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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, March 17, 2022

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GVMC Seeks Input on Projects in Draft FY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Grand Rapids, MI – The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is seeking comment on the projects in the draft fiscal year 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) proposed by local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and state and federal transportation officials in accordance with the joint regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These projects include road resurfacing and reconstruction, bridge replacement, intersection improvements, intelligent transportation system upgrades, as well as nonmotorized and transit projects, totaling approximately \$400 million in local, state, and federal funding. The draft lists of transportation projects are available at gvmc.org/tip, along with a corresponding map.*

As part of the review process, a public meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 | 5:30 pm at Rapid Central Station 250 Grandville Ave SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Public meeting attendees are strongly encouraged to wear face masks. Masks will be provided.

A virtual attendance option is also available. Please use the information below to join the meeting:

URL: <u>Zoom.us/join</u> Meeting ID: 822 6863 8310 | Passcode: 492966 Or call: +1 (312) 626-6799

This meeting will include an overview of the TIP development process and provide an opportunity for the public to offer feedback on proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa Counties. The results of GVMC's environmental justice analysis will also be available.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services and those in need of translation or interpreter assistance should contact GVMC to request accommodations for the meeting by Friday, March 25, 2022.

Comments on the project list should be directed to Laurel Joseph and can be submitted in the following ways:

Email: laurel.joseph@gvmc.org Phone: (616) 776-7610 **Online:** Use the "submit a comment" button on <u>gvmc.org/tip</u> **Mail:** Send comments to GVMC (678 Front Ave NW • Suite 200 • Grand Rapids • MI • 49504)

Comments must be received by Friday, April 15, for consideration.

*The inclusion of a specific project does not guarantee construction.

Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for Section 5307 public involvement.

If you would like additional information about the TIP development process, please call Laurel Joseph at (616) 776-7610 or email <u>laurel.joseph@gvmc.org</u>.

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