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## Introduction

The FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) defines federal and state transportation planning requirements and related tasks to be accomplished in and for the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area, regardless of funding sources or responsible agencies during the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. The FY2023 UPWP incorporates in one document all federally assisted state, regional, and local transportation planning activities proposed to be undertaken in the region during the fiscal year. The program provides a process for the coordination and collaboration of transportation planning activities in the study area and is required as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance for transportation planning. The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council became the MPO in January 1992.

The UPWP includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities that will be undertaken by its Transportation Department, the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). It must be submitted annually to the sponsoring federal agencies prior to October 1st. This is consistent with Section 134 Title 23, USC, Title 49, Section 613.1, "The Statewide Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning; Final Rule" of Wednesday, February 14, 2007 (Federal Register), and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) or Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL), the current federal surface transportation legislation.

The activities undertaken by the GVMC Transportation Department principally relate to overall transportation program management and fulfillment of federal requirements under the IIJA and state requirements. The priorities/activities for the GVMC Transportation Department adhere to federal and state law requirements.

The cornerstone of the IIJA highway/transit programs is the continuation of a performance and outcome-based program to increase accountability and efficiency in the way federal transportation dollars are spent. The intention is that, under this performance-based planning program, states/MPOs will invest resources in projects that help to achieve individual performance targets and collectively will make progress toward national goals.

Funding for all MPO activities is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the MPO members on an 80/20 split. The 20% local match is required by federal law for any MPO to receive transportation planning funds. The local match assessed to the 34 participating member agencies is based on a fair share process. The agencies appoint representatives to the Technical and Policy Committees. Recommendations from these agencies are sent to GVMC, according to the Rules of Procedure. See Figures 1 and 2.

In addition to a brief description of objectives and work products, the UPWP identifies financial participation of funding agencies and responsible agencies associated with each task. In this way the UPWP becomes the basis for documenting federal, state, and local participation in the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive GVMC transportation planning process. The UPWP is approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and is used to monitor the expenditure of FHWA Consolidated Planning Grants (CPG), which combine FHWA planning (PL) funds and FTA Section 5303 funds, as well as Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funds, Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, and Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds. This

UPWP also serves as an indispensable management tool, enabling the GVMC to manage and administer its planning responsibilities with available program revenues.

GVMC Staffing Structure

Executive Director

Administration

Director of Human Resources Director of Finance

Director Staff

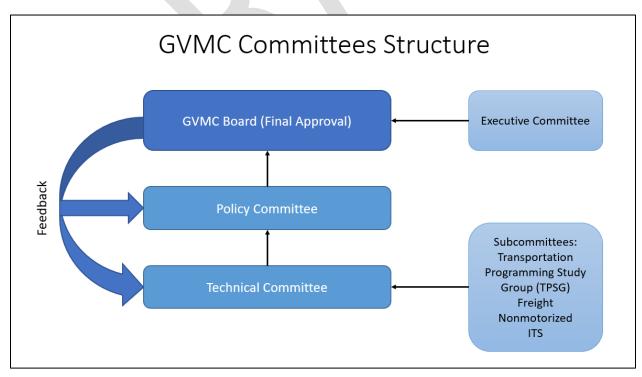
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FIGURE 1: GVMC STAFFING STRUCTURE

FIGURE 2: GVMC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES STRUCTURE



ITP is a separate transit authority that has responsibility for providing public transportation. Its mission statement is "to create, offer, and continuously improve a flexible network of regional public transportation options and mobility solutions."

The regional planning study area boundaries expanded in June of 1992 to include all of Kent County and four urban townships and the City of Hudsonville in Ottawa County. This designation was consistent with the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) and the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). All future transportation plans must now include the area contained within the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB).

GVMC and ITP coordinate activities to carry out the federally required transportation planning process within the MAB. The activities undertaken in the GVMC Program principally relate to overall program management and fulfillment of federal and state requirements. Other regionally significant activities take place with the cooperation of other participating agencies. GVMC staff provides technical assistance to member communities as needed. Coordination between other modes such as transit, rail freight, rail passenger, airport development, and nonmotorized transportation are also part of the program responsibilities.

The activities of ITP, the region's primary transit provider, target service improvements to the existing transit system as well as promotion of innovative ridesharing alternatives through the Rideshare Program.

MAP-21, which became effective October 1, 2012, made some important modifications to the metropolitan planning process, primarily requiring metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and development of transportation plans. The IIJA, which became effective November 15, 2021, continues with the same planning requirements. This work program has been developed to comply with changes regarding metropolitan planning called for in the IIJA, as stated in the Final Rule on Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning and Metropolitan Transportation Planning, which was published in the Federal Register on May 27, 2016.

In the IIJA, the metropolitan transportation planning processes are continued and enhanced to incorporate performance goals, measures, and targets into the process of identifying needed transportation improvements and project selection. Public involvement remains a hallmark of the planning process. Requirements for a long-range plan and a short-term Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continue, with the long-range plan to incorporate performance plans required by the Act for specific programs. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan must describe the performance measures and targets used in assessing system performance and progress in achieving the performance targets. The TIP must also be developed to make progress toward established performance targets and include a description of the anticipated achievements.

The metropolitan planning program under the IIJA provides funding for the integration of transportation planning processes in the MPOs into a unified metropolitan transportation planning process, culminating in the preparation of a multimodal metropolitan transportation plan for the MPO. Title 23 of the United States Code, section 134(h), describes Federal Planning Factors issued by Congress to emphasize planning factors from a national perspective. The MPO must consider these factors when developing plans and annual programs. The GVMC transportation planning activities and budget are developed to address

these factors and other state and federal requirements. The ten planning factors (for both metro and statewide planning) are as follows:

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency.
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
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- Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- Promote efficient system management and operation.
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.
- Enhance travel and tourism.

Each of these factors is addressed through various work program tasks selected for FY2023, as shown in Table 1 below.

The UPWP outlines the objectives and products resulting from transportation planning work tasks, as well as anticipated task funding and estimated Staff hours.

In addition to the planning factors under the IIJA, several federal and state planning emphasis areas were also considered during the development of the UPWP. These planning areas are described below:

## FHWA and FTA Planning Emphasis Areas

On December 30, 2021 FHWA and FTA Offices of Planning jointly issued updated Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) to use in the identification and development of UPWP activities. These updated PEAs are listed below.

#### Tackling the Climate Crisis – Transition to Clean Energy, Resilient Future

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) divisions and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regional offices should work with State departments of transportation (State DOTs), metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and providers of public transportation to ensure that our transportation plans and infrastructure investments help achieve the national greenhouse gas reduction goals of 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030, and net-zero emissions by 2050, and increase resilience to extreme weather events and other disasters resulting from the increasing effects of climate change. Field offices should encourage State DOTs and MPOs to use the transportation planning process to accelerate the transition toward electric and other alternative fueled vehicles, plan for a sustainable infrastructure system that works for all users, and undertake actions to prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Appropriate Unified Planning Work Program work tasks could include identifying the barriers to and opportunities for deployment of fueling and charging infrastructure; evaluating opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips and increasing access to public

transportation, shifting to lower emission modes of transportation; and identifying transportation system vulnerabilities to climate change impacts and evaluating potential solutions.

#### Equity and Justice 40 in Transportation Planning

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public transportation to advance racial equity and support for underserved and disadvantaged communities. This will help ensure public involvement in the planning process and that plans and strategies reflect various perspectives, concerns, and priorities from impacted areas. We encourage the use of strategies that: (1) improve infrastructure for non-motorized travel, public transportation access, and increased public transportation service in underserved communities; (2) plan for the safety of all road users, particularly those on arterials, through infrastructure improvements and advanced speed management; (3) reduce single-occupancy vehicle travel and associated air pollution in communities near high-volume corridors; (4) offer reduced public transportation fares as appropriate; (5) target demand-response service towards communities with higher concentrations of older adults and those with poor access to essential services; and (6) consider equitable and sustainable practices while developing transit-oriented development, including affordable housing strategies and consideration of environmental justice populations.

Executive Order 13985 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities) defines the term "equity" as the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. The term "underserved communities" refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the preceding definition of "equity." In addition, Executive Order 14008 and M-21-28 provides a whole-of-government approach to advancing environmental justice by stating that 40 percent of Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities. FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public transportation to review current and new metropolitan transportation plans to advance Federal investments to disadvantaged communities.

To accomplish both initiatives, our joint planning processes should support State and MPO goals for economic opportunity in disadvantaged communities that have been historically marginalized and overburdened by pollution and underinvestment in housing, transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure, recreation, and health care.

#### **Complete Streets**

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should work with State DOTs, MPOs and providers of public transportation to review current policies, rules, and procedures to determine their impact on safety for all road users. This effort should work to include provisions for safety in future transportation infrastructure, particularly those outside automobiles.

A complete street is safe, and feels safe, for everyone using the street. FHWA and FTA seek to help Federal aid recipients plan, develop, and operate streets and networks that prioritize safety, comfort, and

access to destinations for people who use the street network, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, micro-mobility users, freight delivery services, and motorists. The goal is to provide an equitable and safe transportation network for travelers of all ages and abilities, including those from marginalized communities facing historic disinvestment. This vision is not achieved through a one-size-fits-all solution – each complete street is unique and developed to best serve its community context and its primary role in the network.

Per the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 2019 data, 62 percent of the motor vehicle crashes that resulted in pedestrian fatalities took place on arterials. Arterials tend to be designed for vehicle movement rather than mobility for non-motorized users and often lack convenient and safe crossing opportunities. They can function as barriers to a safe travel network for road users outside of vehicles.

To be considered complete, these roads should include safe pedestrian facilities, safe transit stops (if present), and safe crossing opportunities on an interval necessary for accessing destinations. A safe and complete network for bicycles can also be achieved through a safe and comfortable bicycle facility located on the roadway, adjacent to the road, or on a nearby parallel corridor. Jurisdictions will be encouraged to prioritize safety improvements and speed management on arterials that are essential to creating complete travel networks for those without access to single-occupancy vehicles.

#### Public Involvement

Early, effective, and continuous public involvement brings diverse viewpoints into the decision-making process. FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs, State DOTs, and providers of public transportation to increase meaningful public involvement in transportation planning by integrating Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) tools into the overall public involvement approach while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access to computers and mobile devices. The use of VPI broadens the reach of information to the public and makes participation more convenient and affordable to greater numbers of people. Virtual tools provide increased transparency and access to transportation planning activities and decision-making processes. Many virtual tools also provide information in visual and interactive formats that enhance public and stakeholder understanding of proposed plans, programs, and projects. Increasing participation earlier in the process can reduce project delays and lower staff time and costs.

#### Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)/U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Coordination

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs and State DOTs to coordinate with representatives from DOD in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs for STRAHNET routes and other public roads that connect to DOD facilities. According to the Declaration of Policy in 23 U.S.C. 101(b)(1), it is in the national interest to accelerate construction of the Federal-aid highway system, including the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, because many of the highways (or portions of the highways) are inadequate to meet the needs of national and civil defense. The DOD's facilities include military bases, ports, and depots. The road networks that provide access and connections to these facilities are essential to national security. The 64,200-mile STRAHNET system consists of public highways that provide access, continuity, and emergency transportation of personnel and equipment in times of peace and war. It includes the entire 48,482 miles of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and 14,000 miles of other non-Interstate public highways on the National Highway System. The

STRAHNET also contains approximately 1,800 miles of connector routes linking more than 200 military installations and ports to the primary highway system. The DOD's facilities are also often major employers in a region, generating substantial volumes of commuter and freight traffic on the transportation network and around entry points to the military facilities. Stakeholders are encouraged to review the STRAHNET maps and recent Power Project Platform (PPP) studies. These can be a useful resource in the State and MPO areas covered by these route analyses.

#### Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) Coordination

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage MPOs and State DOTs to coordinate with FLMAs in the transportation planning and project programming process on infrastructure and connectivity needs related to access routes and other public roads and transportation services that connect to Federal lands. Through joint coordination, the State DOTs, MPOs, Tribal Governments, FLMAs, and local agencies should focus on integration of their transportation planning activities and develop cross-cutting State and MPO long-range transportation plans, programs, and corridor studies, as well as the Office of Federal Lands Highway's developed transportation plans and programs. Agencies should explore opportunities to leverage transportation funding to support access and transportation needs of FLMAs before transportation projects are programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Each State must consider the concerns of FLMAs that have jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the State (23 CFR 450.208(a)(3)). MPOs must appropriately involve FLMAs in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP (23 CFR 450.316(d)). Additionally, the Tribal Transportation Program, Federal Lands Transportation Program, and the Federal Lands Access Program TIPs must be included in the STIP, directly or by reference, after FHWA approval in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 201(c) (23 CFR 450.218(e)).

#### Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)

FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage State DOTs, MPOs and Public Transportation Agencies to implement PEL as part of the transportation planning and environmental review processes. The use of PEL is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process, and uses the information, analysis, and products developed during planning to inform the environmental review process. PEL leads to interagency relationship building among planning, resource, and regulatory agencies in the early stages of planning to inform and improve project delivery timeframes, including minimizing duplication and creating one cohesive flow of information. This results in transportation programs and projects that serve the community's transportation needs more effectively while avoiding and minimizing the impacts on human and natural resources.

#### **Data in Transportation Planning**

To address the emerging topic areas of data sharing, needs, and analytics, FHWA Division and FTA regional offices should encourage State DOTs, MPOs, and providers of public transportation to incorporate data sharing and consideration into the transportation planning process, because data assets have value across multiple programs. Data sharing principles and data management can be used for a variety of issues, such as freight, bike and pedestrian planning, equity analyses, managing curb space, performance management, travel time reliability, connected and autonomous vehicles, mobility services, and safety. Developing and advancing data sharing principles allows for efficient use of resources and improved policy and decision-making at the State, MPO, regional, and local levels for all parties.

## MDOT FY2023 MPO Planning Emphasis Areas

- 1. Maintenance of the new FY2023-2026 TIP
  - a. incorporation of performance-based planning in project selection
  - b. four years of projects listed in TIP (for each MPO program area)
  - c. correct utilization of GPAs, in alignment with the guidance document (should the MPO utilize GPAs)
- 2. Continued involvement and feedback in JobNet application enhancements
- 3. Continue to ensure transit projects are accurately shown in the TIP and fiscally constrained, through coordination with local transit agencies and MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation.
- 4. As needed, continue to review, evaluate, and update public participation plan (PPP) to ensure the following:
  - a. Clear project map/data listing
  - b. Consideration of virtual options for public participation
  - c. Environmental Justice and Title VI processes and connection to public involvement
  - d. Ensuring transparency and providing open access to the planning, decision making, and project evaluation & selection processes. These processes should be available to the public and easy to understand (digestible format) on the MPO website.
- 5. Ensure compliance with Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) requirements, including working with MDOT on data needed to identify how MPO is working to meet adopted targets.
- 6. Continue to focus on partnerships utilizing a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) approach to transportation planning.

Each of these areas is addressed through various work program tasks/subtasks included for FY2023, as shown in the tables below:



TABLE 1: FEDERAL PLANNING FACTORS — UPWP TASK MATRIX

Planning Factor UPWP Task	Economic Vitality	Increase Safety	System Security	Accessibility	Protect Environment	Integration of System	Efficiency	System Preservation	Resiliency & Reliability	Travel & Tourism
Data Management	X	X		X	Χ	X	Χ	X	Χ	Х
Long-Range Planning	X	X	X	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
Short-Range Planning	X	X	X	X	Χ	X	Χ	X	Χ	Х
Transportation  Management Systems	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rideshare	X			Χ	Χ	X	X		X	
Community Outreach	X	Χ	X	Χ		X	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Long-Range Transit Plan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ
Short-Range Transit Plan	X	X	Χ	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ
Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ	Χ	X	X
Special Planning Studies	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х



TABLE 2: FEDERAL PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS – UPWP TASK MATRIX

Planning Emphasis Area/ UPWP Task	Climate Crisis	Equity	Complete Streets	Public Involvement	DOD Coordination	FLMA Coordination	PEL	Data
Data Management							Χ	Χ
Long-Range Planning	X	Χ	X	X		X		
Short-Range Planning	X	Χ	X	X	X	X	Χ	
Transportation Management Systems			X					X
Rideshare	X	Χ						
Community Outreach		Χ		X				
Long-Range Transit Plan	X	Χ	X	X				
Short- Range Transit Plan	Χ	X	Χ	X				
Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X	Χ	X
Special Planning Studies	X	Χ						

TABLE 3: STATE PLANNING EMPHASIS AREAS — UPWP TASK MATRIX

Planning Emphasis Area/UPWP Task	TIP Maintenance	JobNet Application	Transit in the TIP	PPP	TPM Requirements	3-C Process
Data Management	X				X	Χ
Long-Range Planning				Χ	X	Χ
Short-Range Planning	X	X	X	Χ	X	X
Transportation Management Systems	X				X	Χ
Rideshare						Χ
Community Outreach						Χ
Long-Range Transit Plan						Χ
Short-Range Transit Plan			X		X	X
Administration	X	Χ	X	Χ	X	Χ
Special Planning Studies						Χ

## Major Transportation Priorities

To meet surface transportation legislation requirements, address federal and state planning factors and emphasis areas, as well as focus on regional transportation priorities identified by GVMC member communities, this work program contains funding for the following work tasks.

## 1.0 Data Management and Analysis

GVMC will monitor and analyze area travel characteristics and factors affecting travel such as socioeconomic and land use data, transportation system data, and environmental issues and concerns. Priorities include data collection and analysis, monitoring, and evaluation, including more focus on federal performance measures, development of a nonmotorized count database and collection system, and continued advancement in GIS capabilities.

## 2.0 Long-Range Planning

GVMC will work on identifying transportation system planning tasks related to the development of a sustainable multimodal transportation system. Priorities include maintaining and updating the travel demand model in preparation for the next update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), working on the development of the 2050 MTP, maintaining and continuing implementation work related to recommendations from the 2045 MTP, identifying long-range needs, developing multimodal investment strategies and project prioritization processes, air quality conformity, environmental justice, environmental mitigation, consultation, nonmotorized planning and complete streets analysis, and linking land use decision-making and transportation planning throughout the region in a more effective way.

## 3.0 Short-Range Planning

GVMC will identify transportation system planning tasks related to short range transportation systems planning. Priorities include maintenance/update of the FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), providing technical assistance to MPO members, freight planning, safety and security planning, public participation, air quality conformity, and managing the Clean Air Action Program.

## 4.0 Transportation Management Systems

GVMC will monitor area travel characteristics and factors affecting congestion and pavement conditions. Priorities include collecting and analyzing transportation system data, coordinating with MDOT and local transportation providers, developing congestion and pavement investment plans, maintenance of the congestion management process, continuing development of an asset management system, and implementation and monitoring of ITS solutions as a part of operation and management requirements.

#### 5.0 ITP – Rideshare

The objective of The Rapid's rideshare and vanpool program (West Michigan Rideshare) is to encourage carpooling, vanpooling and other modes of alternative transportation as part of a greater effort to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road.

## 6.1 ITP – Community Perceptions and Outreach

As The Rapid plans for its future service and customer experience, community and customer data are critical to planning for what is next. The objective is to do research to determine the need for future transportation studies and initiatives to better serve The Rapid's customers and community at large.

## 6.2 ITP – Long Range Transportation Planning

ITP will continue work on an updated Transit Master Plan (TMP). A new TMP will maximize the value that public transportation has as an MPO planning priority and identify the strategic direction for public transportation over the next 20 years.

## 6.3 ITP – Short-Range Transportation Plan

ITP will update The Rapid's Short-Range Transportation Plan. This includes implementing recommendations of the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study and the Transit Master Plan (TMP). Possible activities include service recommendations as identified by the TDM & TMP processes, administration of survey instruments, and other project development services applicable to the short-range planning process.

## 7.0 Program Coordination

GVMC will continue to carry out functions required to manage the transportation planning process on a continual basis, including program administration, development, review, and reporting. Priorities include the UPWP, public involvement, environmental justice, environmental mitigation, Title VI, ADA policy, timely submittal of documents, MPO scheduled meetings, and coordination with all MPO member units. This task will also provide a platform to encourage and support regional cooperation and consolidation of regional transportation services.

## 8.0 Special Planning Studies

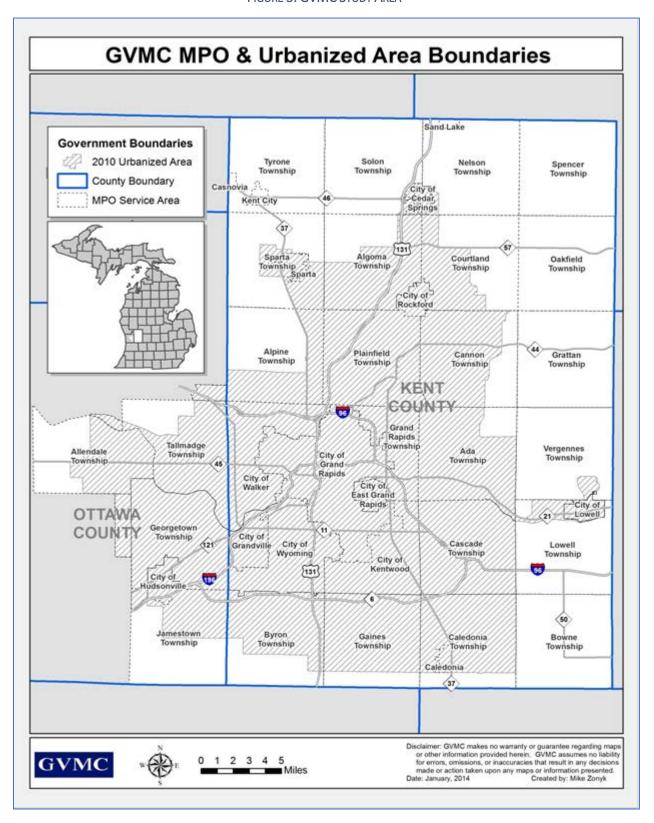
In response to member community feedback and new federal planning emphasis areas, GVMC will continue to lead efforts related to special regional planning studies. Priorities for FY2023 include continuing work on the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan and an Airport Access study and conducting a regional Transportation Infrastructure and Resiliency study.

# Justification for the Level of Planning Effort Designated in the UPWP

The level of planning effort for the GVMC MPO is driven by the 2045 MTP and operational planning needs of the various transportation operating agencies. The MTP addresses numerous state and federal requirements, among which are the IIJA, various statutes from the state and federal level, the planning process and performance- based planning and programming, the Americans with Disabilities Act, responses to Certification Findings by FHWA, and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Staff time and resources are focused to address issues such as intermodal planning, congestion management, pavement management, safety planning, transit planning and concerns, ITS, traffic operations, freight transportation planning, environmental justice, air quality, environmental quality, nonmotorized, and needs of the transportation underserved.

The increased focus level and activities regarding these issues are the result of IIJA planning factors. The MPO must consider these factors when developing plans and annual programs. The GVMC transportation budget is developed to address these factors and other state and federal requirements.





## Funding Sources and Estimates for FY2023 Planning Activities

All work, including MPO staff time and consultant studies listed in the UPWP, is funded by one or more of the following funding sources.

#### Consolidated Planning Grant Funds (also known as "CPG" or metropolitan planning funds)

CPG funds include FHWA planning grant funds (PL) and FTA Section 5303 funds. Federal planning funds can be used for up to 81.85 percent of a project, with a required 18.15 percent match typically provided by local governments. A total of \$1,391,583 in CPG funding is budgeted for FY2023. The match is based on the 81.85/18.15 federal matching requirements.

#### FHWA Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds

Federal STP funds can be used for up to 81.85 percent of a project, with a required 18.15 percent match typically provided by local governments. A total of \$150,000 in FY2023 STP funds is budgeted for FY2023. Also included in this work program is a continuation of the FY2022 Airport Access study, which has \$150,000 in FY2022 STP funding associated with it. Match is based on the 81.85/18.15 federal matching requirements.

#### FHWA Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ) Funds

Federal CMAQ funds can be used for up to 80 percent of a project, with a required 20 percent match typically provided by local governments. A total of \$131,654 is budgeted for FY2023. GVMC will use CMAQ funds to support the Clean Air Action Program. CMAQ monies are provided, for this fiscal year, on an 80/20 matching basis, with 20 percent of the total cost from non-federal sources.

#### 100% Federal CMAQ Funds

Continuation of rideshare services and funding are included in the FY2023 UPWP. A total budget of \$186,207 has been allocated to support rideshare services. The funding for this program is 100% federal. ITP will utilize these funds to operate the West Michigan Rideshare program in-house.

#### FTA Section 5307 Grant Funds

Section 5303 funds are federal funds designated for transit planning and research activities. FTA permits the use of Section 5307 funds not designated for operating assistance to supplement other funding in support of planning activities. Up to 80 percent of federal funds can be used for a project. Section 5307 funds must be matched with a 20 percent non-federal share. For FY2023 \$105,000 is budgeted from Section 5307. Section 5307 funds must be matched with a 20 percent non-federal share. Matching funds will be provided from MDOT funds for planning work.

#### Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) – COVID Relief Funds

The Highway Infrastructure Program was created as part of the most recent surface transportation legislation. HIP funding is not guaranteed to MPOs annually, but generally has the same eligibility requirements as STP funding. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 was signed into law and provided additional HIP appropriations at a 100% federal share. \$285,000 for the FY2023 Transit Master Plan work is budgeted in this FY2023 UPWP. Also included in this work program is the continuation of the FY2022 Regional Transportation Demand Management Plan, which has \$235,708 in FY2022 HIP-COVID Relief funding associated with it.

#### Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) Program Funds

A total of \$24,000 of MTF program funds are budgeted for FY2023. MTF funds are provided at 100% by the state.

#### Local matching funds

All federal grant funds require at least an 18.15 percent non-federal match. The MPO receives funding from member jurisdictions on a proportionate fair share basis using population distributions published by the most recent decennial census and lane miles as defined by the national highway functional classification network approved by MDOT and FHWA. The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council MPO members will provide local match funds of \$378,993 for the related MPO activities specified in this document.

**TABLE 4: FY2023 REVENUES** 

	FY2023 State/Federal	Local/State Match	Total
CPG (GVMC)	\$1,391,583	\$308,579	\$1,700,162
STP (GVMC)	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500
CMAQ (GVMC)	\$131,654	\$32,914	164,568
MTF (GVMC)	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000
GVMC Subtotal	\$1,697,237	\$378,993	\$2,076,230
5307 (ITP)	\$105,000	\$30,000	\$135,000
CMAQ (ITP)	\$186,207	\$0	\$186,207
HIP-C (ITP)	\$285,000	\$0	\$285,000
ITP Subtotal	\$576,207	\$30,000	\$606,207

TABLE 5: FY2022 REVENUES ASSOCIATED WITH WORK CONTINUING IN FY2023

	FY2022 State/Federal	Local/State Match	Total
STP (GVMC)	\$150,000	\$37,500	\$187,500
HIP-C (GVMC)	\$235,708	\$0	\$235,708
Total	\$237,208	\$37,500	\$274,708

## 1.0 Data Management and Analysis

GVMC will monitor and analyze area travel characteristics and factors affecting travel such as socioeconomic and land use data, transportation system data, and environmental issues and concerns. Priorities include data collection and analysis, monitoring, and evaluation, including more focus on federal performance measures, maintenance, expansion of a nonmotorized count database and collection system, and continued advancement in GIS capabilities.

TABLE 6: DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS TASK BUDGET

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency - GVN	1C
CPG	\$239,302	Person Weeks	39.9
GVMC Local Match	\$53,065	Salaries	\$73,681
		Fringes	\$27,262
		Direct Cost	\$87,500
		Indirect Cost	\$79,024
		Contractual CPG	\$24,900
Total	\$292,367	Total	\$292,367

#### **Activities**

## **Demographic and Economic Projections**

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Monitor community development; collect demographic, employment, and development information; and maintain up-to-date Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) records.
- Collect land use plans throughout the MPO to update any changes that may be occurring at the local level that impact the growth rates for the transportation system.
- Provide information to local units of government officials and the public as requested.
- Provide data to the travel demand model.

## **Multimodal Volumes and Physical Conditions**

- Monitor existing traffic volumes on the federal aid roadway system throughout the GVMC study area for use in project development in accordance with the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process.
- Coordinate with MDOT for running the Agency to Agency (A2A) data sharing process via the TCDS for streamlined HPMS Reporting to FHWA.
- Schedule traffic data collection, provide technical assistance, and store and maintain traffic data files using the Traffic Count Database System (TCDS).
- Respond to requests from the public and the MPO members for traffic count information.
- Provide technical assistance and training to local units of government with purchasing, processing, and storing traffic data utilizing Jamar & MS2Soft software.
- Support MDOT in its federal reporting obligations for the Highway Performance Monitoring
   System data collection program

- o Work the HPMS Team to update the sample file (spreadsheet or GIS file) provided by MDOT in September and asked to be returned by April 1st of the reporting year.
- o Review sample sections along the non-trunkline roadway system only for data items that need updating.
- Attend training as needed.
- Maintain and expand the nonmotorized count database and collection system and make nonmotorized count data readily available to planning partners, stakeholders, and the public.
- Use the data collected to support the development of technical analysis tools as required by the planning process.
- Under federal reporting requirements: Model Inventory Roadway Elements (MIRE) Fundamental Data Elements (FDE) is a federal reporting requirement for safety roadway data. Work on implementation by MDOT and its vendors (CSS, Roadsoft) of the MIRE FDE data repository schema in MDOT Roads & Highways. Beginning in FY2022, MPO and local agency participation in the MIRE data collection and review process became part of the requirements in fulfilling Data Collection responsibilities to MDOT. This will continue for FY2023 and beyond. Agencies will be asked to review the MIRE data using the tools in Roadsoft and may export outputs to CSS. The five (5) data items that MPO staff will be requested to review will be: Surface type, number of through lanes, access control, median type, and junction traffic control. MPO and MDOT staff may meet to discuss the process of annual maintenance and population of 5 data items going forward. The end goal will be to draft a plan to fill 100% of the (5) MIRE data items and submit to MDOT by August of 2025.
- Coordinate with MDOT to review, smooth, and adjust 2020 Census Urban Area Boundaries and implement any changes to the urban/rural network to align with final Adjusted Census Urbanized Boundary (ACUB).

# Transportation Geographic Information System Maintenance & Update Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Update and expand the GVMC database for the Transportation Geographic Information System (TGIS), which incorporates all the transportation-related databases into a TransCAD/GIS platform.
- Verify that the data in the TGIS is current and as up-to-date as the data itself.
- Add additional information to the TGIS under this work item, such as data for the pavement and congestion management process, and other various transportation variables.
- Work with the Regional Geographic Information System (REGIS) Department to develop, build, and input all transportation data and planning tools for the Grand Rapids metro area into the REGIS system.
- Provide mapping data and manage the transportation system as a technical tool used in the planning process.
- Provide mapping capabilities for all members for use in needs studies.
- Provide mapping applications for our members and public to communicate data in a user-friendly format.

## Performance Data Management

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

• Collect and compile federal performance measure data for the regional system.

• Evaluate federal performance measure data for use in short- and long-term planning and programming efforts.

TABLE 7: DATA MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Census Data Update	As released
GIS Data Layers	Year-long activity
Maps, charts, and reports of census and TAZ data	As needed
to be presented to GVMC Committees and other	
interested parties	
Multimodal Volume Data Collection	Primarily April through October; as needed year-
	long
Traffic Data Report	January
HPMS Data Submittal	By April 1 <sup>st</sup>
HPMS Report	May
Multimodal volume counting supplies purchase	March-April
GIS Database Update	Year-long activity
REGIS Database Update	Monthly
Provision of data, maps, applications, reports	As needed



## 2.0 Long-Range Planning

GVMC will identify transportation system planning tasks related to the development of a sustainable, safe, and accessible multimodal transportation system. Priorities include maintaining and updating the travel demand model in preparation for the next update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), developing the 2050 MTP, maintaining and continuing implementation work related to recommendations from the 2045 MTP, identifying long-range needs, nonmotorized and complete streets planning, air quality conformity, environmental justice, environmental mitigation, consultation, and linking land use decision-making and transportation planning throughout the region in a more effective way.

**Funding Source Funding Amount** Performing Agency - GVMC Person Weeks CPG (TDM, MTP, LU, \$401,828 89.9 NM) CPG (safe and \$30,000 Salaries \$185,336 accessible options) **GVMC Local Match** Fringes \$68,574 \$95,756 Direct Cost \$50,000 Indirect Cost \$198,774 Contractual CPG \$24,900 \$527,584 \$527,584 Total Total

TABLE 6: LONG-RANGE PLANNING TASK BUDGET

#### **Activities**

## Travel Demand/Air Quality Modeling Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Update the travel demand model for use in the development of the 2050 MTP.
- Continuously increase the accuracy of the travel demand and the air quality forecasting models by maintaining the model performance measure tool(s), updating the input data with current upto-date information, and performing validation and simulation runs.
- Use the model to monitor/analyze system performance due to the impacts of capacity-related projects and transportation investment/land use scenarios.
- Perform travel demand modeling tasks associated with updates to and implementation of the 2045 MTP.
- Participate in/conduct MITC-IAWG meetings, as needed, and support MDOT's air quality modeling efforts.

## Metropolitan Transportation Plan

- Develop the 2050 MTP.
- Maintain the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Continue to work to achieve progress on recommendations identified in 2045 MTP.
- Monitor and ensure compliance with all federal performance measures.
- Improve upon Environmental Justice (EJ), equity, and accessibility study efforts.
- Continue to participate in the implementation of the State Long-Range Transportation Plan.

• Involve Federal Land Management Areas, as applicable, in the development of the MTP.

#### Land Use and Transportation Coordination

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Link land use decision-making and transportation planning throughout the region in a more effective way, through monitoring the development of local land use and transportation plans and coordinating with regional partners.
- Use updated land use related socio-economic data to develop potential land use scenarios for analysis in the MTP update process.
- Through collaboration with REGIS, contribute to the maintenance of the regional zoning and future land use geodatabases.
- Review regional land use changes stimulated by transportation investments and transportation investments stimulated by regional land use changes, with the goal of ensuring better integration of transportation planning and land use.

#### **Nonmotorized Planning**

- Help promote and enhance nonmotorized activities within the MPO planning process.
- Update the Nonmotorized Plan (bike and pedestrian) as a part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Analyze the regional transportation network, arterials in particular, through a complete streets lens to identify barriers and opportunities to improve safety for non-SOV users and increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities.

TABLE 9: LONG-RANGE PLANNING TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Model Technical Report	Year-long activity
Maps & Data, including Air Quality Data	Year-long activity
Participate in MITC-IAWG meetings	As needed
MTP Update/Amendment	Year-long activity
MTP Process Update	Year-long activity
Expanded Consultation Process	Year-long activity
Expanded Environmental Justice and Accessibility Efforts	Year-long activity
Review and update Title VI, ADA, and LEP documents	As needed
Develop 2050 MTP	Year-long activity
Engagement and Coordination with MPO Members	Ongoing
Land Use TDM Scenario Development	Year-long activity
Nonmotorized Subcommittee Meetings	As needed
An up-to-date regional bicycle and pedestrian plan	Year-long Activity
Complete streets analysis	Year-long Activity
Up-to-date nonmotorized project list	Year-long activity

## 3.0 Short-Range Planning

GVMC will identify transportation system planning tasks related to short-range transportation systems planning. Priorities include maintenance/update of the FY2023-2026 TIP, providing technical assistance to MPO members, freight planning, safety planning, security planning, public participation, air quality conformity, and managing the Clean Air Action Program.

TABLE 10: SHORT-RANGE PLANNING TASK BUDGET

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency - GVM	IC
CPG	\$379,055	Person Weeks	96.5
CMAQ	\$131,654	Salaries	\$198,942
GVMC Local Match	\$116,968	Fringes	\$73,609
		Direct Cost	\$116,759
		Indirect Cost	\$213,367
		Contractual CMAQ	\$25,000
Total	\$627,677	Total	\$627,677

#### **Activities**

## Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Maintain and update, as needed, the FY2023-2026 TIP as required by the IIJA in cooperation with ITP, MDOT, FHWA, and FTA.
- Monitor the progress of FY2023 projects throughout the year to assure that federal funds returned to the area will be spent in a timely manner.
- Continue working cooperatively toward improving upon JobNet and streamline the STIP/TIP processes.
- Continue working with local agencies and MDOT to administer the Transportation Alternatives Program.
- GVMC and Transit Authority staff will review annual capital equipment and facilities needs in relation to previous and current programs, including short-range transit planning efforts.
- Update the FY2023-2026 TIP to assure continued IIJA compliance based on the latest performance-based planning requirements.
- Participate in/conduct MITC-IAWG meetings, as needed, to ensure that TIP amendments are air quality compliant.
- Conduct Environmental Justice (EJ) analyses and consultation in support of the federal fundamental EJ principles and in accordance with the GVMC Public Participation Plan. MPO staff will review and update the Public Participation Plan, as necessary, and work to expand and improve the consultation process.
- Coordinate with Federal Land Management Areas, as applicable.

#### **Technical Assistance**

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Provide technical assistance to GVMC member communities and MDOT as requested, to improve traffic flow and safety and/or to assess the traffic impact of proposed developments on major corridors.
- Participate in Corridor Advisory Boards, WESTRAIN, and other boards/committees as requested.
- Provide trainings as requested.
- Review and respond to air quality conformity guidelines being issued by the EPA and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.
- Participate, as needed, in the US-131/I-96 Corridor (PEL) Analysis and other PEL processes that may be initiated.
- Conduct activities needed to proactively address rulemakings and guidance resulting from the IIJA.
- Produce technical memorandums and processes, as needed, that communicate how to address federal planning requirements.

#### Clean Air Action Program

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Provide public education and information regarding climate change and reduction of greenhouse mobile emissions.
- Promote educational information programs for K-12 curriculum.
- Encourage voluntary actions to help maintain seasonal ozone air quality levels and annual fine particulate matter standards in Kent and Ottawa Counties.
- Participate in the EPA Advance program for ground-level ozone and PM2.5, update our Advance Plan, and work to achieve the objectives of the Plan.
- Contract with media outlets to promote public education to help get the Clean Air Action message out correctly.
- Coordinate with ITP regarding free bus rides and the WMTOC to get notices up on the DMS signs on the highway when Clean Air Action Days are called.
- Attend community events to promote the program.
- Maintain our social media presence, the website and phone hotline.
- Rotate the display between member jurisdictions and other organizations.
- Supplement GVMC/MDOT/MDEGLE ongoing activities and responsibilities regarding air quality planning under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the IIJA.

#### Freight

- Maintain a regional Freight Plan.
- Coordinate with local officials, the area chambers of commerce, and the GVMC Freight Committee to identify and monitor freight needs and routes, including first- and last-mile challenges, curb management, and delivery services.
- Work closely with local officials and interest groups to inventory and integrate freight routes and intermodal facilities within the metropolitan area.

- Assess freight movement and reliability to comply with IIJA requirements, including performance-based planning requirements.
- Determine ways to provide freight data and information to members throughout the year, especially during project selection processes.

#### **Public Involvement**

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Investigate new ways to improve and expand outreach to underserved communities and the public at large, especially in light of impacts related to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Continue to work to integrate virtual public involvement (VPI) tools into the overall public
  involvement process while ensuring continued public participation by individuals without access
  to computers and mobile devices.
- Continue to expand and improve upon the consultation process.
- Maintain and update, as necessary, the Consultation Plan.
- Review and update, as necessary, the Public Participation Plan.
- Continue to build partnerships with organizations to help promote GVMC's work products.
- Review and update, as necessary, the Limited English Proficiency Plan and Title VI Plan.

## Safety Conscious Planning

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Update GVMC's safety plan to identify the region's key safety needs and add the latest crash facts data to guide investment decisions to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries.
- Provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users per federal requirements.
- Analyze safety on the regional transportation network as it relates to complete streets principles and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Work to achieve road safety improvements through measurable changes targeted at the whole network.
- Investigate new and emerging safety data tools.
- Integrate safety considerations into the transportation planning processes at all levels.
- Continue to develop and expand safety outreach campaign activities, which may include lunch and learns with a safety theme, school talks, promotional giveaways, videos, media campaigns, and resource materials.

#### **Security Planning**

- In coordination with MDOT, coordinate with representatives from the Department of Defense (DOD), as necessary, in the transportation planning process on infrastructure and connectivity needs for Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) routes and other public roads that connect to DOD facilities.
- Coordinate with local, state, and federal security agencies through the TIP and MTP development processes.

TABLE 11: SHORT-RANGE PLANNING TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
TIP Updates	Bi-Monthly
Annual listing of obligated TIP projects	December
Revised Public Participation Plan, LEP Plan, Title VI	As necessary
Plan, Consultation Plan	
Maintain four-year FY2023-2026 TIP	Year-long activity
Participate in/conduct MITC-IAWG meetings	As needed
Performance Measures Development and	Year-long activity
Updates	
Policies, practices, and procedures document	Updated as needed
reflecting the new performance-based planning	
and programming process as required by federal	
legislation	
Trainings	As needed
Technical assistance with studies, committee, etc.	Year-long activity
Update Advance Plan	Year-long activity
Achieve objectives of Advance Plan	Year-long activity
CAA Media campaign	June-August
Promotional events	Year-long activity
Summary of activities undertaken during the	September
previous year	
Maintaining a Freight Plan	Year-long activity
Updated map and report that demonstrate the	Year-long activity, as necessary
National Highway Freight Network (FN), critical	
urban/rural FN, GVMC regional FN and GVMC	
locally designated freight routes created with	
assistance with MDOT staff and local jurisdictions	V l
Meetings with Freight Committee	Year-long activity
Updated Safety Plan	Year-long activity
Identification and Mapping of High Crash	Year-long activity
Locations Safety goals, performance measures, targets, and	Voar long activity
Safety goals, performance measures, targets, and monitoring	Year-long activity
Safety Outreach Campaign	Year-long activity
Security planning coordination with DOD and	As necessary
other security agencies	AS TICCCSSALY
other security agencies	

## 4.0 Transportation Management Systems

GVMC will monitor area travel characteristics and factors affecting congestion and pavement conditions. Priorities include collecting and analyzing transportation system data, coordinating with MDOT and local transportation providers, developing congestion and pavement investment plans, maintenance of the congestion management process, continuing development of an asset management system, and implementation and monitoring of ITS solutions as a part of operation and management requirements.

**Funding Source Funding Amount** Performing Agency - GVMC **CPG** \$135,661 Person Weeks 25.6 **MTF** \$24,000 \$52,776 Salaries **GVMC Local Match** \$19,527 \$30,082 Fringes **Direct Cost** \$48,337 **Indirect Cost** \$56,603 Contractual CPG \$12,500 \$189,744 Total \$189,744 Total

TABLE 712: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TASK BUDGET

#### **Activities**

#### **Pavement Management Systems**

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Update the Pavement Management System for GVMC member agencies that covers all the federal-aid roadway system and portions of the local network.
- Provide the tools and data to prioritize resurfacing and reconstruction projects for the federal aid system.
- Coordinate with State and Federal partners on the implementation of pavement performance measures and targets.
- Metro Council replaced the Pavement Data Collection Van with updated computer hardware and software in FY2022 to ensure collection of data related to federal performance measures.
   Reimbursement schedule is based on a five-year depreciation timeline and included as a direct cost. See appendix B.
- Contract the services of the Data Collection Vehicle from the Metro Council. Expenses associated with data collection equipment rental are included in the contractual budget.

## **Congestion Management System**

- Update and maintain the Congestion Management Process for GVMC member agencies using the information/data collected by the GVMC, MDOT and other available sources.
- Coordinate with local units of government to develop congestion mitigation strategies and prioritize the improvements on the federal aid system.
- Review and update Intelligent Highway System (ITS) solutions/projects according to the ITS
  deployment plan developed for the region and evaluate ITS implementation strategies in the
  region.

• Participate in any updates to the regional ITS architecture and deployment plan.

#### **Asset Management**

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

The resources allocated to the Metropolitan/Regional Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) from the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) annual budget shall be utilized to assist in the completion of the TAMC Work Program. All work shall be consistent with the policies and priorities established by the TAMC. All invoices submitted for reimbursement of Asset Management activities shall utilize Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) standard invoice forms and include the required information for processing. The MPO/RPO shall complete the required products and perform tasks according to the timeframes and directives established within TAMC's data collection policies, which can be found on the TAMC website (http://www.michigan.gov/tamc). The MPO/RPO will emphasize these tasks to support the largest Public Act 51 agencies (agencies that certify under Public Act 51 a minimum of 100 centerline miles of road) within the planning area when resources are limited. The activities eligible for TAMC reimbursement include the following:

- Training Activities
  - o Attendance at training seminar(s) on the use of Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) and Inventory-based Rating System for unpaved roadways.
  - o Represent MPO/RPO at TAMC-sponsored conferences and seminars, including attending either the Spring or Fall TAMC Conference.
  - o Attend TAMC-sponsored Investment Reporting Tool (IRT) training seminars.
  - o Attend TAMC-sponsored Asset Management Plan Development training seminars.
- Roadway Inventory and Condition Data Collection Participation and Coordination
  - o Federal-Aid System:
    - Organize schedules with Public Act 51 agencies within MPO/RPO's boundary for participating in Federal-Aid data collection efforts; ensure all participants of data collection have access to State of Michigan travel reimbursement rates.
    - Coordinate, participate and facilitate road surface data collection on no less than one-half of the Federal-Aid System in accordance with the TAMC Policy for the Collection of Roadway Condition Data on Federal Aid Eligible Roads and Streets.
    - Collect unpaved roadway condition data on approximately half of any unpaved Federal-Aid eligible roadways using the Inventory-based Rating System developed by the Michigan Technological University's Center for Technology and Training.
  - o B. Non-Federal-Aid System:
    - It is required that the RPO/MPO make a formal call for interest for NFA data collection reimbursements to their respective Act 51 agencies annually, and that requests by Act 51 agencies are submitted to their respective RPO/MPO by October 1 each year to assist in the coordination of data collection priorities of the following data collection season. The RPO/MPO may allocate reimbursements for Non-Federal-Aid data collection to Public Act 51 agencies according to the resources available to them in the manner that best reflects the priorities of their area and supports the TAMC work.

- Coordinate Non-Federal-Aid data collection cycles with Public Act 51 agencies with an emphasis on the top 125 agencies.
- Ensure all participants of data collection understand procedures for data sharing with TAMC as well as TAMC policy and procedures for collecting Non-Federal-Aid data.
- Participate and perform data collection with Public Act 51 agencies on an asneeded basis for the data collection of Non-Federal-Aid roads when requested.

#### Equipment

- o Ensure rating teams have the necessary tools to complete the federal-aid data collection activity by maintaining a laptop compatible with the Laptop Data Collector and Roadsoft programs, a functioning Global Positioning System (GPS) unit, and other required hardware in good working order.
- o Communicate any equipment needs and purchases with the TAMC Coordinator; laptops are eligible for replacement on a three-year cycle.

#### • Data Submission

- Develop and maintain technical capability to manage regional Roadsoft databases and the Laptop Data Collector program; maintain a regional Roadsoft database that is accurate and consistent with local agency data sets.
- o Coordinate Quality Assurance/Quality Control activities and data submission tasks according to protocols established in TAMC Data Collection Policies for Federal-Aid and Non-Federal-Aid Roads.
- o Monitor and report status of data collection efforts to TAMC Asset Management Coordinator through monthly coordinator calls and/or monthly or quarterly program updates that are mailed with invoices.
- o Provide links on agency websites and reports to the TAMC website, interactive maps and dashboards for the dissemination of roadway data.

#### Asset Management Planning

- o Participate and attend TAMC-sponsored training and workshops in order to provide technical support for Asset Management Plan development activities.
- o Provide an annual reporting of the status of Public Act 51 agency Asset Management Plans and keep abreast of the status of these plans for updates and revision.
- o Provide technical assistance and training funds to Public Act 51 agencies during the development of local Asset Management Plans using TAMC templates when applicable; coordinate these tasks with an emphasis on the Top 125 agencies.

#### Technical Assistance

- Provide technical assistance to local agencies in using the TAMC reporting tools for planned and completed infrastructure investments or any other TAMC Work Program Activity.
- o Integrate PASER ratings and asset management into project selection criteria:
  - Analyze data and develop road preservation scenarios.
  - Analyze performance of implemented projects.
- Bridge and Culvert Inventory and Condition Data Collection

- o Provide administrative and technical assistance to Public Act 51 agencies and MDOT for reimbursement of TAMC funds for participation in data collection efforts for culvert inventory, condition assessment and data submission.
- o Utilize TAMC reporting forms to communicate progress and expenditures of Public Act 51 agencies to assist TAMC in the Culvert Mapping Pilot Report.
- o Act 51 agencies must submit a written request for reimbursement; the request should include a total estimate of costs (actual costs claimed must not exceed the estimated costs) for the data gathering, trained/certified team members' time, and vehicle use. This request must also clarify which fiscal year the data collection and reimbursement will take place. Requests for bridge data collection reimbursement authorization are required to be received by the RPO/MPO by October 1 of each year. The RPO/MPO decision on what requests for reimbursement are approved may consider available budget, absence or age of bridge data to be collected, and the last year of reimbursement to the road agency for that bridge data set.

TABLE 8: TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Timeline
April through September
January-February
December
January-February
Year-long activity
Year-long activity
Year-long activity
October
December
December
February-March
September

## 5.0 ITP-Rideshare

The objective of The Rapid's rideshare and vanpool program (West Michigan Rideshare) is to encourage carpooling, vanpooling and other modes of alternative transportation as part of a greater effort to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road. West Michigan Rideshare offers transportation resources for employers in Kent, Ottawa, and Allegan Counties, including free online carpool matching and coordination of vanpool formation. The alternative transportation options offered result in a reduced number of single occupancy vehicles on the roadways, reduced traffic congestion, fuel consumption and reduced air quality while promoting sustainability initiatives.

**TABLE 14: RIDESHARE TASK BUDGET** 

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agen	cy – ITP/The Rapid
CMAQ	\$186,207	Direct	\$186,207
Total	\$186,207	Total	\$186,207

- Administration of The Rapid Van program, including fleet management, recruitment, and support for program participants.
- Collaborate with local employers, professional associations, nonprofits and media outlets, in order to increase the level of interest in rideshare opportunities throughout the region.
- Develop education toolkits and strategies for educating the public on the benefits of alternate modes of transportation, particularly vanpool and rideshare.
- Oversee the online rideshare matching platform RidePro. Analyze statistics available through RidePro and all current rideshare programs to determine trends related to savings and environmental benefits that can help develop products to ultimately increase the number of active site users.
- Engage in extensive grassroots outreach to public and key stakeholders throughout the region, especially in areas underserved by fixed route and other public transportation options.

TABLE 15: RIDESHARE TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Identification of areas for program growth,	Year-long activity
prioritizing opportunities for increasing vanpool	
and rideshare activities along heavy traffic	
corridors	
Brand audit and cohesive outreach strategy	Year-long activity
User-friendly rideshare platform	Year-long activity

## 6.1 ITP-Community Perceptions and Outreach

As The Rapid plans for its future service and customer experience, community and customer data are critical to planning for what is next. The objective is to do research to determine the need for future transportation studies and initiatives to better serve The Rapid's customers and community at large. Customer perceptions, ridership insight, and other key information will drive our community outreach, education, awareness, and best determine our most critical transit needs. The data gained through this research helps determine the best use of operational funds as the agency works to shape messages and a cohesive community strategy to convey the benefits of public transportation and continue to meet the everchanging needs of the community. Agency staff will work in conjunction with consultant assistance to achieve these objectives.

TABLE 16: COMMUNITY OUTREACH TASK BUDGET

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency – ITP	/The Rapid
FTA Section 5307	\$45,000	Direct, Indirect	\$0
MDOT Match	\$15,000	Contractual	\$60,000
Total	\$60,000	Total	\$60,000

- Survey customers for perceptions of services and customer experience.
- Analyze past and present ridership and community insights to assess the need for certain transportation studies and initiatives to advance the agency's mission.
- Utilize research to develop outreach products designed to attract choice riders, enhance customer experience for transit-dependent customers, and provide comprehensive information to stakeholders and the community at large promoting the benefits of public transportation.

TABLE 17: COMMUNITY OUTREACH TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Conduct surveys	Year-long activity
Research to generate quantitative and qualitative	Year-long activity
insights to plan for future studies and initiatives,	
drive communications strategy, produce	
community information assets, guide operational	
fund usage, and establish community programs	

## 6.2 ITP-Long-Range Transportation Planning

Develop an updated Transit Master Plan (TMP). A new TMP will maximize the value that public transportation has as an MPO planning priority and identify the strategic direction for public transportation over the next 20 years. In addition to the existing TMP being over ten (10) years old, the emergence from the pandemic will require a comprehensive and exhaustive assessment to provide an up-to-date blueprint for the most effective and efficient regional transit provisions. Combining this TMP with other updated regional smart growth strategies will ensure the greatest impact public transportation can have for our region with our unified commitment to competitive and sustainable growth.

TABLE 18: ITP LONG- RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK BUDGET

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency –	ITP/The Rapid
HIP-COVID Relief	\$285,000	Direct, Indirect	\$0
Match	\$0	Contractual	\$285,000
Total	\$285,000	Total	\$285,000

- Identify a scope of work with all MPO stakeholders.
- Form a Project Management Team composed of staff from ITP, municipal planning (land-use and transportation), GVMC, and MDOT.
- Establish a TMP Task Force composed of regional community leaders to guide the project process and recommendations.
- Assemble a Technical Advisory Committee an expanded form of the Project Management Team composed of additional technical staff from the partnering regional study area.
- Compose a Project Management Plan that will identify the process to achieve the desired outcomes.
- Analyze all data related to housing, jobs, mobility, economic development, land-use planning, and other key measurable elements within the region to produce an existing condition report that identifies system strengths, challenges, and opportunities for optimizing the future transit needs.
- Create a finance plan to guide the TMP outcome into successful implementation.
- Establish a robust Public Involvement Plan to provide a vast array of public feedback opportunities.
- Develop an action plan for implementation.

TABLE 19: LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
TMP report with implementation plan	Year-long activity

## 6.3 ITP-Short-Range Transportation Plan

The objective is to update The Rapid's Short-Range Transportation Plan. This includes implementing recommendations of the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) study and the Transit Master Plan (TMP). Possible activities include service recommendations as identified by the TDM & TMP processes, administration of survey instruments, and other project development services applicable to the short-range planning process. Staff will continue using REGIS data analysis and consultant work to assist with the Short-Range Plan update.

TABLE 20: ITP SHORT- RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK BUDGET

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency –	ITP/The Rapid
FTA Section 5307	\$60,000	Direct, Indirect	\$0
MDOT Match	\$15,000	Contractual	\$75,000
Total	\$75,000	Total	\$75,000

- Ridership projections
- Ridership surveying
- Refining operating metrics
- Capital unit-cost refinements
- Operating cost refinements
- Implementation support of TDM outcomes
- Implementation support for TMP near-term recommendations
- Short-Range Plan update

TABLE 21: SHORT-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Documentation that identifies the process of how	Year-long activity
to include and implement various outcomes and	
recommendations from the TDM and TMP into an	
updated Short-Range Plan	

# 7.0 Program Coordination

GVMC will continue to carry out functions required to manage the transportation planning process on a continual basis, including program administration, development, review, and reporting. Priorities include the UPWP, public involvement, environmental justice, environmental mitigation, Title IV, ADA policy, timely submittal of documents, MPO scheduled meetings, and coordination with all MPO member units. This task will also provide a platform to encourage and support regional cooperation and consolidation of regional transportation services.

**TABLE 22: PROGRAM COORDINATION TASK BUDGET** 

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency - GVMC			
CPG	\$205,737	Person Weeks	48.9		
GVMC Local Match	\$45,621	Salaries	\$100,863		
		Fringes	\$37,319		
		Direct Cost	\$5,000		
		Indirect Cost	\$108,176		
Total	\$251,358	Total	\$251,358		

#### Administration

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- Direct staff planning efforts under the FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program.
- Provide reports on program activities and expenditures to the ITP Board, Metro Council, GVMC transportation Committees, MDOT, and FTA.
- Provide a platform to encourage regional cooperation and consolidation of transportation to achieve savings and be more efficient.
- Prepare monthly and year-end progress and billing reports to MDOT on CPG, STP-U, HIP, MTF, and CMAQ funded planning activities.
- Provide reports on program work to the ITP Board and GVMC Board and Committees.
- Participate in meetings and processing of correspondence with MDOT and FHWA/FTA related to oversight of the planning program.
- Participate in meetings throughout the MPO study area to facilitate regional cooperation and consolidation of transportation services.
- Educate MPO members and stakeholders about the federal planning requirements and benefits.
- Direct the implementation of federal planning requirements.

TABLE 23: PROGRAM COORDINATION TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Progress Reports	Monthly
Year-End Report	December
Committee Meetings	Monthly
UPWP Development	February through May
Billings	Monthly
Other MPO Member and Stakeholder Meetings	As needed

# 8.0 Special Planning Studies

In response to member community feedback and new federal planning emphasis areas, GVMC will continue to lead efforts related to special regional planning studies. Priorities for FY2023 include continuing work on the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan and an Airport Access study and conducting a regional Transportation Infrastructure and Resiliency study.

TABLE 24: SPECIAL PLANNING STUDIES TASK BUDGET

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Performing Agency - GVMC			
FY2023 STP-U	\$150,000	Person Weeks	40.3		
FY2023 Local Match	\$37,500	Salaries	\$83,056		
FY2022 STP-U	\$150,000	Fringes	\$30,731		
FY2022 Local Match	\$37,500	Direct Cost	\$5,344		
FY 2022 HIP-COVID	\$235,708	Indirect Cost	\$89,077		
Relief					
		Contractual STP-U	\$187,500		
		Contractual HIP-C	\$215,000		
Total	\$610,708	Total	\$610,708		

#### **Activities**

## **Airport Access Study**

#### Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- In coordination with regional planning partners and the consultant team, complete the Airport Area Access Study begun in FY2022.
- Identify needs, evaluate access options, and assess impacts to the local and state transportation network.
- Consider airport growth, land use and travel pattern changes, and multi-modal cargo transportation needs.
- Identify options for improved connections and access to the airport to support economic development and vitality, enhancing the global competitiveness of the region, and enhancing travel and tourism.

# Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Study Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- In coordination with regional planning partners and the consultant team, complete regional TDM Study begun in FY2022.
- Develop a coordinated regional TDM strategy that includes recommended funding sources, lead agencies, and realistic mode shift goals.
- Outline potential implementation strategies for local communities and The Rapid to implement.

# Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Study Objectives | Procedures | Tasks

- In coordination with local, state, and federal planning partners, identify potential transportation system vulnerabilities to climate change impacts and evaluate potential solutions.
  - o Perform a flooding risk assessment of regional transportation infrastructure, including roads, bridges, etc.
  - o Assess how infrastructure deterioration has/may be accelerated by impacts of climate change, including more extreme temperatures/weather events.
  - o Assess transportation and economic impacts of transportation infrastructure flooding.
  - o Evaluate possible solutions to improve transportation infrastructure resiliency and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

TABLE 25: SPECIAL PLANNING STUDIES TASK/PRODUCT TIMELINE

Activity/Product	Timeline
Coordination with regional planning partners and	Year-long activity
stakeholders	
Reports to Committees on study progress	Quarterly
Airport Access Study Report	January
TDM Study Report	September
Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Study	Year-long activity



# Appendix A: Budget by Performing Agency



Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Transportation	n Division												
Y2023 Unified Planning Work Program													
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Vork Items	Contract	Salary	Fringes	Direct	Indirect	Total	CPG	STP	CMAQ	MTF	HIP-CU	Match	Total
Data Management and Analysis													
Demographic & Economic Projections	\$0						\$15,902					\$3,526	
Multimodal Volumes and Physical Conditions	\$0						\$94,889					\$21,041	\$115,930
Geographic Information Systems	\$24,900						\$81,144					\$17,993	\$99,137
Performance Data Management	\$0	\$21,647	\$8,009				\$47,368					\$10,504	
Subtota	\$24,900	<b>\$73,681</b>	\$27,262	<b>\$</b> 87,500	<b>\$</b> 79,024	\$292,367	\$239,302					<b>\$</b> 53,065	\$292,367
ong Range Planning													
ravel Demand/Air Quality Modeling	\$24,900	\$38,758	\$14,340	\$5,000	\$41,568	\$124,566	\$101,957					\$22,609	\$124,566
raver DemandrAir Quality Modeling  ATP	\$24,300						\$173,341					\$38,438	\$211,779
Vonmotorized Planning	\$0						\$173,341					\$29,918	
and Use Coordination	\$0						\$21,609					\$4,792	
Subtota		\$185,336			\$198,774		\$431,828					\$95,756	
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Short Range Planning													
TIP	\$0			\$5,000	\$18,794	\$47,801	\$39,125					\$8,676	\$47,80
Fechnical Assistance	\$0						\$69,220					\$15,349	
Freight Freight	\$0			\$10,298	\$11,055	\$35,475	\$29,036					\$6,439	\$35,475
Bafety Conscious Planning	\$0	\$53,601			\$57,488	\$180,921	\$148,084					\$32,837	\$180,92
Security Planning	\$0	\$12,885	\$4,767	\$5,000	\$13,819	\$36,471	\$29,852					\$6,620	\$36,47
Public Involvement	\$0	\$21,647	\$8,009	\$25,000	\$23,216	\$77,872	\$63,738					\$14,134	\$77,872
Clean Air Action Program	\$25,000	\$52,570							\$131,654			\$32,914	
Subtota	i \$25,000	\$198,942	\$73,609	<b>\$116,759</b>	\$213,367	<b>\$</b> 627,677	\$379,055		<b>\$131,654</b>			\$116,968	\$627,677
Transportation Management Systems													
Pavement Management System	\$12,500	\$27,831					\$102,704					\$22,774	
Congestion Management System	\$0	\$15,462					\$32,957					\$7,308	\$40,266
Asset Management	\$0									\$24,000		\$0	
Subtota	i \$12,500	<b>\$</b> 52,776	\$19,527	\$48,337	<b>\$</b> 56,603	\$189,744	\$135,661			\$24,000		\$30,082	\$189,744
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ong-Range Transportation Planning													
Community Perceptions and Outreach													
Short-Range Transportation Plan													
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Administration	\$0	\$100,863	\$37,319	\$5,000	\$108,176	\$251,358	\$205,737					\$45,621	\$251,358
Subtot	al <b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$100,863</b>			\$108,176	\$251,358	\$205,737					\$45,621	
Special Planning Studies													
Airport Access Study	\$187,500							\$150,000				\$37,500	
ransportation Demand Management Plan	\$215,000										\$235,708		
ransportation Infrastructure Vulnerability and Resiliency								\$150,000				\$37,500	
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Work Items	Contract	Direct	Total		CMAQ	CMAQ Match	FTA Sec 5307	5307 Match	HIP-CU	HIP-CU Match	Total
Data Management and Analysis	- CONTROL		1010.		0	1101011		110.011		110.011	10.0
Demographic & Economic Projections				_							
Multimodal Volumes and Physical Conditions				_							
Geographic Information Systems											
Performance Data Management											
Subtotal											
Long Range Planning				_							
Travel Demand/Air Quality Modeling											
MTP											
Nonmotorized Planning											
Land Use Coordination											
Subtotal											<del>                                     </del>
Subtotal											
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Short Range Planning											
TIP											
Technical Assistance											
Freight											
Safety Conscious Planning											
Security Planning											
Public Involvement											
Clean Air Action Program											
Subtotal											
Transportation Management Systems				_							
Pavement Management System											
Congestion Management System											
Asset Management											
Subtotal											
				_							
Ridesharing		\$186,207	\$186,207		\$186,207	\$0					\$186,20
Planning											
Long-Range Transportation Planning	\$285,000		\$285,000						\$285,000	\$0	\$285,00
Community Perceptions and Outreach	\$60,000		\$60,000				\$45,000	\$15,000		70	\$60,00
Short-Range Transportation Plan	\$75,000		\$75,000	_			\$60,000				\$75,00
Subtotal	\$420,000		\$420,000						\$285,000		\$420,00
Program Coordination		-									
Administration											
Subtotal											
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Special Planning Studies											
Airport Access Study											
Transportation Demand Management Plan											
Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability and Resiliency Stu	ıdy										
Subtotal											

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Transportation						
FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program						
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		MDOT Expenditures				
Work Items				SPR	Match	TOTAL
Data Management and Analysis	Н	<del> </del>	+	OPR .	Match	TOTAL
Demographic & Economic Projections		\$1,457	+	\$1,192	\$264	\$1,457
Multimodal Volumes and Physical Conditions		7,7,21	_	1,,,,,,,,	1201	1,0,101
Geographic Information Systems		\$7,434		\$6,085	\$1,349	\$7,434
Performance Data Management		\$4,339		\$3,552	\$788	\$4,339
Subtotal		\$13,230	4	<b>\$10,829</b>	\$2,401	\$13,230
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Long Range Planning						
Travel Demand/Air Quality Modeling		\$9,341		\$7,645	\$1,695	\$9,341
MTP		\$15,880	_	\$12,998	\$2,882	\$15,880
Nonmotorized Planning		\$12,360		\$10,117	\$2,243	\$12,360
Land Use Coordination Subtotal		\$1,980 <b>\$39,561</b>		\$1,620 <b>\$32,380</b>	\$359 <b>\$7,180</b>	\$1,980 <b>\$39,561</b>
Subtotal		¥33,361	+	¥32,30U	¥1,10U	\$33,301
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Short Range Planning TIP		\$3,584	-	\$2,934	\$651	\$3,584
Technical Assistance		\$6,341	$\dashv$	\$5,190	\$1,151	\$6,341
Freight		\$2,660	$\dashv$	\$2,177	\$483	\$2,660
Safety Conscious Planning		¥2,000	$\dashv$	₩2,111	*100	¥2,000
Security Planning			$\dashv$			
Public Involvement						
Clean Air Action Program						
Subtotal		<b>\$12,586</b>	4	\$10,301	\$2,284	<b>\$12,586</b>
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Transportation Management Systems						
Pavement Management System		\$9,409	_	\$7,701	\$1,708	\$9,409
Congestion Management System	L	\$3,019	4	\$2,471	\$548	\$3,019
Asset Management		A40 400	_	A40 470	A0 0F0	A40 400
Subtotal		\$12,428	+	<b>\$10,172</b>	\$2,256	\$12,428
Ridesharing			+			
Planning						
Long-Range Transportation Planning						
Community Perceptions and Outreach						
Short-Range Transportation Plan Subtotal			4			
Subtotal			$\dashv$			
Program Coordination						
Administration		\$18,848		\$15,427	\$3,421	\$18,848
Subtotal		\$18,848	+	\$15,427	\$3,421	<b>\$</b> 18,848
Special Planning Studies						
Airport Access Study						
Transportation Demand Management Plan						
Transportation Infrastructure Vulnerability and Resiliency St Subtotal			4			
Subtotal			-			
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# Appendix B: Replacement Pavement Data Collection Vehicle Depreciation Schedule

Total Budget: \$200,000

Useful Life: 5 Years

Depreciation Method: Straight Line

Period	Beginning	Depreciation	Ending
Year 1 – 2022	\$200,000	\$40,000	\$160,000
Year 2 – 2023	\$160,000	\$40,000	\$120,000
Year 3 – 2024	\$120,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Year 4 – 2025	\$80,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Year 5 – 2026	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0



# Appendix C: FY2023 UPWP Resolution



# Appendix D: GVMC Transportation Planning Process Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.334, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the <u>Grand Valley Metropolitan Council</u> the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the <u>Grand Rapids</u> urbanized area hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- I. 49 U.S.C. Section 5303, 23 U.S.C. 134, and 23 CFR part 405.334;
- II. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794;
- III. Section 1101 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Pub. L. 105-178) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in the FHWA and the FTA funded project (Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 23);
- IV. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the U.S. DOT implementing regulation;
- V. The provision of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing certain activities; and
- VI. Sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)). (Note--only for Metropolitan Planning Organizations with non-attainment and/or maintenance areas within the metropolitan planning area boundary).

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Metropolitan Planning Organization	Michigan Department of Transportation
Johnson	
John Weiss	Signature
Executive Director	
Title	Title
05/25/2022	
Date	Date

# Appendix E: Certificate of Indirect Costs

This is to certify that I have reviewed the indirect cost rate proposal submitted herewith and to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- (1) All costs included in this proposal for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2022 to establish billing or final indirect costs rates for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 are allowable in accordance with the requirements of the Federal award(s) to which they apply and 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments (OMB Circular A 87). Unallowable costs have been adjusted for in allocating costs as indicated in the cost allocation plan.
- (2) All costs included in this proposal are properly allocable to Federal awards on the basis of a beneficial or causal relationship between the expenses incurred and the agreements to which they are allocated in accordance with applicable requirements. Further, the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs. Similar types of costs have been accounted for consistently and the Federal Government will be notified of any accounting changes that would affect the predetermined rate.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

Governmental Unit: Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Signature:

Name of Official: John Weiss

Title: Executive Director

Date of Execution: 04/25/2022

# Appendix F: Public Involvement

#### Introduction

The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is required by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to explicitly set forth a Public Participation Plan (PPP) and process for transportation planning in order to receive transportation funds from the Federal Highway Administration and from the Federal Transit Administration. The actions and processes described in the PPP apply to transportation planning done by GVMC in conjunction with the work done by the transportation committees of the Council. The GVMC Public Participation Plan can be found at gvmc.org/public-involvement. The standards for this process are to be found in Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 450, and in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 613 which requires that the public has reasonable opportunity to comment on transportation plans and programs.

### **UPWP Public Participation Process**

Opportunity for public participation in the development of the FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program was in accordance with the GVMC Public Participation Plan (PPP). While public involvement was continuous throughout the development of the document, the PPP outlines two milestones when GVMC staff makes additional efforts to engage the public. These milestones occur at the following times:

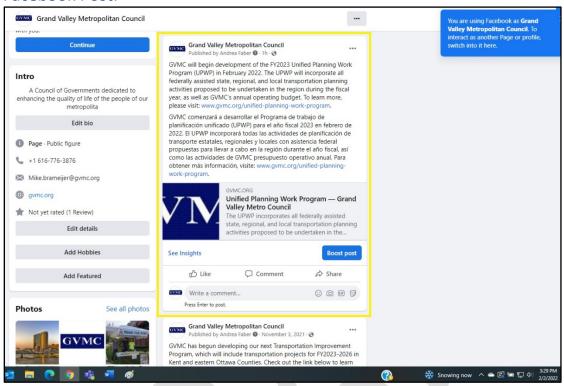
- 1. Kickoff to UPWP Development
- 2. Adoption of Draft Document

Specific outreach strategies used during each milestone as well as engagement rates, where applicable, are detailed below.

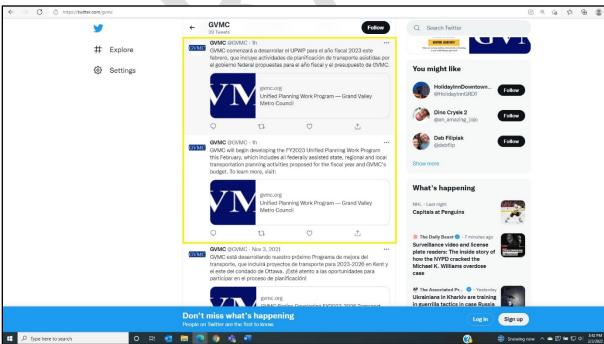
## Milestone 1: Kickoff to UPWP Development

Before the UPWP process begins, GVMC staff has committed to informing the public about the document's upcoming development with a notice on gymc.org and through social media posts on GVMC's Twitter and Facebook page and sharing those notices with partner organizations, which include MDOT, The Rapid and LINC UP. GVMC posted the web notices on the UPWP and Latest Development pages and the social media posts on February 2, 2022. Examples of our web notice and Facebook and Twitter posts are included on the following pages.

#### **Facebook Post:**



#### **Twitter Post:**



Web Post Example:



## Milestone 2: Adoption of Draft Document

As outlined in the PPP, once the draft UPWP document was complete, GVMC staff brought the document to the Policy Committee and GVMC Board for approval. Public comment opportunities were available at both meetings. The public was notified of this public comment opportunity by postings on GVMC's website and on GVMC's Twitter and Facebook page on May 11, seven days before the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18. Notices were also shared with GVMC's partner organizations. Examples of these notices are below.

Web Post Examp	le:			
•	<b>gs</b> mment opportunities neeting on Thursday, J	•		• • • •
Comments Rec	ceived were received during	the development of t	he document.	
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Facebook Post:

Twitter Post:

Data from 2/2-

Milestone 2

Involvement

Data from 5/12-

5/11

Public

6/2

# Appendix G: MPO Technical and Policy Committee Membership

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