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Working Together to Develop Michigan's 21st Century Infrastructure Pilot

Grand Valley Metro Council with the assistance of the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) has partnered with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, (SEMCOG), and the Governor's Office to develop a 21st Century Infrastructure Asset Management Pilot.

John Weiss of GVMC, **Carmine Polombo** of SEMCOG and **Erin Kuhn** of WMSRDC are leading this effort in our regions. **Claire Khouri** and **Angela Ayers** of **Governor Snyder's Office** are also doing a great job leading the project and focusing multiple state department involvement.

This week the Governor's Office held a workshop in the Michigan Cabinet Room with technical experts in the four key asset classes. Representatives from throughout West Michigan worked with their counterparts from SE Michigan and several state departments to develop the criteria for asset management planning.

Representatives from Transportation, Water, Wastewater and Stromwater held discussions and agreed on the base criteria for beginning to develop more detailed asset management plans. In large and highly complex systems like water and wastewater systems, stormwater and transportation there are thousands of factors that need to be considered, monitored, maintained and eventually replaced. The workshop began to identify those issues for each of the four different asset classes.



Kentwood Deputy City Administrator, Mark Rambo speaks to the Group

Meeting in teams of other experts, the groups worked together to consider the most important elements of the complex systems taking into consideration the life expectancy of the asset, the critical nature of its primary elements, the risk involved, and other criteria.

Meeting for the first time, subject matter experts from both sides the state shared ideas, experiences, and worked together to make significant process. I really appreciate our West Michigan Team for their participation and leadership in this important effort for the future of all our residents.

Over 30 representatives from our 13 county West Michigan Region attended the event. We had a broad range of experts from each of the subject areas and they included very large and small utilities, communities, road commissions, public works departments, and GVMC along with WMSRDC staff.

In the future there will be additional sessions to bring final agreement for a Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Planning Process and these leaders will be key to those decisions.



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