

Grand Vision
Transportation Network
Tuesday February 5, 2013

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MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

Matt Skeels
Jim Moore
Bob Carstens
Patty O'Donnell
Sue Miller
Sarah Lucas
Tom Menzel
James Bruckbauer
Connor Miller
Herb Lemcool
Jim Cook
Marc McKellar
Chuck Korn
John Nelson
Janie McNabb

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

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

Project Updates / Subcommittee Reports:

- John Nelson reported that the Boardman River Implementation Team (IT) had set up a working group to focus on the replacement of the Cass Road Bridge. To that end, some the members had met with MDOT and Corps of Engineers representative in Lansing and were told that the bridge replacement funding that was set to expire in 2014 could be extended.
- Patty O'Donnell reported that MDOT will be working on the culvert under US-31 at Tobeco Creek in Acme Township. The road will be reduced to one lane and will be signal controlled in the project area from May to July of this year.
- The M-37 project at Sherman Hill will begin as soon as possible and they hope to be complete by July 4th.
- The roundabout at M-115 and M-37 will begin later this coming summer.
- The roundabout on M-72 at Lautner Road in Acme Township will begin when the developers have met all the Township and MDOT requirements.

James Bruckbauer reported on the Transit Subcommittee. The inventory of bus stops is nearing completion and the group is discussing an early summer event leading up to Smart Commute Week that helps support BATA's route changes.

Sue Miller reported that Benzie Bus has retrofit a number of there buss to operate on propane as well as diesel fuel. The work is going smoothly and the dual fuel systems seem to be working very well.

Tom Menzel reported on the natural gas fueling discussions and had discussed the idea with Representative Schmidt. May 1st is the date for new Loop and Link system rollout. The BATA developed customer service course may be utilized statewide. BATA has also purchased a building to store their vehicles in and is no longer using the TCAPS bus site.

Patty O'Donnell reported that the Northern Michigan Rail Study has begun and she is working to bring the consultants here to talk with are Chambers of Commerce.

Julie Clark reported that the Complete Streets group has been out doing presentations of the Complete Streets resolution to area Townships.

HUD grant –

Sarah Lucas reported on the Framework for our Future Input Expos. The events are scheduled for late April. The Energy Network will be included in these sessions. The sessions will give attendees the opportunity to discuss specific projects, but are designed primarily to get at developing strategies to advance the goals of the area.

Janie McNabb reported on the Mind Mixer software that will be used to initiate questions, surveys and discussions on the Framework for our Future/HUD project. The URL for the site is:

www.letsdecidehow.org

Questions are currently posted and will be changed every week or so to keep the site fresh and encourage continuing input.

Matt Skeels distributed signup sheets to help with the Framework input session and asked everyone to sign up for at least one session.

Mr. Moore discussed having a discussion on future Network goals at the next meeting as well as a detailed discussion on the Grand Vision Strategic Plan.

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm