

Moving Our Community Forward

TRANSIT MASTER PLAN

THE RAPID

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Don't miss your chance to help plan for our future!

The Rapid invites you to attend a Community Workshop to begin preparing your Transit Master Plan (TMP), a blueprint for what you want your transit system to look like in 20 years. For your convenience, The Rapid will host six initial workshops to inform our communities of this important TMP Process and get input from the public through interactive and open discussions.

November 4	November 5	November 11	November 12	November 17	November 18
Wyoming	Kentwood	East Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	Grandville	Walker
6:00-8:00 p.m. Public Library Room B 3350 Michael Ave.	6:00-8:00 p.m. Commission Chambers 4900 Breton Ave.	6:00-8:00 p.m. Community Center Room 101 750 Lakeside Dr.	7:00-9:00 p.m. Development Center 1120 Monroe Ave. N.W., #2	6:00-8:00 p.m. Council Chambers 3195 Wilson Avenue	6:00-8:00 p.m. Fire Station #2 4101 Lake Michigan Dr.

The open house workshops will include displays and provide opportunities for one-on-one discussions with key Rapid staff members and consultants. A brief presentation will be included followed by a question and answer session to allow further dialogue. Public input is critical to the process and, therefore, The Rapid will host additional meetings in the Spring to discuss the Draft TMP that will be developed through technical analysis and public input. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

We appreciate your participation during this busy fall season.

WHAT IS A TRANSIT MASTER PLAN?

A Transit Master Plan or TMP is a comprehensive 20-year plan that will guide the future development of The Rapid transit system, primarily for its current service area of East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kentwood, Walker, and Wyoming.

The TMP will provide a vision for the greater Grand Rapids community and demonstrate how transit can be a catalyst for positive growth.

The TMP will:

- Examine the efficiency and effectiveness of existing services
- Identify and evaluate future mobility needs for diverse populations, including seniors and the ADA community

The TMP will develop a regional transit plan that:

- Utilizes energy-efficient, sustainable vehicles
- Supports and enhances "smart" economic growth and land use development
- Meets existing and future travel needs
- Is fiscally responsible

The TMP Study will also:

- Include a "transit-oriented development" (TOD) guidebook to help local jurisdictions plan for and encourage transit-friendly development
- Identify transit service standards, performance measures, and planning guidelines to ensure existing and future services operate efficiently

For further questions or special accommodations, please visit www.rapidtmp.org or contact the project hotline at (616) 774-1298.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT SCHEDULE?

The Rapid commenced work on the TMP Study in September and is expected to be complete by June 2010.

Activity	2009				2010					
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Public Outreach/Involvement										
Mobile Metro 2030 Task Force										
Public Workshops										
Information Gathering/Technical Analysis										
Transit Service Assessment										
Prepare Transit Master Plan										

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The Rapid recognizes the importance of public participation and encourages you to help shape the plan.

A Mobile Metro 2030 Task Force made up of several key community stakeholders has been assembled to guide the process. The Rapid will also meet with each city, members of the business community, educational and non-profit organizations, and other key stakeholder groups. There will be an extensive public outreach effort, including several community workshops. Information about the project will be shared through meetings, e-mail, materials, and social media. A project Web site has been created for the community as a central resource of information and depository for comments—please visit

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