
Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study

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.

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Draft - MEETING MINUTES - Draft

Call to Order

Lee Bowen, Chair TC-TALUS, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the Northwest Michigan Works! conference room. Lee welcomed everyone.

Roll Call

Lee asked if there was a quorum. Matt Skeels, TC-TALUS Director, said there wasn't at this time. He was expecting others to show – they are at another meeting. Lee added Long Range Plan & Transportation Improvement Plan 2014 to Directors Report. Lee approved the agenda.

Board Present: Lee Bowen, Jim Carruthers, Jack Kelly, Chuck Korn, Herb Lemcool, Glen Lile, Bill Mouser, John Nelson, Patty O'Donnell, Penny Rosi, Craig Wells, Tonya Wildfong,

Board Absent: Julie Clark (excused), Jim Cook (excused), Vicki Cook (excused), Jeff Cockfield (excused), Tom Menzel, Gary Niemi, Dan Sal, Leslie Sickterman, Paul Soma (excused), Jay Zollinger

Others present: Matt Skeels, Tom Slater, Denise Culman

Conflict of Interest

No conflict indicated.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Consent Calendar

Lee asked if there were any changes needed to be made to the Consent Calendar. Hearing none, Lee asked for a motion after a quorum was present.

- a. Board Minutes December

Motion by, J. Carruthers supported by C. Korn to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
Motion carried.

- b. Communications

Matt S. said the Road Commission has asked for assistance on two projects, and next meeting there will be a report.

- i. TCRE article on Toll plaza
- ii. Buses without border event – Matt S. said he extra flyers if anyone wanted them. The event is next Monday, February 24th at the Hagerty Center.

Reports

a. Directors Report

Matt S. said both the Dec. 2013 & Jan. 2014 reports were included in the packet.

Long Range Plan & Transportation Improvement Plan 2014 –

Patty O'Donnell explained the specifics and requirements that need to be included in the plan for the next 20 years. Matt S. spoke on the status of the work to date on the plan.

b. Technical Committee minutes

Matt S. reported the Technical Committee met earlier in the month. The Chairman had to be out of town, so he was not able to attend. The projects were being evaluated with the newly approved evaluation criteria but there were some problems with the application. The committee is going to take a step back and do some minor amendments to the evaluation criteria and run it again. Matt is trying to set up a special meeting later next week to go through the evaluation of the projects to see whether they will be included in the long range plan or not. The board had asked the Technical Committee to report on the East/West transportation options at the February meeting; this is not possible with the delay in the evaluation process. The hope is to have the evaluation next week and Matt will provide that information to the board then.

c. Grand Vision Transportation network

d. Executive Board minutes

Old Business

a. East/West Transportation

General discussion took place around the room. This is a local agency program - after it's evaluated it needs to be put into the work plan, and be adopted before any work can be started. Lee wants this program to stay up front and on the table. The Long Range Plan needs to be done by Sept. 30th and has to go before the public before it can be approved. J. Kelly suggested that the Technical Committee and the TCTALUS board may need to meet more often to make sure the deadline is met. Matt S. suggested that he will get out a GAANT chart of what needs to be done with a time frame to the board in the next couple of week to make sure the timeline is met.

New Business

a. Update in Rural Task Force meetings

Matt S. said the Rural Task Force is county meetings where they prioritize projects for Federal funding. Benzie was in January, Grand Traverse & Leelanau were today; then they will come together with other agencies on February 26, 2014 to review and finalize the projects.

b. Toll Plaza Update

Matt S. explained Gabe Schneider, Regional Representative – US Senator Carl Levin, was at the last meeting and J. Nelson raised the question – what was the current hold up for the construction of the bridge. G. Schneider did some research and there are a lot of facets to the problem. Canada is not willing to pay for the Customs Plaza. The Federal Border Patrol has to prioritize their projects, and they have many facilities that need repair. They will need to be encouraged to construct a new facility. G. Schneider felt a resolution from TCTALUS would be beneficial, so the board members asked Matt to do a letter and have it in the next board packet to be approved. Lee asked Matt S. to see if G. Schneider has a template of a resolution that could be use. After the letter is approved, the board would like it sent to MAC and Grand Traverse County.

c. Consideration of 2013 Annual Report

Matt S. said that the Executive Summary was included in the packet. Lee asked Matt to send out the full report to the board members today. Matt S. asked that the board consider approval of the Summary so it could be included with the annual invoices. Discussion took place and questions were answered.

Motion by, H. Lemcool supported by C. Korn to approve the Executive Summary as presented.
Discussion: when would the Annual Report be approved – at the April meeting.
Motion carried.

Board Members Comments

J. Kelly talked about traffic study for Elmwood Township M-22 corridor and he anticipates the passing of a zoning ordinance this year. Elmwood Township is celebrating its sesquicentennial this year with fun events to celebrate.

P. O'Donnell said the Small Urban Transportation Program is requesting applications for PY 2014 – 2017 by April 30th and gave an update on Division Street.

Public Comments & Discussion of future agenda

No public comment

Adjourn

No further business was brought up, so the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: February 18, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Culman

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Recording Secretary

TC-TALUS Meeting

✓	#	Name	Sponsoring Agency	Roll Call	Alternate	✓
✓	1	Lee Bowen -Chairman	Leelanau Road Commission		Jim Johnson	
✓	2	Jim Carruthers-Vice Chair	Traverse City			
	3	Julie Clark -excused	TART			
	4	Jeff Cockfield-excused	GT County Planning		Peter Albers/ Sarna Salzman	
	5	Jim Cook	GT Road Commission		Bill Mouser	✓
	6	Vicky Cook -excused	NMC			
✓	7	Jack Kelly	Elmwood Township			
✓	8	Chuck Korn	Garfield Township		Brian Vandenbrand	
	9	John Lanum	MDOT-Planning		Patty O'Donnell	✓
✓	10	Herb Lemcool	GT County			
✓	11	Glen Lile, Treasurer	East Bay Township			
	12	Tom Menzel	BATA			
✓	13	John Nelson	Citizen-at-large			
	14	Rise Rasch	MDOT-TCTSC		Gary Niemi	
✓	15	Penny Rosi, Secretary	Peninsula Township		Rob Manigold	
	16	Dan Sal	NWRAC			
	17	Leslie Sickterman	Long Lake Township		Karen Rosa	
	18	Paul Soma -excused	TCAPS			
✓	19	Craig Wells	Citizen-at-large			
✓	20	Tonya Wildfong	Chamber of Commerce			
	21	Jay Zollinger	Acme Township			
	22		Whitewater Township		Ron Popp	
	23		Grand Traverse Band			

Others in attendance:		
Matt Skeels		
Tom Slater		
Denise Culman		

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