APPENDIX B: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT

This appendix contains all the documentation for the public participation for the FY2020–2023 TIP.

GVMC staff forwarded all public comments regarding specific projects to the relevant jurisdictions and the technical and policy committee members. GVMC staff received 16 phone calls from the public involvement process. When necessary, staff provided individuals with contact information to individual jurisdictions if they had specific questions that staff were not able to answer.
Laurel Joseph

From: Laurel Joseph
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Gerd R. Hansma, CFP®,CLU,ChFC,RHU,REBC,ChHC,CASL,LUTCF,LIC
Subject: RE: Ivanrest Improvements

Hi Gerd,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review the draft project list for the 2020-2023 TIP, and for providing your feedback. I don’t have all the details on the exact engineering and design for this project – all I have is that it is a resurfacing project – but your comments and concerns will be provided to the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of this project, in this case the City of Grandville, for their review as part of the TIP development process. I will be forwarding your email to Grandville momentarily and asking them to reach out to you to address your questions/concerns. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix of the TIP document.

Please let me know if you have additional feedback/questions. Thanks again for participating in this process!

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From: Gerd R. Hansma, CFP®,CLU,ChFC,RHU,REBC,ChHC,CASL,LUTCF,LIC
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: Ivanrest Improvements

I live off Ivanrest in Grandville and work on the corner of Ivanrest and Prairie.

I have heard there are plans to put a bike lane and a left turn lane in on this road. I think currently, there is too much traffic for that configuration. There are plenty of trucks, particularly since West Michigan CDL uses this road as a training route. I do not see any reason for truck traffic to come down Ivanrest. It is a very suburban and residential road, for the most part. Trucks over a certain weight should be banned.

I bicycle and drive down this road all the time. Feel free to call for more input.

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Hi Michael,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Grand Rapids – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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From: Andrea Faber
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: FW: Form Submission - New Form

Name: Michael Lown

Company: Diocese of Grand Rapids

Email Address: 

Comment: I am concerned about the Division Ave reconstruction project slated for this summer between Wealthy Ave & Cherry St. While I am very supportive of bump outs to reduce the distance a pedestrian has to walk in the street I have not seen where the bump outs will be on the east side of the street at Goodrich Street. If the bump out is on the south side of Goodrich you will be creating additional traffic and pedestrian endangerment because at the end of the school day, Catholic Central parents line up and stack onto the east side should of Division north of Wealthy St in front of Cathedral Square before turning east onto Goodrich. A bump
out on the south side will require those vehicles to turn back into the traffic lane on northbound Division in order to simply make the turn onto Goodrich.

Would you like to be added to our consultation list?: No

Would you like to be added to our public involvement list?: No

(Sent via Grand Valley Metro Council)
Hi Holly,

Thank you so much for providing your feedback on the draft TIP project list – construction season can definitely be a tricky time to get around the region. Your comments will be reviewed by the local jurisdictions as part of the TIP development process and will be included in an appendix in the TIP document as well.

Thanks again!

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Hi there
I viewed all the projects that are proposed-and that it a lot of work. My concern is the city will just be one big construction zone like last summer especially if this is happening when the 196/Beltline project is also happening. It is already difficult enough to get around the city and surrounding areas when summer is here-it takes away from my family enjoying downtown-I just stay away and spend my money outside of Grand Rapids because I can't access where I want to go.
I understand the need for construction, but all at once and all summer is just too much!
Thanks
Holly Orians
Collindale resident
Hi Eric,

Thank you so much for taking the time to provide your feedback on the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program. Your comments will be passed along to and reviewed by the local jurisdictions/agencies responsible for the construction of the projects as part of the TIP development process – in the case of the project you are referring to, that will be MDOT. Your feedback will also be included in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again!

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Good morning Laurel,

Today, I received a postcard in the mail informing me that I should review construction plans and provide feedback with any concerns no later than March 20, 2019. I am writing today to convey the following concerns:

- I purchased my home located at 38 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506 in September of 2013. I am very fond of my home, and despite what others may think at times, the location is ideal. At certain times in the past, there has been construction done on the Beltline during the late hours of the night—anywhere from 11am all the way to 3 or 4am the next morning! The incredibly loud noise of putting saw blades through concrete, repaving, beeping from machinery, etc, contributed to a severe lack of sleep whenever this occurred. As the significant other and I go to work early each morning (leaving around 5:30am or 7:00am in my case), I cannot fathom having this continue for any extended duration of time. I understand it is a busy road, however, construction should be done during daytime hours that are not peak traffic times (morning/evening rush) and not overnight when working next to residential areas.

- If you are redoing the road directly in front of my home as outlined on the map, the access road has a curb immediately in front of the driveway to my house that needs to be ground down similar to the entrance into my neighbors’ driveways. I have to use theirs currently in order to not destroy and have to replace my tie-rods / sway bar on a regular basis… Could this note be added to the construction please?
To clarify- in front of my house, there are two lanes, a right turn lane, and then the access road separated from the street by a curb. The mail vehicle and garbage vehicle use this in addition to residents to access their homes.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear out my thoughts on this, and hope to hear something back from you soon.

Thank you,
Eric Simone
Director of Orientation | Marketing & Events
Ferris State University
Thank you very much for your prompt reply and the concise description of what all season means.

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 15, 2019, at 1:51 PM, Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org> wrote:
> 
> Hi Rand,
> 
> Thanks so much for your question and for taking the time to review the draft project list for the 2020-2023 transportation improvement program. I spoke with the Kent County Road Commission about the term all season and they told me that it has to do with the legal loads that are allowed to be carried on the roads (for trucking I imagine). When a road is not built to all season specifications, trucks have to reduce their load by 30% to drive on it, especially during this thawing time to not cause damage to the roadway. When water comes up through cracks in the road during the spring, that indicates freezing has happened directly below the surface, which can increase the damage the freeze/thaw cycle can have on the pavement. To get it up to all season standards, the road commission will increase the drainage under the road to help ensure that no freezing is happening directly below the surface. They also typically add a 4ft paved shoulder, which doesn't impact drainage, but does provide for easier maintenance of the road and provide some consideration for bicycles/pedestrians.
> 
> I hope this helps answer your question. Thanks again for reaching out!
> 
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Debra Sportel
> Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:10 AM
> To: Andrea Faber
> Subject: Allseason
> 
> Just curious what the term allseason refers to for 84th Street between Breton an Hanna Lake.
> I didn’t see a glossary of terms wig h would define that term.
> 
> Thanks,
> 
> Rand Sportel
> 
> Sent from my iPad
Hi Mitri,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Grand Rapids – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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From: Squarespace [mailto:no-reply@squarespace.info]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 4:32 PM
To: Andrea Faber
Subject: Form Submission - New Form

Name: Mitri Zainea

Company: retired elementary principal

Email Address: 

Comment: Regarding resurfacing Collindale Ave NW between Leonard and Lake Michigan, this is sorely needed. I suggest widening the road in order to accomodate bicycles and pedestrians on both sides. Even though it is very dangerous to walk on the side of the road people still do it. I hope widening this road will be taken into consideration.

Would you like to be added to our consultation list?: Yes

Would you like to be added to our public involvement list?: Yes

(Sent via Grand Valley Metro Council)
Hi Dawn,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. I believe there is usually a plan in place to allow continued access for residents/visitors during construction either with temporary lane markings or other means, but your comments will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Kentwood – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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Good morning,

I just have one question about the TIP on 44th street between Shafer and Breton, how are the people that live in Cobblestone at the Ravines supposed to get out of our subdivision? There is only one exit and it is on 44th street, we can only go one way...west with no access to be able to cross over to the east bound lanes. We will be trapped when construction is being done on the west bound lanes.

Thank you!

Dawn R Staskievitz-Cantley
Controller
Pratt Industries
Grand Rapids
Laurel Joseph

From: Laurel Joseph
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 2:13 PM
To: 'Gary Elve'
Subject: RE: Sunset Hills

Hi Gary,

Thanks so much for reaching out. It looks like the project that might be closest to you is a resurfacing project on Leonard Street from Kinney to Remembrance. This project is currently on the illustrative list, which means that no funding is tied to it currently, but that it is a priority should additional funding become available during 2020-2023.

Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdictions for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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From: Gary Elve
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:33 AM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: Sunset Hills

I recived a notice from gvmc on work that will take place in the future, I live on Sunset Hills N.W. Could you tell me whats going to happen?

Gary Elve
Laurel Joseph

From: Laurel Joseph
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 2:26 PM
To: 'Greg Downer'
Subject: RE: TIP Projects Between 2020-2023

Hi Greg,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and for providing your feedback. The projects listed on the illustrative list you are referring to do not currently have funding attached to them due to financial constraints of the program, but are listed as priorities (with their estimated costs) if additional funds become available during 2020-2023 that would allow additional projects to be added to the TIP.

Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdictions for their review as part of the TIP development process, and your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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Greg Downer

From: Greg Downer
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:33 AM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: TIP Projects Between 2020-2023

Ms. Joseph, thank you for the notification regarding the above subject item. I’ve downloaded and read all the attachments found on the GVMC website.

Of special interest to me was the section labelled “STP-Urban Pool of Projects Unfunded” found in Item V: Attachment C. The first 3 ½ pages of the Attachment is of particular importance because it addresses the streets I travel on every day, many of which are in desperate need of repair.

Can you clarify, is this a wish list of projects (thus the reference to being unfunded), or as the attachment suggests, have funds been allocated? There are two column one labelled as “Federal/State” and one labelled “Non-Fed” that have dollar figures associated with each line item which would lead one to believe funds have been allocated.

Thank you for your time.

Gregory Downer
Gotcha. Well, thank you for participating in this process. Feel free to reach out any time.

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Since it sounds unlikely that there will be work done directly in front of our building during the time frame, I doubt there is anything for me to weigh in on. It sounds like we’ll still be able to get in and out of our driveway from the West.

On Mar 20, 2019, at 8:32 AM, Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

It’s hard to say – the current federal transportation funding bill will be up for reauthorization in 2020, I believe, so it really depends on what the feds do. If they increase transportation funding, we might have more to work with, but if they don’t it will probably be unlikely we’ll have extra funds available for illustrative list projects. However, it also potentially depends on what happens with other City of GR projects; if one of their programmed projects runs into a snag that would delay it from moving forward, they might propose to switch it out with something on the illustrative list. If you’d like to talk to someone from the City directly about this, there should be someone available at our public meeting for the draft TIP project list next Monday, March 25 at 5:30p at Rapid Central Station.
From: Jefferson Seaver
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:59 PM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: Re: TIP Projects

What is the likelihood of funds being available for the part of Wealthy west of Ethel within the 2020-2023 period? High, medium, low, very unlikely?

On Mar 19, 2019, at 1:21 PM, Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 TIP project list, and for reaching out. Yes, there is a proposed 2023 project to reconstruct Wealthy Street from Ethel to the east city limit. The other parts of Wealthy that show up on the illustrative list do not currently have dedicated funding associated with them due to the financial constraints of the program, but are listed as priorities if additional funding becomes available during the 2020-2023 time period.

Thanks again for your feedback. Your comments will be reviewed by the local jurisdictions as part of the TIP development process and will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions/comments.

Thanks,

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Hi Andrea,

I received a postcard mailer about a TIP hearing. My business is at [address redacted].

I see that there is a project listed in the Draft project list for Wealthy Street between Ethel and ECL which I assume is the East Grand Rapids city line. Sections of Wealthy that are west of Ethel are shown as gray on the TIP map and that stretch is in the Illustrative Projects doc. Does being in the Illustrative Projects doc mean that the sections of Wealthy that are west of Ethel won’t be address in the 2020-2023 time frame?

Thanks for your help.

Jeff
Hi Mitch,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. Your comments/concerns will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Grand Rapids – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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Mitch Bart
Facilities Manager
Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids | Cathedral Square Center
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I think the overall plan for Division Ave. is good, I am concerned about the corner of Division and Goodrich. Catholic Central parents line up and stack on the east side curb line of Division - North of Wealthy St in front of Cathedral Square before turning East onto Goodrich. The attached plan map has both a bump out and a median which will require those vehicles to pull back into the traffic lane on Northbound Division in order to simply make the turn onto Goodrich. I think this will create a pinch point and much more additional congestion at that corner. I wonder if the bump out on the SE corner of Division/Goodrich could be eliminated?

Thanks for your consideration.

Mitch Bart
We are excited to announce that we have officially transitioned from DioceseofGrandRapids.org to GRdiocese.org! Please visit our new website and make note that my email address has been updated to reflect this change.
Thank you for the explanation. Take care.

Dan Green
Chief Planning Officer
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

Dan,

Moving a project from the illustrative list to the programmed TIP list involves the local jurisdiction making a formal request including the source of the funds for the project and year they’d like it to be programmed. This will be processed as a proposed amendment to the TIP that would require review and recommendation by the Technical Committee and approval of the Policy Committee before it is submitted for federal approval. The public involvement process for these types of amendments involves a web posting with the Committee meeting agendas and an opportunity for public comment at each of the Committee meetings.

Based on a follow up response I got from the City when I sent them your comments, it does appear this project is a high priority for them if funding comes through.

Thanks again for reaching out.

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Laurel – I appreciate the response. As a follow-up, can you tell me what the process is for a road project to moved out of the illustrative list and onto the “main” list. Obviously my fear is that budgets will never support illustrative list projects. Thank you for your time.
From: Laurel Joseph [mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 1:33 PM
To: Dan Green
Subject: RE: TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment

Dan,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft FY2020-2023 TIP proposed project list and providing your feedback. It looks like the project you are referring to is currently listed on the illustrative list, which means it does not have any funding currently attached to it, but is listed as a priority should additional funds become available during 2020-2023 that would allow additional projects to be added to the TIP.

Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdictions, including the City of Grand Rapids, for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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From: Dan Green
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Andrea Faber
Subject: TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment

Dear Ms. Faber -

During the previous TIP process I submitted my support for the State Street (Madison to Lafayette) reconstruction. I will again restate my support for this project to be moved up on the priority list. Growth and improvements have taken place in the form of businesses, and living space along this corridor. This has created more vehicular traffic as well as more pedestrian traffic. The PASER rating (n=4) is a generous rating and clearly shows the conditional deficiency of this roadway. This project received some momentum in the designing, public input process, etc. a few years ago but did not move forward. Please reconsider the volume of traffic, volume of pedestrians, and the condition of this roadway and include this project in the very next phase of reconstruction.

Thank you for your time,
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Laurel Joseph

From: Laurel Joseph
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Brian Cahoon
Subject: RE: Input

Brian,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft FY2020-2023 TIP proposed project list and providing your feedback. It looks like the street you are referring to is not on the federal aid network, which means it is not eligible for federal transportation funds, and therefore, would not likely be part of our regional transportation improvement program. This street could be improved with local funds though, so I’ll forward your comments on to the City of Grand Rapids for their review and consideration. Your feedback will also be documented in an appendix of the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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From: Brian Cahoon
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 1:37 PM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: Input

Hi, I’d received a postcard with projects. I’d like to suggest reviewing the condition of Godwin Ave SE between burton to Griswold. The road surface is washing away, nearly all surface near curbs is gone. Please consider. Thanks, BC
Bob,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review the draft project list for the FY2020-2023 TIP and providing your feedback. I will forward your comments to MDOT for their review and consideration as part of the TIP development process and ask them to follow up with you. Your comments will also be included in an appendix in the TIP document.

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From: Robert Johnson
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>
Subject: M-57 Proposed Passing Lanes

This letter concerns the proposed passing lanes on M-57 between US 131 and Greenville. The distance between 131 and Greenville is 15-16 miles, it only takes 20-25 minutes to cross this section of road. What are passing lanes going to accomplish other than people speeding up and trying to pass each other at 75-80 mph then hitting the brakes at the end. Tractor-trailer and passenger vehicle speed limit is 55 mph, passing a tractor-trailer is irrelevant since the speed limit is the same for all vehicles on this road. This isn't a highway where there is a difference in tractor-trailer and passenger vehicle speeds. If this is such a good idea why was the passing lane taken out west of Greenville? How is cross traffic from Berrigan, Farland, Redmond, and Ramsdell Rds. suppose to enter or cross M-57 if vehicles are passing each other at 75-80 mph? This will be more of a safety issue than what already might exist. This section of M-57 is one of the most shaded areas on the south side, which creates black ice conditions throughout this 2 mile stretch. There already are many slide offs through the winter in this area. What will happen when vehicles are trying to pass each other? According to GVMC Maps the Safety Deficiency Rating starts at Ramsdell and goes east, also Volume Over Capacity Rating starts at Ramsdell and goes east. If passing lanes are really needed it seems they should be constructed from Ramsdell eastward. Better flow of traffic can be achieved by installing longer deceleration lanes for right hand turns and pavement on dirt shoulders for left turns at crossroads. This would be far less costly than adding full lanes. Repairing existing roads that are in very poor to dangerous conditions might be more cost efficient. In closing passing lanes will create a far more dangerous safety issue than exists at present. It only takes 20-25 minutes to travel this 15-16 mile stretch of road. Most of the safety issues here are due to lack of patience and distracted driving (phone use).

Thank You,
Kirby,

Thank you so much for participating in this process and sending us your comments and concerns about this project. I will forward your email to the Road Commission for their review and follow up, and it will also be included in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again!

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Hello Laurel,

Recently we met and talked at the March 25 TIP meeting that you hosted downtown. As you had recommended, I put together some comments regarding the Segwun Ave project that has been proposed for next year (2020).

Over the last few years, we’ve had some conversations with the Road Commission when they’ve been out in Lowell taking care of road repair, etc., and as we understand it, they’ve said that the project on Segwun is to widen the road from two lanes to three. From the description they’ve given us so far, we, (along with some of our neighbors on both sides of Segwun) have had some thoughts and concerns. I’m sure they may share theirs, but I’d like to share ours in particular.

For reference, our address is 2525 Segwun, and we’re located on the west side of the road, directly across from the intersection of Segwun and Alden Nash. And to try to keep it from being too lengthy, I’ll assume you have reference to a map to see what we’re describing.

I apologize in advance for it being wordy, but for you and all others who read this, if you can just be patient to track with me, it’s really an important situation.

The situation around the intersection area is what we’re most concerned about, so here are a few details about it. From just south of the intersection the road begins to descend downhill, with a curve to the left, with limited
sight distance (because of the curve and trees, brush, etc.) and a speed limit change, (which happens just a few feet north of our driveway, while on the slope). The speed limit change is from 55-45 northbound and 45-55 southbound. Also our driveway is located virtually directly across from the intersection.

As I describe some of our concerns (and ideas and possible solutions), I want to preface it by saying that what we want most going forward is to enhance the safety of this area for everyone involved. We know that the situation involves a number of different “players” - local residents on the main road, through-traffic, and that various types of vehicles are being operated through this area. Having said that, we know full well that the big picture of the area and the proposed project isn’t just about us and our wants or needs. I also realize that there are statistics kept regarding crashes, etc., but as a local resident, we also witness a lot of things that are never reported and see a lot of hazards that aren’t able to be tracked in conventional traffic data.

So here are the concerns we have:

1. Hill, Curve & Speed Limit-
   - With the down-slope of the hill (northbound), the current speed limit changes from 55 mph to 45 mph with traffic already having significant down-hill momentum. Semi trucks consistently rely on compression braking with the grade of this hill.
   - Add to it the intersection (Alden Nash & Segwun), the curve and an upcoming traffic light at the bottom of the hill (with another speed reduction to 35 mph just past that light) and you have a very challenging situation at best. It becomes hazardous with wet or contaminated pavement. We regularly see vehicles losing control and spinning out or ending up in the ditch, which often is not reported.

2. Driveway Entry / Exit (Affected by Speed Limit and Sight Distance)-
   - Currently, we struggle with exiting our driveway due to the curve and the growth of trees and brush, creating a reduced ability to see approaching traffic from both northbound and southbound directions.
   - We have a slight advantage of the existing shoulder being wide, but more often than not, we have a very difficult time exiting our driveway due to a combination of southbound traffic turning left onto Segwun (at the intersection) and southbound through traffic passing the left-turn traffic on the right (shoulder) while accelerating with the speed limit change from 45 mph to 55 mph. A side note here: the road markings / striping is consistently worn and non-standard, which creates confusion. But that also seems to encourage drivers to take the liberty of passing on the shoulder, often in a reckless fashion, jeopardizing our safety whenever we’re at the end of the driveway trying to exit onto Segwun / Alden Nash.
   - KCRC gave us a little history on why there is such a wide “shoulder” as it was originally intended as a “passing lane” for passing slow trucks climbing that hill. But they began to see the hazardous results of drivers trying to pass trucks and re-striped it, intending to not have a passing lane at all. Despite that, the unintended consequence of passing still occurs, particularly with drivers who are familiar with the area and drive it regularly.

3. Driveway Entry / Exit (Affected by the proposed Turn Lane)-
   - In speaking with some of the folks at KCRC, they described how the addition of the turn lane would most likely take shape. They described the road being widened and a center turn lane being added from the intersection of Segwun & Alden Nash, northward to the intersection of Segwun and Grand River. They further described that the turn lane at the intersection of Alden Nash & Segwun would have a portion of it dedicated to a left turn onto south-bound Segwun Ave.
   - Our concern here is that since our current driveway location is right across from the intersection, it would eliminate driveway access (both entry and exit) to and from the northbound direction of the main road. And it would severely restrict exit access from our driveway even to the southbound direction of the main road, particularly because of the even further limited sight distance of the curve (with the proposed southbound lane being located closer to the driveway) and traffic accelerating (45 to 55) right in front of our driveway.
4. Speed-increase (due to dedicated through lanes on either side of the center turn lane) -
   - A few years ago, KCRC re-striped the lines on the main road, adding a “passing” lane on the right hand
   side of south-bound Segwun / Alden Nash, allowing for a place for traffic to turn left onto Segwun where it
   splits off from Alden Nash. Almost immediately, we noticed that traffic speed increased with the change in
   striping. Since the speed limit increases from 45-55 just before the Segwun / Alden Nash intersection, drivers
   would anticipate that increase and accelerate much earlier than before the striping change. This resulted in
   reduced sight-distance at our driveway exit and made it nearly impossible for us to even have a chance to turn
   out onto the main road, regardless of direction. (This reiterates what I mentioned in my second item above…)

   And here are some of the solution ideas we have:

   1. Speed Limit 45 mph:
      - As I mentioned before one concern that we have is the hazard of the speed limit changing on the slope of
        the hill. I’d like to suggest the idea of keeping the speed limit at 45 mph (in both directions) between Grand
        River Dr and the top of the hill at Alden Nash (just south of the Alden Nash / Segwun Ave intersection), before
        it starts to slope down towards Lowell. The hope here would be to reduce the incidents and accidents that occur
        on the slope and give local residents more time to exit their driveways.

   2. Road / Lane Striping:
      - The idea here is to ensure that the striping is absolutely standard with no ambiguity in interpreting what
        constitutes a legal lane. As it is now, there is non-standard striping along the west edge of the southbound lane
        going uphill, which insinuates a passing lane. Coupled with the speed limit increase just before the Alden Nash
        / Segwun intersection, it’s a recipe for disaster with both acceleration and evasion (of the left-turn Segwun
        traffic). Some drivers interpret the shoulder as a passing lane, and some don’t. The ambiguity creates
        confusion and a hazardous situation for a driver having to make a decision about what to do next, especially
        when that driver is not a local or a regular who comes through here often and is really familiar.

   3. Enforcement:
      - Another component that we think needs to be a part of this project is enforcement. Without it, things may
        not be any less hazardous. However, a local Michigan State Police officer gave me some insight as to the fact
        that it’s currently pretty hazardous to enact any enforcement in this stretch of road. That should tell us how
        important it is that a lot of consideration be given to how to improve the overall safety of this location as this
        project goes forward.

        - He also gave some insight as to how speed limits are determined. Some of what he described bothered me a
          little and made it appear that we are now using the typical speeds that people drive to determine what speed
          limit should be posted. My concern here is that we’re letting data drive too much of that and not enough
          common sense evaluation of the particular situation. If we carry the data-driven plan to its logical full
          conclusion, why should we even post speed limits if people are going to drive whatever they want? There
          certainly comes a point where common sense limits need to be imposed and enforced when people don’t seem
          to be capable of making good judgment calls in that particular situation. This stretch of road is one of those
          cases!

In closing, I really want to reiterate how many of us local residents have strong concerns about the location and
its current hazards, and the need to give serious consideration to the big picture of safety as this new project
unfolds. It is indisputable that there are some problems and hazards here. This really needs to be taken
seriously. We do our community a major disservice if we don’t put forth some effort and energy to improve
safety.
Laurel, thanks for the opportunity to pass these concerns and ideas along. I appreciate you being willing to forward these along to all the agencies involved in the road project. Both for you and anyone else who reads the comments, you all can feel free to reach out any time if you have questions or want to discuss things. I’ll be happy to talk about it, and I would look forward to hearing other ideas, and getting a bigger picture of how all of this works in moving a project like this forward.

Regards,

Kirby P. Comeaux
Jackson Aviation Services, LLC
FY2020-2023 TIP Development Update

MARCH 7, 2019

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GVMC Reminder: Please provide input on draft transportation project lists by Friday, March 8 - mailchi.mp/5811a22ba117/w...

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Kristina @KristinaPerhach - Mar 9
Nature's music! #upperpeninsula #Uptown #PureMichigan #OptOutside - at Tahquamenon Upper Falls
Events Calendar

To the Reader: Non-profit organizations, agencies and churches are invited to post events in the Event Calendar. Please submit the date, name of the event, time, location, name of the sponsor and contact information at least two (2) weeks in advance of the event. Send by e-mail to staff@grtimes.com; fax to 616-245-1026 or by mail or drop off at the office address, 2016 Eastern Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507 or submit on line at www.grtimes.com

The Grand Rapids Times reserves the option to decide whether to highlight an event with more details or an article.

Third Saturday of Each Month
Alzheimer’s Association
Caregiver Support Group
St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, Pastor Dwight L. Gutridge
101 Delaware Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
For more information or details:
Call 1-800-272-3900

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Third Wednesday of each month (except December)
Job Fair (formerly Community Job Fair)
hosted by Kentwood Community Church
West Michigan Works West side Service Center
215 Straight Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
9:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Sunday, March 17, 2019
Soul Food & Jazz
Boston Soul Food Restaurant
1553 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49501
12 Noon – 5:00p.m.

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El equipo de trabajo de nuestra compañía expresa sus condolencias a la familia y eleva una oración por el descanso eterno de su alma.

Gerardo Martino lanza convocatoria del 'Tri' para enfrentarse a Chile y Paraguay

Carlos Vela es el gran ausente en la lista de convocados que anunció el técnico argentino Gerardo Martino, en la que destaca el regreso de Luis Montes, para los partidos amistosos frente a Chile y Paraguay.

Un total de 13 jugadores de Europa fueron considerados por el "Tata", en la que está Diego Lainez, mientras que de la Liga Mayor de Fútbol (MLS) de Estados Unidos solo fue llamado Jonathan Dos Santos.

De la Liga MX destaca que Monterrey aportará a cinco jugadores, el cuadro de Guadalajara tiene a tres y América a dos elementos.

Sobresale que Luis Montes y Miguel Layún no estuvieron en el mini ciclo que realizó el equipo mexicano hace algunas semanas en el Centro de Alto Rendimiento (CAR) de la Federación Mexicana de Fútbol (FMF).

La concentración dará inicio el domingo en el Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de Méxi-co y viajarán a San Diego por la tarde.

Los jugadores que están en Europa y en Estados Unidos se incorporarán en suelo californiano. Tras el juego con Chile, que se disputará el viernes, viajará hasta Santa Clara el domingo, donde el martes medirá fuerzas con el "cuadro guarani".
El Consejo Metropolitano de Grand Valley (GVMC) está buscando comentarios sobre las listas de proyectos en el borrador del año fiscal 2020-2023, Programa de Mejora del Transporte (TIP). El documento TIP describe los proyectos de transporte para los próximos cuatro años. Los proyectos específicos incluyen reparación de carreteras, reconstrucción de carreteras, reemplazo de puentes, mejoras de intersecciones, actualizaciones del sistema de transporte inteligente, así como proyectos motorizados y relacionados con el transporte.

El borrador completo de la lista de proyectos de transporte está disponible en gvmc.org/tip, junto con el mapa correspondiente.

La reunión pública para discutir el borrador de la lista de proyectos está programada para:

**Fecha:** Lunes 25 de marzo
**Hora:** 5:30 pm
**Lugar:** Rapid Central Station
250 Grandville Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

La reunión también se transmitirá en vivo en la página de Facebook de GVMC. MDOT se brindará la oportunidad de comentar sobre el Plan Estatal de Transporte a Largo Plazo (SLRTP) en la reunión.

Si no puede asistir, envíe sus comentarios sobre las listas de proyectos a Laurel Joseph por correo electrónico laurel.joseph@gvmc.org, telefones 616.776.7670, o envíeles en línea a gvmc.org/tip usando el botón “enviar el comentario” hasta el miércoles 17 de abril. Los comentarios también se pueden enviar por correo GVMC, 678 Front Ave NW “Suite 200” Grand Rapids MI 49504.
Las personas con discapacidades que necesiten ayuda para los servicios y las personas que necesiten traducción o asistencia de intérprete deben comunicarse con GVMC para solicitar adaptaciones para la reunión antes del 20 de marzo del 2019.

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El aviso público de las actividades de participación pública y el tiempo establecido para la revisión y comentarios sobre el TIP cumplirán con las directivas del Departamento de Transporte de los Estados Unidos (DOT) para GVMC.
Andrea Faber

From: Andrea Faber
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:12 AM
Subject: Please post flyer at your location for GVMC's upcoming public meeting
Attachments: Flyer for public meeting.pdf

GVMC is asking all cities, libraries, townships, and jurisdictions within our MPO area to post the attached flyer at their locations in order to help advertise our upcoming public meeting. At this meeting, we will be reviewing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and taking comment on the proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa County between FY2020-2023. Results of our recent environmental justice (EJ) and air quality analysis will also be available at the meeting, and MDOT will be presenting and taking comment on the State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP) as well. For additional details, please see the attached flyer.

If you are unable to print this flyer, please let me know, and we will mail you a copy. If you need us to post this flyer at your location, please let me know, and we will post it at your office. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out about our upcoming public meeting.

Andrea Faber
Transportation Planner
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What is the TIP?
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For additional information, including details about our upcoming public meeting, please...
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, March 11, 2019

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Development of the FY2020-2023 TIP to Begin Soon

NOVEMBER 21, 2018

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If you have any questions about the TIP process, please email Laurel Joseph, Transportation Planner, or call (616) 776-7610.

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Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Begins TIP Development Process

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https://www.gvmc.org/...development-of-the-fy2020-2023-tip-

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Sgt. Smith with Kalamazoo Township Police says there's "an evolving scene" in the 1500 block of Waverly. Nearby elementary school is out today for Thanksgiving holiday. @wood
Andrea Faber

From: Andrea Faber
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Andrea Faber
Subject: GVMC Begins FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development Process
Attachments: Press Release FY2020-2023 TIP.pdf

GVMC is pleased to announce that it is beginning the development process of the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Please see the attached press release for additional information, and please contact me with questions.

Andrea Faber
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 26, 2018

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Cookie business offers recipe for success

Social enterprise partners with Dégagé minis to offer opportunities for women in crisis.

Chef Watson
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own, through the doors of gage Ministries by 50 mph gusts and snow squalls, Su-
Schur was "frozen still" and I decided to stay at the hotel for the night. Street
She also had a place to stay that
out of the streets. Little did she know that within five months, she

just over a year after coming to gage Ministries, Schur's work
three of Pepe's Mouse's Cookies (MC), a social enterprise bak-

ing business founded by Cindy Knapfe and Kari Mason, who both have sons

from Pepe's Mouse's Cookies.

GVMC seeks more than doubled since PMC

The non-profit last year appointed抓著

ning Street Market, Forest Hills Foods

and Knapfe's Market in Ada and

Plainfield Township.

Cookie varieties currently

available include Lemon Cherry

Dream, Mint Meltaways, Molas-

ses Ginger, Peanu Butter Choco-

cake Ganache (peanut-free), Salted

Caramel Chocolate Chunk and

Oatmeal Berry Knaps. Developed the

recipes, which she said look

"like the best cookie we could find.

Right.

Schnur is far from the only for-

mer resident whose life has been

touched by PMC, but she is one of

the most inspiring.

"I was approached in the first

four months of the program by

Chris (Mason)," she said. "She

approached me because she had

found out I had been working at an

assisted living facility as a cook, so she thought I would be good at Pepe's

My new business increased

nearly 50% more than the first year

and also had 80 volunteers.

COLLEGE INDOOR GYMNASIUM

VOLUNTEERS LINDA BELGIANO, foreman, and MERT LEIDEL make cookies on baking day for the social enterprise Pepe's Mouse's Cookies. Courtesy Dégagé Ministries

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GVMC to identify funding needs

Number of road miles in Kent, Ottawa rated "good" has declined from 481 in 2016 to 297 in 2018.

Eileen Wynder
Grand Rapids Business Journal

The Grand Valley Metro Council has begun the planning process for the local year 2020-23 Trans-

portation Improvement Program.

The TIP identifies discretionary projects within Kent and eastern Ottawa counties proposed by local cities, towns, transit agen-

dies, and state and federal trans-

portation agencies. The plan also re-
quires the TIP to be updated every

three years.

The Transportation Programming

Study Group, a subcommittee of GVMC's Technical

Committees, will have two public meetings at 9 a.m. Dec. 3 and Dec. 5 at GVMC's office, 887 Front Ave.

NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, to select eligible projects for the TIP.

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Alaska's Transportation

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According to data from GVMC's transportation department, the number of road miles rated good in 2016 and 2018 has de-

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In addition, the number of road miles rated poor has risen.

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Grand Rapids weighs brownfield amendment

The city of Grand Rapids is mull-

ing over a proposed brownfield amendment to the city's development of affordable housing in a city.

According to an item on the Grand Rapids City Commission agenda dated Nov. 27, the Kent County Land Bank authority is seeking

property for management of vacant land in the city.

The city then acquired 1

the Kent County Land Bank auth-

ority which does business as Grand Rapids Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, said In-

noviall will provide certain services for the property, including cleaning sites and is responsible for all aspects of ownership of the property.

The city will re-acquire the property on completion of all brownfield cleanup and ensure the property is available for future development.

The Community Development Department estimated the cost to be approximately $700,000 to qualify property for proposed by developers.

In a memo to the city commission, Wood said while the BBA has sufficient revenues to finance the projects as proposed, this should be viewed as a pilot project and additional revenues likely will be necessary to sustain a similar program in future years.

According to the terms of each BBA loan, obligation to repay would cease once any tax increment revenues generated by the property between 2020 and 2030. The BBA would subsequently capture tax increment revenues between 2013 and 2025.

The BBA estimates a total tax increment capture of $235,740 over a 15-year period.

All tax-benefitted properties are located within the Grand Rapids

North and Economic Develop-

ment department has collaborated on an application that nonprofit lending developers may submit to acquire the tax-benefitted properties.

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November 30, 2018 | By Erin Worley | 0 Comments

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“It’s a lack of funding, and it illustrates the need to develop asset management plans with the hope of improving the condition of our network into the future,” she said.

According to data from GV/MC’s transportation department, the number of road miles rated good and fair in Kent and eastern Ottawa counties has declined from 481 good in 2016 to 257 in 2016. The number of road miles rated fair has gone up slightly, 459 in 2016 to 490 in 2018.

In addition, the number of road miles rated poor has risen, from 420 in the 2016 to 490 in 2018.

The GV/MC transportation department surveyed 2,950 miles of road network in the Kent and eastern Ottawa boundary utilizing the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. Of those miles, 1,857 were on the federal aid network and 650 were on the local network for GV/MC members.

Faber said TIP eligible projects are usually funded with 70 percent federal dollars and 30 percent by the local municipality, although the maximum a project can be federally funded is 80 percent.

A given project’s PASER rating will determine whether it is eligible for the TIP, as well as what type of funding it may receive. The PASER rating scale is as follows:

- PASER 1-2: Eligible for reconstruction funding
- PASER 3: Eligible for structural overlay funding
- PASER 4-5: Eligible for sealcoat/thin overlay funding
- PASER 6: Eligible for crack sealing funding
- PASER 7: Not eligible for federal funds

TIP eligible projects also will be determined based on three performance measures — safety, condition and congestion.

In addition to the two meetings scheduled, the GV/MC will give other opportunities for the public to participate in TIP development over the next several months, including submitting comments about proposed projects or transportation priorities at gvmc.org/tip.

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Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Transportation Division
FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Meeting
Monday, March 25
Rapid Central Station, 250 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
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Comments:
Giddings Street took a beating this winter making places along the street dangerously treacherous. Pot holes, large pieces on concrete in road plus making it difficult to maneuver is its a 1-way.
Project: Cycle City (just a suggested name)

Comments:
When I went to visit Chicago there was bycicles everywhere. I think if we could have that here too we could increase accessibility to all community members.

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Fernanda Muñoz

First Name

Last Name

1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?
   □ Yes
   □ No
Project: Davis St NW

Comments: The area is filled with weeds. It is an area that is around a church (St. Adalbert Church) as well as a Cairo down the street. There is a factory (American Basilisk) company which same individuals may need to take to go to work. Another location near around that is off broad way apartment and it is near the new embassy suites. This street should be paved at least when the intersection of Davis and 7th Street is Tax payer should not have this issue. Nor the worry of damaging their cars due to the road.

Alex
First Name

Poldo
Last Name

1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?
   □ Yes
   □ No
Project: 28075A | Algoma St. between Eastern & Madison

Comments:
1. What is being done: utilities, sewer, water, drainage, pavement, curbing, sidewalk, time frame?
2. Bike Lane: Not a fan. Money could be better spent on the basics. I would prefer to see the fieldwork on this.
3. Trees to be planted: only trees that will only grow through; the lines to be cut back and compacted. Eastern could not Manuals in Arbor could be saved by planting trees that won’t grow past 2 feet or so.

[Signature]
First Name: [Name]
Last Name: [Srocke8561]

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1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?
   ✓ Yes
   □ No

2. How did you hear about today’s public meeting?
   [Comment]
FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
Public Comment Form

Project:
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Comments:
What effect will this have for me with my address being 3350 Sequoia Ave SE. Widening road from tape line are they going to reduce the speed from speed to Grand River. Also all the truckers and J. Brakes all hours of day pull off when turning right on either side of the road.

Theresa Raczk
First Name Last Name

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GVMC FY2020-2023 TIP

FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
Public Comment Form

Project: Alger Heights - possible bike paths

Comments:

[Blank lines for comments]

[Signature block]

Joan Jacobsen
First Name

[Redacted]

Email

1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?
   ☐ Yes
   ☐ No

2. How did you hear about today’s public meeting?
   my husband

[Additional comments]

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FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program
Public Comment Form

Project:
69th St. Between Mastertree and Maxow Lake

Comments:
Is this going to be 2 lanes or 1 lane each
direction with a center turn lane? 1 lane is
preferred, worried about losing lane and effect
on property taxes.

Feel free to contact us.

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Mike
First Name:  

Jen Drasian
Last Name:  

1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?
   - Yes
   - No

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   Card in the mail
Ayer Street

- concerned about utilities
- want to see evidence for the bike lane
- want to know the cost of the bike lane
- specifically, could be used for pot holes
- when is the council to decide about the bike lane
- cutting mature trees for power lines
- hazardous expense
- consider shorter flowering trees

Saugus project in Lowell

- when will they be releasing more details
- public meetings at Lowell trip?
Public Participation Summary Report

Public Outreach Strategy and Tools Used
Per GVMC’s Public Participation Plan (PPP), we reached out to the public at three different milestone points during the development of the TIP, which included:

1. The kickoff to the TIP’s development
2. Draft project lists, environmental justice, and air quality results completed and available for public comment
3. Adoption of draft document

(1) **Kickoff to TIP Development**
We notified the public that GVMC would begin developing the FY2020-2023 TIP in December 2018 in the following ways:

- Posting a notice on gvmc.org under “Latest Developments” and on the TIP page on November 21, 2018
- Posting on GVMC’s Twitter and Facebook page, which the Rapid and Linc Up also shared with their audiences
- Sending an email through MailChimp to 1,736 people on GVMC’s Interested Citizen/Agency list on Monday, November 26
- Sending a press release to the local media on Monday, November 26

The ads notified the public that the TIP development process would begin with two Transportation Programming Study Group (TPSG) meetings scheduled for Monday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 5. The purpose of these meetings was to select projects for the FY2020-2023 TIP. Notices and agendas for all Transportation Programming Study Group meetings were also posted on GVMC’s website in a timely manner.

(2) **Draft project lists, environmental justice, and air quality results completed and available for public comment**
Once this milestone was reached, GVMC Staff notified the public that the draft fiscal year FY2020-2023 TIP project lists were available for public comment and invited the public to join GVMC staff to discuss the TIP development process, project lists, the environmental justice analysis, and results of the air quality analysis at a public meeting on Monday, March 25th at 5:30 pm at Rapid Central Station. The meeting was also livestreamed for the convenience of those unable to attend in person.

We notified the public of the meeting and the comment period in the following ways:

- Posting a notice on the Latest Developments and TIP pages on gvmc.org on March 7
- Posting notices on GVMC’s Twitter and Facebook pages on March 11
- Sharing our Facebook posts with the Rapid and Line Up to share with their audiences
- Sending an email to 2,158 individuals on the Interested Citizen/Agency List on March 11
- Sending a press release to GVMC’s media contacts on March 11
- Placing ads in two local papers on Friday, March 15, 2019: *El Vocero* and *The Grand Rapids Times*
- Distributing flyers advertising the public comment period and the public meeting to all libraries and jurisdictions within the MPO area
We ensured that the draft project lists were accessible to the public by placing them on gvmc.org along with an interactive map. We asked the public to provide comments on the document by Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Thirteen members of the public and several staff members from GVMC and MDOT attended the March 25th public meeting, where staff made a brief presentation of the draft TIP list of projects and deficient road segments, explained the corresponding maps and the TIP development process, went over the Environmental Justice and air quality analyses, and answered any questions that were brought up. Three individuals livestreamed the meeting.

Prior to this meeting, staff conducted an Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis, and as a result, sent 12,863 direct mail informational postcards to residents on March 11, which informed them that their home or business may be impacted by a transportation improvement project scheduled to take place in their area between 2020 and 2023. The postcard also included an invitation to the March 25th public meeting and notified the public that the comment period would conclude on April 17, 2019.

(3) Adoption of Draft Document
Once the draft TIP document was complete, GVMC staff brought it to the Technical and Policy Committees and GVMC board for approval. Public comment opportunities were available at all three committee meetings. The public was notified that the TIP was being approved by an announcement on the Latest Developments and TIP pages on gvmc.org and by announcements on GVMC’s Twitter and Facebook pages, which were also shared with the Rapid and Linc Up. All notices were posted on April 24th.

No members of the public attended the Tech or Policy Committee or the GVMC Board meetings.

Comments and Responses
Throughout the course of the development of the TIP, staff received 16 phone calls, 20 emails, and 13 consultation responses. Comments were responded to in the manner in which they were received. For instance, emailed comments received emailed replies, while comments that the public phoned in were recorded by hand and responded to verbally. Many of the comments were directed to the responsible jurisdiction as well.

Public Participation Tools Used
GVMC staff utilized the following public participation tools to reach the public:

1. GVMC’s website: www.gvmc.org
2. Newspaper ads in The Grand Rapids Times and El Vocero
3. Informational emails sent to our Interested Citizen/Agency List
4. Direct mail postcards to citizens whose addresses were flagged during our EJ analysis
5. Flyers sent to local jurisdictions and libraries for posting
6. GVMC’s social media pages (Facebook and Twitter), as well as The Rapid and Line Up’s Facebook page
7. Press releases to the local media

Members of the Public Reached
El Vocero circulation: print—5,000-8,000; web—between 1,500 – 3,000 reached daily; and Facebook—over 11,000 local followers. All ads are included in social media posts.

The Grand Rapids Times circulation: 6,000
Current Members of the Interested Citizen/Agency List: 2,221
Number of libraries within the MPO area that received flyers for posting: 32

Number of jurisdictions (cities, agencies, townships, etc.) within the MPO area that posted flyers: 47

Web impressions: 9,857 unique visits between November 21, 2018 (the date our first web ad was posted) and May 15, 2019 (the date the draft TIP was approved at the Policy Committee). Of these, 5,856 visits were to our Home page (where “latest developments” are posted, and 2,370 were to our TIP page).

GVMC Facebook “likes”: 484 likes and 513 follows

Twitter Followers: 17

The table below shows the estimated number of people reached through our social media, email and web campaigns

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<td>113</td>
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<td>48</td>
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<td>Milestone 3 Ads</td>
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The table below shows the engagement rates of our email and social media campaigns.

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### Tweet Activity

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Transportation Improvement Program

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Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for Section 3307 public involvement.

FY2020-2023 TIP Development Updates

**DRAFT FY2020-2023 TIP UPDATE: THE DRAFT FY2020-2023 TIP IS COMPLETE AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the TIP at the following meetings:

**Technical Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday, May 1
- 9:30 am
- Kent County Road Commission
- 1500 Salfirnie Ave, NW
- Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Policy Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday, May 15
- 9:30 am
- Kent County Road Commission
- 1500 Salfirnie Ave, NW
- Grand Rapids, Michigan

**GVMC Board Meeting**
- Thursday, June 6
- 8:30 am
- Kent County Commission Chambers
- 600 Monroe Ave, NW, Room 810
- Grand Rapids, Michigan

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services and those requiring interpreter or translation assistance should contact GVMC at least four working days before the scheduled meetings.

The draft TIP document describes transportation priorities for the next four years and includes feedback received from the consultation and public involvement processes and information regarding the Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis.

If you wish to comment on the draft document but are unable to attend one of these meetings, comments will be accepted up until GVMC's Board meeting on Thursday, June 6. Links to the draft document, appendix, project lists, and an interactive map are available below. Hard copies of the document are available upon request at GVMC's office, located at 678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504. If you would like more information about the TIP document, or to submit comments about it, please contact Laurel Joseph by phone at (616) 776-7615; e-mail: Laurel.Joseph@gvmc.org, or mail your correspondence to GVMC's office (see address above). Comments can also be submitted by using the “Submit a Comment” button above.

Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Document (without appendices)
Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Project List
Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Interactive List of Projects (currently unfunded)
Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Appendix A
Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Appendix B
Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Appendix C

Public Involvement, Consultation, and Environmental Justice (EJ) Schedule for the FY2020-2023 TIP

February 1 - April 17
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