



600 E Front Street, Suite 104, PO Box 506
Traverse City MI 49685-0506
(231) 929-5000 • 1-800-692-7774 • FAX (231) 929-5012

A program of  **Networks Northwest**
Talent / Business / Community
networksnorthwest.org/talus

The mission of the Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study (TC-TALUS) is to provide coordinated leadership and direction for the development and conduct of the continuing, cooperative & comprehensive transportation planning process for the Traverse City urban area.

Date: March 9, 2015
To: TC-TALUS Board
From: Mike Woods
RE: Public Participation Plan

Please find attached the Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP). The PPP outlines the tools and techniques available to gather information from citizens and stakeholders regarding transportation in the TALUS region.

A PPP is required under Work Item 1.0 of the FY 2016 MDOT Unified Work Program. As such, Networks Northwest staff prepared a Draft Plan for Board Review.

Action requested. With the Board's approval, staff will post the Draft PPP on the TALUS webpage, as well as provide hardcopies for public review during Networks Northwest business hours for a period of 45 days. An updated PPP, which will include public comment, will then be brought before the board at the May meeting for further review.



600 E Front Street, Suite 104, PO Box 506
Traverse City MI 49685-0506
(231) 929-5000 • 1-800-692-7774 • FAX (231) 929-5012



The mission of the Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study (TC-TALUS) is to provide coordinated leadership and direction for the development and conduct of the continuing, cooperative & comprehensive transportation planning process for the Traverse City urban area.

Date: March 9, 2015

To: TC-TALUS Board

From: Mike Woods

RE: TALUS Name Change

In 2015, TC-TALUS redefined and reenergized its role as a transportation planning resource for local communities, transportation agencies, and MDOT. Moreover, new staffing, governance, and membership will better drive and shape the program as it transitions to the forthcoming MPO designation.

As a means to further the reinvention of TC-TALUS, it has been suggested by the Board to also consider a name change. Criteria brought forth included: 1) eliminating "land use" in name; 2) eliminating "study" in name; and 3) name to better represent the role of the program.

Current Name:

Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study (TC-TALUS)

Potential Names:

Traverse City Area Transportation Solutions (TCATS)
UpNorth Transportation Network
Traverse City Area Transportation Coordinating Group (TCG)
Traverse City Area Transportation and Planning (TC-TAP)

A national listing of MPOs can be found at: <http://narc.org/about-narc/cogs-mpos/listing-of-cogs-and-mpos/>



600 E Front Street, Suite 104, PO Box 506
Traverse City MI 49685-0506
(231) 929-5000 • 1-800-692-7774 • FAX (231) 929-5012

A program of  **Networks Northwest**
Talent / Business / Community
networksnorthwest.org/talus

The mission of the Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study (TC-TALUS) is to provide coordinated leadership and direction for the development and conduct of the continuing, cooperative & comprehensive transportation planning process for the Traverse City urban area.

Date: March 9, 2015

To: TC-TALUS Board

From: Mike Woods

RE: TALUS Technical Committee Membership

Staff were requested by board membership to draft language that formalizes the Technical Committee's role and membership. Supporting language within the by-laws:

ARTICLE VI. SUBCOMMITTEES/ADVISORY COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

Section 1. Establishing Subcommittees, Advisory Committees, and Task Forces.

The Board may establish such subcommittees, advisory committees and/or task forces as are deemed necessary to further its purpose in keeping with its responsibilities and objectives.

Recommended Action:

TC-TALUS recognizes the Technical Committee as a standing Advisory Committee to the Governing Board. The Technical Committee shall advise the Governing Board on matters requiring technical planning expertise. The Technical Committee's makeup shall consist of only one (1) representative from each member agency of TC-TALUS. TC-TALUS requests that each member agency designate its Technical Committee representation with preference to engineers, planners, and zoning administrators (in order of preference). It is also requested that Governing Board members not also serve on the Technical Committee as means to better delineate roles and diversify participation in TC-TALUS. Technical Committee meetings are open to the public; however, all deliberations and actions for the purposes of advising the Governing Board are done by Technical Committee membership only.