

Grand Vision
Transportation Network
Meeting Notes

Tuesday October 1, 2013, 3:30-5:00 pm

NWMCOG 2nd Floor Conference Room

600 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI

In Attendance:

Herb Lemcool

Tom Menzel

Jim Moore

Jim Cook

Chuck Korn

Drea Weiner

James Bruckbauer

Tom White

Matt Skeels

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

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

Project updates:

Herb Lemcool reported that the roundabout at the intersection of M-115 and M-37 in Mesick has been finished and it open to traffic.

Jim Cook reported that North Long Lake road is almost complete, with guard rail installation and final cleanup yet to be finished. Gray Road shoulder project is also complete.

Chuck Korn reported that the completion of the Boardman Lake Trail is getting closer. The Buffalo Ridge trail is moving along.

Tom Menzel reported that the BATA customer service course is going well and many other transit agencies are inquiring about using the course developed by BATA. The electronic farebox project is fully implemented and they have seen an 18-20% increase in fares. BATA is also implementing a no-show program for those who call for rides and don't show up for the bus. BATA is also looking to implement a ski area ride program.

James Bruckbauer reported that he transit committee had met and discussed how to begin implementing the Smart Growth America Mobility Management Plan, in particular the concept of a regional transit alliance.

Jim Cook reported that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission had passed the Complete Streets policy as recommended by TART.

Tom White discussed the upcoming opportunity summit on November 6th and encourage Network members to participate.

Jim Moore suggested that the Network may cancel the November meeting and encourage members to attend the summit instead. A decision will be made on this later and the Network members will be emailed as to the November meeting status.

Matt Skeels reported that he has been attending meetings of a group interested in making a trail connection between Charlevoix and Traverse City. This trail would utilize a variety of partnerships to accomplish the connection. Everything from routing through public land to donation of easements for crossing private land as well as routing along existing roadways is being considered. The group is scheduled to give a presentation to the State Transportation Commission on October 24 at their meeting in Charlevoix.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm