

**Grand Vision**  
Transportation Network  
**Tuesday December 6, 2011**

**DRAFT**  
**MEETING NOTES**

In Attendance:

Matt Skeels  
Bob Carstens  
Jim Lively  
Herb Lemcool  
Mike Woods  
Jim Moore  
Carrie Bourdages  
Connor Miller  
Julie Clark  
Erin Bernard  
Doug DeYoung  
Rise Rasch  
Mary Lajko  
Don Montieth  
Jack Kelly  
Kim Pontius  
Matt McCauley  
Evan Smith

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

The Network members agreed by consensus to accept the 11-1-11 meeting notes.

The Silver Drive project is complete and open to traffic. The video taken at the ribbon cutting ceremony is posted on the Grand Vision website.

Mr. DeYoung reported that the Chamber of Commerce has recently sent out a Request For Proposal to convert BATA and TCAPS busses to Natural Gas fuel. DTE and AT&T are looking to replace their fleets with natural gas fuel. The report from the consultants should be complete in the first quarter of next year.

Mr. Kelly reported that JJR is completing the Marina design for Elmwood Township. During the study process, JJR is looking at the adjacent M-22 corridor.

Ms. Clark reported that the recreational trail to Mayfield from Traverse City is progressing.

Mr. Lively reported that the BATA study has been released and calls for more emphasis on fixed routes and less dial-a-ride service.

Mr. Lemcool asked if the results/recommendations of the BATA study could be presented at the next Network meeting.

Mr. Pontius reported on the Rail Summit. The State's emphasis is on completing an east-west high speed rail line in southern Michigan (Chicago-Detroit). However, the northern Lower Peninsula has not been forgotten and funding for the rail study called for in the rail plan is actively being pursued.

Mr. McCauley reported that through the TC Chambers leadership MDOT would be providing funds for a Economic Development Study for Rail in the Northern Lower Peninsula (24 Counties). The project could potentially be let in the spring of 2012.

Mr. McCauley also reported on the recently awarded HUD grant that will provide funds for a regional transportation plan.

Ms. Clark reported that the Complete Streets subcommittee would be meeting tomorrow.

Ms. Bernard gave the presentation and introduced the Network members to the United Way's Volunteer Northwest Michigan system that connects organizations in need of volunteers with persons looking for volunteer opportunities.

Mr. Moore asked the Network members if they were still interested in participating in or organizing a regional transportation funding seminar.

Mr. McCauley reported that the Governor has been asked to come to Northern Michigan to re-announce his transportation proposals. At this point it appears that this may take place in March. This would be an excellent opportunity to bring interested people together to discuss the Governors proposals. Due to the Governors schedule, it would be best to be flexible on the date in March at this point.

Mr. Moore, Ms. Clark and Mr. DeYoung are all members of the City's steering committee on their Corridor Study. The first corridor to be studied is Eighth Street.

Mr. Woods asked for comments on the Citizens Guide to Transportation Planning in Northwest Michigan. He would like to finalize and post the document on-line in January.

The Network members agreed to meet again on January 3, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.