GVMC Invites Public Comment on Future Transportation Needs

Grand Rapids, Mich. - The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) invites Kent and eastern Ottawa County residents to comment on the findings of GVMC’s transportation needs analysis. To determine current and future transportation needs by mode, GVMC worked with various stakeholders from organizations representing transit, passenger rail, air travel, freight movement, and non-motorized modes of transportation. GVMC also analyzed pavement and bridge condition, traffic congestion, and safety for all users of the transportation system. This analysis will be the basis for proposing solutions to meet the current and forecasted transportation needs by mode for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). 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 results of the needs analysis, please visit gvmc.org/mtp. Hard copies are available at GVMC’s office. Comments will be accepted through Tuesday, October 15. Interested citizens can submit comments in
person, online, over the phone, or by mail. To stay informed about the effort, sign up for regular updates at gvmc.org/public-involvement.

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