

Grand Vision
Transportation Network
Monday September 8, 2014

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MEETING NOTES

In Attendance:

Jim Moore
Matt Skeels
Bill Kennis
Christine Thomas-Hill
Herb Lemcool
Sarah Lucas
James Bruckbauer

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

The August 11, 2014 meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were made.

Mr. Kennis reported that the Benzie Bus needs assessment is in the survey phase and they have received 500 surveys so far. They are expecting the final report on February.

Mr. Lemcool reported on the LaFrainer Road project. The project will be split in two phases, the top of the hill #1 and the hill #2. The project should now be a go for next Spring.

Ms. Lucas reviewed the communication strategy for the RPI plan. The full document will be out for a 60 day public review beginning on October 1. Press releases and public presentations will be scheduled during that period. The document will be finalized in December and there will be a second round of press releases and final presentations highlighting different sections of the plan on a monthly basis.

The RPI plan will ultimately be adopted by the combined NWMCOG/Workforce Development Boards and the 6 county HUD plan will be adopted by the HUD project advisory Board.

The Transportation Network members discussed the need to coordinate the TIP plan discussions with the Network members and identifying the critical members to attend will be a challenge.

Mr. Skeels discussed the comments to the TC-TALUS and RPI plan that were received. The RPI plan (as of October 1) will be in further public review for 60 days. Mr. Skeels stated that all Network members would receive a copy of the full RPI plan and encouraged all to read it and provide comments as necessary.

Mr. Bruckbauer distributed copies of the MLUI rail report and discussed the findings of the report. The report deliberately left some questions unanswered to help facilitate community discussion on the topic. MLUI plans to start a marketing campaign to assist with future discussions.

Ms. Thomas-Hill reported that TCAPS had a successful school startup this year and thanked the Grand Traverse County Road Commission and City for closely coordinating construction projects with TCAPS. This made the startup go much better.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.