

TRAVERSE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING  
INITIATIVE (TTCI)  
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be the Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative, an Intermunicipality Committee established under Act 200 of 1957 of the Public Acts of Michigan, and shall be hereinafter referred to as the TTCI.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Section 1. Purpose. TTCI is established to provide coordinated leadership and direction for the development and conduct of a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the Traverse City-Garfield Urbanized Area. As a program of Networks Northwest, TTCI shall constitute the forum for cooperative transportation decision-making by principal elected officials of general purpose local governments and representatives of transportation based agencies to develop US Census Designated Traverse City- Garfield Urbanized Area multi-modal transportation plans and programs.

Section 2. Responsibility. TTCI shall develop transportation plans and programs for the Greater Traverse Area, in coordination with local, county, regional, and state plans and programs. The Traverse City-Garfield Urbanized Area is defined by the US Census Bureau. The Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) of TTCI shall encompass the local civil divisions of the City of Traverse City, the Charter Townships of Garfield, Elmwood, East Bay, Long Lake and the General Law Townships of Acme, Peninsula, Blair, Bingham, Green Lake and Whitewater.

Section 3. Objectives.

- a) Maintain a transportation planning process and improvement plan for the Metropolitan Planning Area which meets Federal and State requirements and ensures the area's eligibility for capital and operating funds.
- b) Pursue, develop and maintain system and subsystem plans and programs for the various modes of transportation which use the area's major streets, roads and highways.
- c) Integrate and coordinate transportation plans and programs with existing and future plans and programs within the region, as defined by the State of Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- d) Recommend transportation programs and projects which are consistent with the general transportation goals of the community and its transportation based agencies,
- e) Maintain continuously updated pertinent information about the area's transportation systems.
- f) Assist local and state implementation agencies in developing transportation projects. Collaborate with local, regional, state, and federal

- transportation planning agencies in developing transportation plans and projects.
- g) Operate the urbanized area transportation planning program in a responsible and efficient manner.
  - h) Provide for and encourage public involvement in TTCI's transportation planning activities.
  - i) Solicit and accept appropriate gifts and grants which will assist in the accomplishment of TTCI objectives.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General. Voting membership shall consist of the municipalities and entities which are listed in Section 4 and which execute the “*Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative (TTCI) Intergovernmental Agreement for Participants of Metropolitan Planning Organization*” hereafter referred to as “**THE AGREEMENT**”. Each member shall be entitled to representation on the TTCI Policy Board as hereinafter provided. With administrative and staffing assistance from Networks Northwest, all affairs of TTCI shall be managed by the Board. Voting members whose sponsoring agency becomes delinquent in any cost assessments, matching funds or other financial obligations to TTCI, shall be subject to review by the TTCI Policy Board.

Section 2. New Members. New members may be added to the Board according to the procedures outlined in **THE AGREEMENT** Article XI.

Section 3. Withdrawal of Membership. Any member may withdraw its membership according to the procedures outlined in **THE AGREEMENT** Article XII.

Section 4. Voting Members. Voting members shall consist of one member from each of the following:

- City of Traverse City
- Charter Township of Garfield (G.T. County)
- Charter Township of Elmwood (Leelanau Co.)
- Charter Township of East Bay (G.T. County)
- Acme Township (G.T. County)
- Bingham Township (Leelanau County)
- Blair Township (G.T. County)
- Peninsula Township (G.T. County)
- Green Lake Township (G.T. County)
- Charter Township of Long Lake (G.T. County)
- Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners
- Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
- Leelanau County Road Commission
- Grand Traverse County Road Commission
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Bay Area Transportation Authority

Section 5. Designation of Representatives and Alternates.

Membership on the TTCI Policy Board shall consist of one (1) primary representative from each participating eligible entity, who is designated by the respective entities governing body to serve as their representative. Representatives may be members of the governing board, executive staff or their designee. Eligible entities may designate one (1) alternate representative to serve in the absence of the primary representative. Designation of an alternate is optional. When serving in the absence of the primary representative, an alternate shall have the same voting rights and responsibilities as the primary representative for the duration of the meeting. Designations of primary representatives and alternates, if any, shall be made in writing and by name and submitted to TTCI staff. Changes to designations may be made at any time. See Section 4 of these bylaws for Voting Members.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. General. The TTCI Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Policy Board members are eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee once they have served on the Policy Board for a minimum of one year. The four-member Executive Committee shall have at least one elected City, Village, County or Township official plus one representative of a Transportation Agency.

Section 2. Duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall set the Policy Board meeting agenda, preside at all meetings, appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary, appoint standing committees with the approval of the TTCI Policy Board, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the TTCI. The Chairperson shall have the full right to propose motions and vote on all motions and resolutions. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member on all committees.

Section 3. Duties of the Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the Chairperson or the Board.

Section 4. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the TTCI; keep a record of all plans, programs, and other material brought before the Committee; notify the TTCI of all meetings; and provide agenda for all meetings.

Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions of the TTCI, provide periodic financial reports to the TTCI, and generally perform the traditional duties of this office.

Section 6. Delegation of Duties. The duties of the Secretary and/or Treasurer may be delegated to the TTCI Professional Staff assigned from Networks Northwest, or another appropriate individual. The secretarial and financial duties may be delegated separately or together and may be delegated to different individuals.

Section 7. Nomination of Officers. Any voting member may nominate themselves or another eligible voting member for any officer position. Nominations may be made from the floor during the election meeting.

Section 8. Election of Officers. Elections for officers shall be held in odd-numbered years at any meeting between October and December, or as soon thereafter as practicable. Officers shall assume their duties at the next regular or special meeting following their election.

Section 9. Election Procedure. Elections shall be conducted by a simple majority vote of the members present. The Policy Board may elect officers either individually or collectively. Individual elections shall be conducted separately for each officer position. Collective elections may include more than one officer position, up to and including all officer positions, and shall be decided by a single vote of the members present.

Section 10. Terms of Office. Officers shall serve a term of two (2) calendar years, or until their successors are elected. Officers may serve successive terms without limitation.

Section 11. Mid-Term Vacancies. In the event that an officer position becomes vacant before the end of its term, a special election shall be held at any regular or special meeting to fill the vacancy. The newly elected officer shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term and shall assume their duties immediately upon election.

Section 12. Temporary Service by Officers and Alternates.

A. Order of Succession. The following order of succession shall apply for presiding over meetings and exercising the authority of the Chairperson:

- 1) Chairperson
- 2) Vice-Chairperson
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer

B. Officer Absence or Deferral.

- 1) If the Chairperson is absent or defers, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside.
- 2) If the Vice-Chairperson is absent or defers, the Secretary shall preside.
- 3) If the Secretary is absent or defers, the Treasurer shall preside.

Such deferral applies only to presiding responsibilities and does not relieve the officer of any other duties of their office, unless otherwise delegated in accordance with these bylaws.

C. All Officers Absent or Deferred. If all officers are absent or have deferred, TTCI staff shall open the meeting for the sole purpose of conducting a vote among the members present to select a board member to preside over the meeting. The selected board member must be approved by a majority vote of the members present and shall serve with the same authority as the Chairperson for the duration of the meeting.

D. Alternates. Alternates shall not automatically serve in an officer role and may only preside over a meeting if selected by majority vote in accordance with this section.

#### ARTICLE V. STAFFING

Section 1. Personnel. The Board contracts with Networks Northwest to coordinate and conduct administration and staffing relating to its purpose, responsibilities and objectives. Personnel assigned to TTCI will adhere to a staffing plan approved by the Policy Board.

Section 2. Other Agencies. The Board may enter into agreements with other public and private agencies, including consultants, for all types of surveys and studies relating to its purpose, responsibilities and objectives. Such surveys and studies shall be identified and described in the annual Unified Work Program.

#### 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.

Section 2. Standing Subcommittees, Advisory Committees and Technical Advisory Committee Standing subcommittees or advisory committees shall be established by the approval of the Board. Standing committees and advisory committees may develop their own Bylaws, subject to the approval of the Board, and not in conflict with **THE AGREEMENT**.

Section 3. Other Subcommittees and Special Topic Groups. Other subcommittees and/or special topic groups may be established to address specific functional areas or individual issues as deemed appropriate.

Section 4. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is established in **THE AGREEMENT** as a standing subcommittee. The Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing various items relating to TTCI's management and administration. The membership of the Executive Committee is described in Article IV, Section 1.

Section 5. Technical Committee. 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 TTCI. TTCI requests that each member agency designate its Technical Committee representation with preference to engineers, planners, and zoning administrators (in order of preference). Governing Board members may not serve on the Technical Committee as means to better delineate roles and diversify participation in TTCI. Technical Committee meetings are open to the public; however, all deliberations and actions for the purposes of advising the Policy Board are done by Technical Committee membership only.

## ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS AND AGENDAS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The schedule of regular meetings of the TTCI shall be established prior to the beginning of the fiscal year (October 1). These meetings shall take place at a time and location established by the Board.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, by a majority vote of the Board, or upon written request to the Chairperson by three (3) or more Board members.

Section 3. Changes in Meetings. In the event that a regular meeting falls on a holiday, a substitute meeting shall be set by the Board. A cancellation or change in the date of a scheduled meeting shall be communicated to the representatives as promptly as possible.

Section 4. Open Meetings. All Board meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held in conformance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, known as the "Open Meetings Act."

Section 5. Notices of Meetings. Notices of all regular meetings, including agenda, shall be provided to the Board members and posted to the general public no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Section 6. Agendas. An agenda shall be provided to Board members no later than five (5) days prior to all regular meetings. Where practicable, an agenda will also be mailed for special meetings. The Chairperson has the responsibility of determining the agenda.

## ARTICLE VIII. RULES

Section 1. General. Except where specific rules and procedures are set forth herein, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum shall be required before any formal action can be taken on agenda items. The presence of a simple majority of the current active voting members (members as defined in Article III, Section 4) OR the presence of three-fifths (3/5) of transportation implementing agencies (Bay Area Transportation Authority, City of Traverse City, Grand Traverse County Road Commission, Leelanau County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation) and two (2) municipalities shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Active voting members are those duly appointed representatives whose membership dues were paid in the prior budget year.

Section 3. Actions by the Board. Except where otherwise specifically stated within these bylaws or within **THE AGREEMENT**, formal adoption of a motion or resolution or other action shall be with the assent of a simple majority of the assigned votes of those representatives at the meeting, with at least a quorum present.

ARTICLE IX. UNIFIED WORK PLAN,  
FUNDS AND BUDGET

Section 1. Unified Work Plan. TTCI shall undertake the development of an annual Unified Work Plan (UWP) in accordance with the requirements of State and Federal Agencies. The TTCI Policy Board shall direct staff to develop the UWP, present the draft plan to the Policy Board, and Policy Board Members shall review, provide comments and adopt the UWP at their discretion.

Section 2. Budget and Cost Allocation Formula. The Board shall annually adopt a budget as a part of the Unified Work Plan (UWP). The budget shall be prepared and approved in accordance with Michigan Department of Transportation guidelines and timelines. No funds shall be expended without an approved budget.

Section 3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall start October 1 and end September 30.

Section 4. Receipt of Funds. All funds received from local contributions or other sources shall be deposited in a specially designated account by the designated fiscal agent, Networks Northwest. A record will be maintained of all funds received by the TTCI, including interest payments.

Section 5. Expenditure or Obligation of Funds. The TTCI Board, assigned Networks Northwest staff, may cause the expenditure or obligation of funds, if such expenditure or obligation is within the budget approved by the Board and appears to be reimbursable. Examples of such approved expenditures or obligations include salary and fringe benefit costs, indirect costs of operation associated with the conduct of doing business, and direct costs identified in the budget. The expenditure or obligation of funds which are either not budgeted, not reimbursable or may not be reimbursable requires the approval by a simple majority vote of the Board. A continuous record of all funds expended or obligated by the TTCI Board, assigned Networks Northwest staff, shall be maintained.

Section 6. Audit. A competent and independent individual or firm on an annual basis shall audit the records of receipts, expenditures and obligations in conjunction with the overall Networks Northwest audit, and the results of the audit shall be provided to the TTCI Board.

Section 7. Financial Reports. The Treasurer, assigned Networks Northwest staff, shall provide financial reports to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board meeting, and shall prepare an annual report which can be included in the final Audit Report.

Section 8. Code of Conduct. The Board shall maintain a written Code of Conduct which shall govern the participation of its members, officers, agents and employees engaged in the award and administration of all contracts.

## ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Procedure of Amendment. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or replaced at any regular or special meeting of the Board by at least two-thirds vote of the representatives of the voting members that are present at such meeting, each having one (1) vote for the purpose of Bylaw amendment. The amended Bylaws shall go into effect at the time of action, or at any time set by the TTCI Board within the motion of approval. A copy of the proposed changes shall be presented to the TTCI Board six (6) days prior to the meeting where such action is proposed to be taken, along with written notice of the time and place of such meeting.

Section 2. Continuation and/or Conflict. The Bylaws will remain in full force and effect until such time as amendments are made and approved or until it may be determined the Bylaws are found to be in conflict with the laws or regulations of the State of Michigan or the United States of America.

Approved by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on August 30, 1990  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on January 28, 1993  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on September 23, 1993  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on January 27, 1994  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on September 17, 1998  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on April 12, 2006  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on May 15, 2007  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on January 27, 2009  
Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on June 16, 2009  
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Amended by the TC-TALUS Board of Directors on August 18, 2015  
Amended by the TTCI (formerly named TC-TALUS) Board of Directors on May 17, 2016  
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Amended by the TTCI Board of Directors on February 18, 2026