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GVMC Invites Public to Comment on Draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Grand Rapids, MI – The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) has completed the draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which includes transportation projects and investment priorities for the next 26 years. GVMC is hosting two open houses and a virtual public meeting to present the document, field questions, and gather comments from the public. Dates and times for these events are below:

Open Houses:

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Location: Rapid Central Station
250 Cesar E Chavez Ave SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Virtual Public Meeting:

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024
Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Meeting Link: zoom.us/join
Webinar ID: 828 3290 3091
Passcode: 281266
Or find the direct link at gvmc.org/mtp

The draft 2050 MTP, which GVMC is required to update every four years, addresses all aspects of the system, including pavement and bridge conditions, traffic congestion, safety, freight movement, passenger rail, air travel, active transportation, and public transit. Financial projections show that while \$777.6 million in federal funding can be reasonably expected to be available for local programs over the life of the plan, a minimum investment of \$3.68 billion will be needed to address local roadway and transit needs. The document has been developed over the last 19 months in collaboration with GVMC Committee members, stakeholders, and the public.

Public engagement for the document has been robust, beginning with a public survey during the fall of 2022 that garnered over 1,100 responses and continuing with an interactive bingo game to encourage comment on GVMC's mode-based needs analysis during the winter of 2023. GVMC is looking forward to this next public participation opportunity and informing the public about the contents of the plan to ensure that it aligns with their needs. To encourage engagement and interaction with the Plan, GVMC staff has created a crossword puzzle that relates to the content of the document. "Public input is critical for us to ensure regional mobility is moving forward to serve businesses and residents from Kent and Ottawa counties," said GVMC Executive Director John Weiss.

To view the draft 2050 MTP along with its companion documents, please visit www.gvmc.org/mtp. Hard copies are also available at GVMC's office and at libraries within Kent and eastern Ottawa counties. The official public comment period will run from March 22, 2024, through April 22, 2024. Comments about the MTP and any of its companion documents can be submitted in person, [online](#), over the phone, by [email](#), or by mail to GVMC's address. To stay informed about the effort, sign up for regular updates at www.gvmc.org/public-involvement.

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