Needs Assessment

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Updated the NM inventory and project list (NM needs list)
  - Over $76.5 Million dollars
  - About 200 projects
    - Sidewalks/Shared Use paths, multi-use trails, bike lanes/paved shoulders, pedestrian bridges, sidewalks, pedestrian improvements, etc.
  - Over 174 Miles of proposed NM Facilities
  - On average, the total amount spent (including local match) leveraging GVMC TAP and MDOT TAP funds in the region is about $3.5 million
    - At that rate, using only these sources of funding, it will take over 20 years to implement all the projects on the needs list (not including maintenance costs)

- Have not updated the plan itself since 2014
  - Plan to do that in 2021/2022

- Needs/Priorities identified in the Grand Region NM Plan (completed in 2018) – GVMC on Core Plan Team
  - Grand Region as a whole
    - Coordinated and Consistent Wayfinding system
    - Expand “Driving Change” education program
    - Communication and support regarding NM Issues
    - On-going and Long-term maintenance of NM GIS Database
    - Measuring progress
    - NM Improvements on Non-freeway State Trunklines
  - GVMC Region
    - Interurban/River to River Trail
    - Connect Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail to the Fred Meijer M-6 and Kent Trails
    - Improve surface condition of Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Trail north of Lowell
    - Improve connectivity of Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail to downtown Lowell and Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Rail Trail
    - Plainfield Twp trail millage – goal of 30+ miles of NM facilities connecting to the White Pine State Trail and more.
    - Connecting Fred Meijer Standale Trail to Fred Meijer Pioneer Trail in Walker
    - Connecting Fred Meijer Pioneer Trail to Fred Meijer White Pine Trail in Walker
    - Modify route of North Country Trail to increase the amount of trail that is off-road
    - Nonmotorized bridge and/or bike/ped facilities on the Forest Hill Ave bridge over I-96 in Kentwood
    - Determine primary east-west NM corridor(s) between Grand Rapids and Lowell
    - Idema Explorers Trail along the Grand River in Ottawa County
    - Connecting North Bank Trail across Ottawa County connecting Spring Lake to Grand Rapids
    - 4’ wide paved shoulders along Leonard St/Dr from 24th Ave to 148th Ave
    - North-south connection between Kenowa Trail in Jamestown Twp and Allegan