

Grand Vision  
Transportation Network  
Meeting Notes

Tuesday January 7, 2014, 3:30-5:00 pm

NWMCOG 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

600 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI

In Attendance:

Herb Lemcool

Tom Menzel

Jim Moore

James Bruckbauer

Matt Skeels

Marc McKellar

Valerie Schultz

Justin Reed

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

The October meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were made.

Project updates:

Valerie Schultz reported that a number of Transit systems were closed or running limited schedules due to the weather although they should be running full schedules tomorrow.

Marc McKellar reported that the GT County Road Commission is planning a lot of road work this coming summer due to the millage passing.

Marc McKellar and Herb Lemcool discussed the funding that the City will receive from the millage.

James Bruckbauer reported that the Transit subcommittee is planning an event on February 24 from 2-4pm at the Hagerty Center. The main speakers will be Roger Millar who just completed the Mobility Management report and a Transit Director from Northwest Oregon that has experience in forming and operating a transit alliance – one of the key recommendations in the Mobility Management report.

Tom Menzel reported the BATA is beginning their Strategic Planning Process to develop the direction for the next 5 years. BATA is planning to announce some new routes on Thursday. Bus shelters should be in place this month and the new bus wash is being planned, this facility will likely be available to private fleets as well to help with the costs. The first statewide customer service skills course will be offered later in January, this course was developed by BATA and is being used by other transit agencies and MDOT as well.

James Bruckbauer reported that the MLUI had received a small grant that will allow them to conduct a study on the passenger rail potential on the Traverse City to Acme rail line.

Marc McKellar reported that the GT Road Commission had not received any of the Risk Reserve road funding, but they are hopeful for the next round of funding.

Matt Skeels presented the Framework for the Future Transportation Solutions document. This document represents all of the input received from various sources on the Transportation portion of the Framework plan. Matt had added a few things to the document and asked the Network members to edit his work as necessary. Herb Lemcool requested Matt complete his work on the document and the Network members will review at the next meeting.

Matt Skeels reported that the Charlevoix to Traverse City Trail group is moving ahead quickly now that Barbara Nelson-Jameson from the National Park Service was brought on to facilitate the planning process.

Matt Skeels reported that the Transportation Improvement portion of the NWMCOG website is almost complete and will be updated again with the results of the upcoming Rural Task Force process.

The Network members agreed to maintain their meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm at the NWMCOG offices – 600 E Front Street in Traverse City.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm