

Grand Vision
Transportation Network
Tuesday October 4, 2011

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MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

Matt Skeels
Rise Rasch
Bob Carstens
Jim Lively
Herb Lemcool
Dave Langhorst
Mike Woods
James Bruckbauer
Jim Moore
Carrie Bourdages

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

The Network members agreed by consensus to accept the draft meeting notes from the August meeting.

Ms. Rasch updated the attendees on the status of the Division Street project. The project has been completed successfully.

Mr. Lemcool asked if the Network could send a thank you letter to MDOT about the Division Street project. Mr. Skeels will draft a letter to be signed at the next meeting.

The Silver Drive project is on schedule and may be paved and open prior to the end of construction season, although additional work will be completed next year.

Ms. Rasch stated that the Buckley project was ahead of schedule and will also have some work completed next year.

Mr. Skeels reported that the wayfinding project is complete and all the signs are up. Mr. Lively asked if there was any effort to get the signs placed on the State Trunklines. Mr. Skeels stated that the signs would not be allowed on the State road right of way – but could be placed on private property.

Ms. Bourdages reminded the Network members that if there is a desire to expand the wayfinding project to a more regional area, that the group should formulate clear goals before starting the project.

Mr. Bruckbauer reported that he had participated in a pilot project that participants attempted to get from Detroit to Traverse City without a car. He also gave the Transit subcommittee report. The Benzie Bus will hold an open house for its new facility on November 10 from 12-6pm. The

Committee will be writing a letter to Acme Township to support making a transit transfer station part of the Village of Grand Traverse discussions. The committee had also agreed to form a bus stop improvement task force.

The Rail committee did not meet and the Complete streets committee had held a meeting on road diets

Ms. Bourdages discussed the new Grand Vision Website and how it can be used to communicate with Network members. The Network members agreed that the new system has many advantages over the old system and asked Mr. Skeels to move towards using the new website.

The Network members reviewed the goals. They agreed to add a goal about wayfinding and also investigate holding an event between the governors infrastructure message and the end of the year to help provide information on the topic to the public.

The Network members agreed to hold the next meeting on November 1st. However the possibility of hold meetings out in the region was also discussed and will be placed on the next agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm