As the work progressed over 40 Subject Matter Experts met to discuss the most important factors involved in the various infrastructure asset classes. The work involved transportation, drinking water, wastewater, storm water, energy and broadband.

A large part of the work involved collecting data and developing a central depository for a great deal of data. Collecting and interpreting data from communities was a big effort with a great deal of leadership from GVMC/REGIS, WMSRDC, SEMCOG, and also the MDOT.

A great help to our smaller rural communities came from the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance. Our Regional Prosperity Alliance Board offered mini-grants to help with the resources necessary to organize and collect their data. Without the help of the Prosperity Alliance many small communities would not have had the resources to participate.

Numerous meetings took place during the process and some of our larger communities volunteered to assist smaller communities to participate. This truly was a large scale collaborative effort that involved large and small jurisdictions from our 13 county region.

This was certainly one of the largest inter-governmental cooperative efforts in our state’s history.