

Grand Vision
Transportation Network
Meeting Notes

Tuesday August 6, 2013, 3:30-5:00 pm

NWCMCOG 2nd Floor Conference Room

600 E. Front Street, Traverse City, MI

In Attendance:

Patty O'Donnell

James Bruckbauer

Herb Lemcool

Valerie Schultz

Julie Clark

Tom Menzel

Sarah Lucas

Jim Moore

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

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

Project updates:

Julie Clark reported that TART's Buffalo Ridge Trail is moving forward for completion sometime in September and will connect to the new YMCA and West Middle School. Also reported that the first sharrows in Grand Traverse County were put in at the Civic Center and that the Sleeping Bear Dunes trail should see construction next spring.

Patty O'Donnell reported that MDOT is conducting a bike/tourism study. Traverse City is one of the study areas. Also reported, a ribbon-cutting for the Holiday Hills new road repair is on August 20 at 9 am.

Tom Menzel reported that BATA will be installing election fare boxes this month.

The Network reviewed slides containing information on the next steps of the HUD project as it relates to regional transportation planning and the items that will be the Network's agenda for review.

Sarah Lucas presented information on the upcoming HUD/Poverty Reduction Initiative summit being planned for this fall. This is a two-day summit with PRI / Grand Vision Networks and persons experiencing poverty attending day one with Dr. Donna Beegle who will facilitate a discussion on social equity and community issues. Day two will be an Opportunity Conference with persons in poverty meeting with Dr. Beegle to discuss strategies to move out of poverty.

The Network reviewed the recommended goals stemming from three community meetings regarding mobility management and transit. The recommendations are being reviewed for eventual inclusion in a regional transit plan. Comments should be forwarded to Matt Skeels. A final report will be issued by SmartGrowth America this fall.

Julie Clark reported that in May MDOT convened trail groups to discuss linking Traverse City to Charlevoix. The group will continue to look at strategies to making trail connections.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm