigración.

“Un motivo plausible por el cual el crecimiento del Producto Interno Bruto (PIB) fue mayor el año pasado es que la inmigración histórica más reciente, lo cual impulsó el número de trabajadores y el PIB potencial”, escribía Ronnie Walker, economista de

Goldman, en una nota difundida este domingo.

“Actualizamos nuestras proyecciones de nóminas y del PIB para que incluyan el continuo estímulo de la inmigración superior a la tendencia”. Goldman considera que el PIB estadounidense crecerá un 2,4% interanual

en el último trimestre, lo que representa una mejora de 0,3 puntos porcentuales en comparación con la estimación previa, que se basa fundamentalmente en un mayor consumo. La entidad bancaria de Wall Street estima una tasa de crecimiento del 2,7% para este año sobre la base del año calendario 2024.

El crecimiento de las nóminas se situaría en una media de 175.000 empleos al mes para el 2024, mientras que la tasa de desempleo se situaría en el 3,8%, inferior al 3,9% del mes de febrero.

Goldman señaló que la Oficina de Presupuesto del Congreso (CBO, por sus siglas en inglés) aumentó recientemente sus pronósticos de población estadounidense para tener en cuenta una mayor inmigración, algo que también llamó la atención de los economistas de Morgan Stanley (MS). El equipo de Morgan Stanley, dirigido por Ellen Zentner, dijo el mes pasado que si la CBO tiene razón, “podría significar cifras de crecimiento de la nómina salarial en estado estacionario mucho más altas de lo que ha sido la opinión común”.



AUDIENCIAS DE POWELL

La inmigración es un tema político delicado, y los republicanos critican al presidente Joe Biden por lo que caracterizan como medidas insuficientes para detener la afluencia de personas indocumentadas a lo largo de la frontera con México.

La inmigración aumentará el PIB de EE.UU. en US\$7 billones en una década, según la CBO.

Después de que el presidente de la Reserva Federal, Jerome Powell, dijera que la inmigración fue un factor en la fuerte tasa de crecimiento del año pasado (el PIB aumentó un 3,1% en el cuarto trimestre con respecto al año

anterior), los legisladores lo acribillaron con preguntas en las audiencias de este mes.

Los economistas de Goldman “tienen menos confianza en algunos aspectos de la metodología de la CBO”, escribió Walker en la nota. “No obstante, estimamos que la inmigración fue de alrededor de 2,5 millones en 2023, muy por encima del nivel de 1,6 millones implicado por el cambio en la población nacida en el extranjero en la encuesta de hogares”, escribió.

El equipo considera que la inmigración se mantendrá aproximadamente 1 millón por encima de la tendencia para este año.



¡Únase a nosotros y conozca el futuro del transporte en nuestra región!

El estado del sistema de transporte, incluido el estado de las carreteras, la congestión del tráfico, el transporte público, las aceras, los carriles para bicicletas, los senderos no motorizados, los viajes en tren y en avión, afectan a todos. GVMC ha completado nuestro borrador del Plan de Transporte Metropolitano (MTP) 2050, que incluye proyectos de transporte y prioridades de inversión para todos los modos de transporte en los condados de Kent y el este de Ottawa durante los próximos 26 años, y estamos organizando dos jornadas de puertas abiertas y una reunión pública virtual para presentar el documento, responder preguntas y recopilar comentarios del público. Los horarios y fechas de estos eventos se encuentran a continuación:

Casa abierta (Open House):

Fecha: miércoles 10 de abril de 2024
 Hora: 2:00 – 3:30 pm y 5:00 – 6:30 pm
 Ubicación: Rapid Central Station 250
 Cesar E Chávez Ave. SW Grand Rapids,
 MI 49503

Reunión pública virtual:

Fecha: Jueves 11 de abril de 2024
 Hora: 10:30 am – 12 pm
 Enlace: zoom.us/join ID del seminario
 web: 828 3290 3091 Código de acceso:
 281266 O busque el enlace directo en
gvmc.org/mtp

Las personas con discapacidades que requieran ayuda o servicios auxiliares y aquellas que necesiten traducción o asistencia de un intérprete deben comunicarse con Andrea Faber (consulte la información de contacto a continuación) para solicitar adaptaciones para la reunión antes del viernes 5 de abril de 2024.

El borrador del MTP 2050 y sus documentos complementarios están abiertos a comentarios públicos del 22 de marzo al 22 de abril de 2024 y se pueden encontrar en línea en www.gvmc.org/mtp. Hay copias impresas disponibles en las bibliotecas del área y en la oficina de GVMC, ubicada en 678 Front Ave. NW • Suite 200 • Grand Rapids • MI • 49504.

Envíe sus comentarios a Andrea Faber por correo electrónico: andrea.faber@gvmc.org, teléfono: (616) 776-7603 o en línea en www.gvmc.org/mtp utilizando el botón “enviar un comentario”. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo a GVMC (ver dirección arriba) o entregarse en persona.

Los comentarios deben recibirse antes del 22 de abril de 2024 por su consideración.

¿En qué invierten los latinos que solicitan visa de inversionista para Estados Unidos?

POR SEBASTIÁN OSORIO IDÁRRAGA

BLOOMBERG.- Estados Unidos sigue siendo un destino protagonista cuando de inversiones y negocios se trata para los latinos. Es por esta razón que la comunidad latina podría ser la quinta economía mundial, ya que tiene un PIB estimado de US\$3,2 billones, de acuerdo con la Cámara Hispana de Comercio de EE.UU. (USHCC).

En este país, además, hay casi 5 millones de empresas fundadas por latinos que generan más de US\$800.000 millones en

ingresos anuales, según la USHCC. Es así como la solicitud de visas para inversionistas sigue en auge, como reflejo del creciente interés de los latinos en busca de nuevas oportunidades económicas a través de la inversión en negocios y proyectos locales.

LOS SECTORES MÁS ATRACTIVOS PARA CREAR EMPRESAS EN ESTADOS UNIDOS

La comunidad latina ya es responsable del 78% de los nuevos puestos de trabajo netos en la fuerza laboral de EE.UU., señaló en un informe el Fondo Mo-

netario Internacional, y se estima que su población llegará a los 72 millones de personas en 2030.

De acuerdo con el bufete de abogados Canero Fadul Immigration, los sectores más elegidos para los inversionistas latinos que emprenden en EE.UU. son gastronomía, tecnología y servicios.

Entre tanto, aquellos que deciden invertir en franquicias, un vehículo muy utilizado por latinos, optan por aquellas que están vinculadas a los sectores de salud, belleza, gastronomía, mantenimiento y finanzas.

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Andrea Faber

From: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council <andrea.faber@gvmc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Andrea Faber
Subject: GVMC invites public comment on 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan



Join Us and Learn about the Future of Transportation in our Region!

The state of the transportation system, including road condition, traffic congestion, public transit, sidewalks, bike paths, nonmotorized trails, passenger rail and air travel, impacts everyone. GVMC has completed our draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which includes transportation projects and investment priorities for all modes of transportation in Kent and eastern Ottawa counties for the next 26 years, and we are hosting two open houses and a virtual public meeting to present the document, field questions, and gather comments from the public. Times and dates for these events are below:

Open Houses:

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm and 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Location: Rapid Central Station

250 Cesar E Chavez Ave. SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Virtual Public Meeting:

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 10:30 am – 12 pm

Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82832903091?pwd=q2_qJ9bSWOvXnDomJjiuuRDDYWr_IA.iNQZp3NlpUNv88r2

Passcode: 281266

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services and those in need of translation or interpreter assistance should contact Andrea Faber (see contact information below) to request accommodations for the meeting by Friday, April 5, 2024.

The draft 2050 MTP and its companion documents are open for public comment through April 22, 2024, and can be found [online](#). Hard copies are available at area libraries and GVMC's office, located at 678 Front Ave. NW • Suite 200 • Grand Rapids • MI • 49504.

GVMC is also offering a crossword puzzle competition based on the document to encourage participation. Download the crossword below, complete and submit it to [Andrea Faber](#) by the end of the comment period to be entered to win a gift card.

[2050 MTP Crossword \(English\)](#)

[2050 MTP Crossword \(Spanish\)](#)

Please send your comments to Andrea Faber by [email](#), phone: (616) 776-7603, or online at www.gvmc.org/mtp using the "submit a comment" button. Comments can also be mailed to GVMC (see address above) or given in person. **Comments must be received by April 22, 2024, for consideration.**

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Media Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, March 22, 2024

GVMC Invites Public to Comment on Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Grand Rapids, MI – The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) has completed the draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which includes transportation projects and investment priorities for the next 26 years. GVMC is hosting two open houses and a virtual public meeting to present the document, field questions, and gather comments from the public. Dates and times for these events are below:

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Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Link: zoom.us/join
Webinar ID: 828 3290 3091
Passcode: 281266

Or find the direct link at [gvmc.org/mtp](https://www.gvmc.org/mtp)

The draft 2050 MTP, which GVMC is required to update every four years, addresses all aspects of the system, including pavement and bridge conditions, traffic congestion, safety, freight movement, passenger rail, air travel, active transportation, and public transit. Financial projections show that while \$777.6 million in federal funding can be reasonably expected to be available for local programs over the life of the plan, a minimum investment of \$3.68 billion will be needed to address local roadway and transit needs. The document has been developed over the last 19 months in collaboration with GVMC Committee members, stakeholders, and the public.

Public engagement for the document has been robust, beginning with a public survey during the fall of 2022 that garnered over 1,100 responses and continuing with an interactive bingo game to encourage comment on GVMC's mode-based needs analysis during the winter of 2023. GVMC is looking forward to this next public participation opportunity and informing the public about the contents of the plan to ensure that it aligns with their needs. To encourage engagement and interaction with the Plan, GVMC staff has created a crossword puzzle that relates to the content of the document. "Public input is critical for us to ensure regional mobility is moving forward to serve businesses and residents from Kent and Ottawa counties," said GVMC Executive Director John Weiss.

To view the draft 2050 MTP along with its companion documents, please visit www.gvmc.org/mtp. Hard copies are also available at GVMC's office and at libraries within Kent and eastern Ottawa counties. The official public comment period will run from March 22, 2024, through April 22, 2024. Comments about the MTP and any of its companion documents can be submitted in person, [online](#), over the phone, by [email](#), or by mail to GVMC's address. To stay informed about the effort, sign up for regular updates at www.gvmc.org/public-involvement.

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Andrea Faber

From: Andrea Faber
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 10:11 AM
Cc: Transportation Dept
Subject: Help share public involvement opportunities for 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) has completed our draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which includes transportation projects and investment priorities for all modes of transportation in Kent and eastern Ottawa counties for the next 26 years. The document is open for public comment through April 22, 2024.

In our Public Participation Plan, we commit to providing the document link to all cities, townships, villages, and road agencies within Kent and eastern Ottawa counties. *Please note that due to the file size, the document is broken down into several parts.* Links to the 2050 MTP and its supporting documents are on www.gvmc.org/mtp. We would greatly appreciate it if you would please share these links on your website, on your social media pages, or in your newsletters. You can also share GVMC's Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (X) posts directly from our pages.

If you prefer to have a hard copy at your location instead of posting the links online, please let me know, and I will send you one. Hard copies will also be available at all libraries in our MPO area.

GVMC is hosting two open houses and a virtual public meeting to present the document, field questions, and gather comments from the public. Dates and times for these events are below:

Open Houses:

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Location: Rapid Central Station

250 Cesar E Chavez Ave SW, Grand Rapids, 49503

Virtual Public Meeting:

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 10:30 am – 12 pm

Link: zoom.us/join

Webinar ID: 828 3290 3091

Passcode: 281266

Or find the direct link at gvmc.org/mtp

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services and those in need of translation or interpreter assistance should contact Andrea Faber to request accommodation for the meeting by Friday, April 5, 2024.

GVMC is also offering a crossword puzzle competition based on the document to encourage participation. Download the crossword below, complete and submit it to me (andrea.faber@gvmc.org) by the end of the comment period to be entered to win a gift card.

[2050 MTP Crossword \(English\)](#)

[2050 MTP Crossword \(Spanish\)](#)

All comments and questions about the document should be directed to me. My contact information is in my email signature below. Comments can also be submitted online at www.gvmc.org/mtp (use the "submit a comment" button) or by mail.

Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Andrea Faber
Transportation Planner
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678 Front Avenue NW
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Grand Rapids, MI 49504
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(fax): 616.774.9292

We'd Like Your Input!

A Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project may be happening near you between now and 2050. To learn more about the MTP and to review the complete draft list of transportation projects visit gvmc.org/mtp. **Action on your part is not required.**

If you are unable to attend one of the public meetings, comments will be accepted through Monday, April 22nd, 2024. Please submit your comments by:

Email: andrea.fabera@gvmc.org

Phone: (616) 776-7603

Online: Use the "submit a comment" button on gvmc.org/mtp

Mail: 678 Front Ave NW • Suite 200 • Grand Rapids • MI • 49504

Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the MTP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for Section 5307 public involvement.

Public Meeting Information

Open Houses

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

at Rapid Central Station

250 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW • Grand Rapids • MI • 49503

Stop by anytime from:

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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¿Necesita servicios de traducción o interpretación para leer esta tarjeta? Póngase en contacto con GVMC antes del viernes, 5 de Abril.



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Transportation Division

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Open House #1

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

2 pm

Rapid Central Station, 250 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Sign-In Sheet

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL	JOIN OUR MAILING LIST?	
				Yes	No
Blake Wright				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tyler Kent				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tim McAree				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trey Reinhardt				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Schultz				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Max Ditzman				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Meines				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brendan Spadeker				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Transportation Division

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Open House #2

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

5 pm

Rapid Central Station, 250 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Sign-In Sheet

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL	JOIN OUR MAILING LIST?	
				Yes	No
Jim Davis				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Muresan				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
George				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Muresan				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen L. M'add				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharon Jackson				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lewis Kent				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4.) Adoption of draft document

To Be Written

Consultation Summary

The consultation period for the 2050 MTP was from Thursday, December 14, 2023 – Wednesday, February 7, 2024, for a total of 56 days. Extra time was given because Christmas and New Year’s fell over the consultation period for the document. The original email sent to GVMC’s consultation agencies is located on the following page. A reminder email was also sent on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, three weeks before the end of the consultation period. One comment was received during the consultation period, which is located at the end of the comment section.

Per our consultation plan, GVMC also met the following requests from consultation agencies during the document’s development: (1) GVMC notified the Michigan State Police and Mark Bott, State Traffic and Safety Engineer for MDOT, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, that there was one safety project in the 2050 MTP, and (2) GVMC notified the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by email on Friday, March 22, 2024, that the draft 2050 MTP was complete and available for public comment.



Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is asking federal, state, tribal, and local agencies responsible for land use management, housing, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, transportation/transit services, economic development, human services, historic preservation, and land use planning, along with Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) to review GVMC's draft lists of projects for the [2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan \(MTP\)](#) as well as the [corresponding map](#) (*click [here](#) for an interactive version with project details*) and compare these projects to their own long-range planning goals and documents to ensure that there are no conflicts as part of GVMC's consultation process.

The project lists include:

- [2023-2026 projects from the FY2023-2026 TIP](#)
- [2027-2030 project list](#)
- [2031-2040 project list](#)
- [2041-2050 project list](#)

Illustrative (unfunded) projects include:

- [Local illustrative project list](#)
- [MDOT illustrative project list](#)
- [Nonmotorized illustrative list](#)
- [The Rapid's illustrative list](#)

Projects in the MTP include road resurfacing/reconstruction projects from our previously approved [FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#), as well as the

project lists for years 2027-2050, which include expansion projects that lead to capacity increases and transit projects. Unfunded illustrative projects are not included on the map, as funding is not yet committed to them. While the MTP does list priority transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties, the inclusion of a specific project does not guarantee construction.

The purpose of the consultation process is to meaningfully engage stakeholder agencies in a conversation to not only address their needs, but to be supportive of their goals and initiatives as well. This consultation process is not meant to replace other regulatory agencies' responsibilities under federal laws and regulations and does not supersede any existing programmatic agreement, memorandum of understanding or other collaboration tools.

Please respond with your feedback on or before Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Comments should be directed to [Andrea Faber](#) and may be submitted by [email](#), phone (616.776.7603), online using the "[Submit a Comment](#)" button, or in person at GVMC's office (678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49504).

Your comments are an important part of the transportation planning process. They will be shared with local road agencies and jurisdictions and will be included in an appendix of the final MTP document. Thank you for your participation.

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Andrea Faber

From: Andrea Faber
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 11:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: GVMC Safety Projects for 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Attachments: Project List _ Final safety projects highlighted.xlsx

Charlotte and Mark,

As part of the consultation process for our 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Federal Highway Administration and MDOT have asked us to send you our project list with our safety projects highlighted. There is one safety project in our project list on the 2031-2040 tab, which is highlighted in orange. You both also should have received an email from GVMC last week asking consultation organizations for input on our project list for the document.

Please let me know if you have any questions, need additional information, or have input on any of these projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Andrea Faber
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Email to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development notifying them that the draft MTP was complete and available for public comment.

Andrea Faber

From: Andrea Faber
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 12:03 PM
Subject: Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is available for public comment

You are receiving this email because you are included on GVMC's list of consultation organizations, and our records indicate that you have requested to review copies of our draft transportation documents when they are available. Currently, the first draft of GVMC's long-range transportation plan, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), has been completed and is open for public comment. The document is available at www.gvmc.org/mtp.

We encourage you to provide feedback on the document before the public comment period closes on April 22nd. At that time, all comments received will be considered and the document will be updated accordingly. The draft 2050 MTP will go to our Technical Committee on May 1, our Policy Committee on May 15th, and the GVMC Board on June 6 for approval. There will be public comment opportunities at all three meetings, and the document will not become final until approved by the GVMC Board.

All comments and questions about the document should be directed to Andrea Faber, Transportation Planner, and can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Email: andrea.faber@gvmc.org
- Phone: (616) 776-7603
- Online: www.gvmc.org/mtp (use the "submit a comment" button)
- In person or by mail at the following address:

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Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Thank you for your help!

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