

Grand Vision
Transportation Network
Tuesday April 3, 2012

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MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

Matt Skeels
Mike Woods
Jim Moore
Marc McKellar
Julie Clark
Connor Miller
Tom Menzel
Carrie Thompson

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

The Network members agreed by consensus to accept the 1-3-12 meeting notes.

Mr. McKellar asked to add a discussion of a Grand Traverse County Road Millage to the agenda.

Mr. Woods presented the results of the 2011 Asset Management work for the region. NWMCOG works in partnership with road agencies and an MDOT local transportation service center representative to assess the surface condition of the federal-aid eligible road system in each County within the COG's 10 county Northwest region. Data is submitted to the Transportation Asset Management Council where they present the statewide surface condition assessment to the legislature for their review (where resources are most needed to maintain roads and the transportation system in general.)

In order to assess the surface condition the "PASER" or PAVEMENT SURFACE EVALUATION and RATING SYSTEM is utilized. The PASER system is a visual evaluation tool to measure and classify road surfaces based on their surface condition and appearance. Ratings range from 1-10 with 10 being a newly constructed road and 1 needing total reconstruction. Generally, ratings of 1-4 are considered "poor," 5-7 are considered "fair" and 8-10 are considered "good". In-depth information on ratings in the 2011 Asset Management report, can also be found at nwm.org.

Mr. Menzel and Ms. Thompson discussed the plans BATA is currently implementing. The Cherry Festival and the Film Festival now have agreements with BATA to move volunteers and patrons using parking at satellite locations.

BATA will be unveiling new names for the fixed route and demand response systems in the near future. The new names will serve to clearly identify the two systems and in the future, the demand response systems will primarily operate in the out county areas and shuttle riders to the fixed route system for transit to complete the trip.

New wayfinding signage and scheduling will reinforce the new names and routes and provide customers with a convenient and seamless system.

The subcommittees had no updates.

Mr. McKellar reported that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission will be seeking a pavement preservation millage, possibly as soon as August of this year. The millage will likely include a trail pavement maintenance component as well.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.