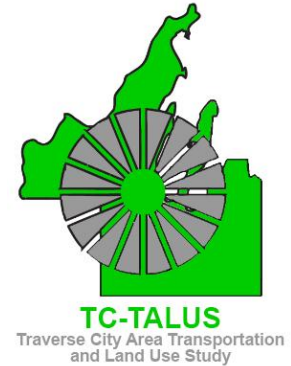


**News Release  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 1, 2014

Media Contact: **Matt Skeels**  
TC-TALUS Coordinator  
(231) 929-5057  
mattskeels@nwm.cog.mi.us



## **TC-TALUS Long-Range Transportation Plan Available for Public Comment**

TRAVERSE CITY, MI—The Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study (TC-TALUS) is seeking public input on its draft 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The plan is a comprehensive analysis of current and future transportation options in Traverse City and nine surrounding townships.

The plan is available for review and comment online at: [nwm.org/transportation](http://nwm.org/transportation). Copies of the plan are available at the Acme, Blair, Elmwood, East Bay, Garfield, Green Lake, Long Lake, Peninsula, and Whitewater Township halls. The plan is also available at the Grand Traverse and Leelanau County Road Commission offices, the Grand Traverse County and Traverse City Planning Department offices, the Bay Area Transportation Authority office, and the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments office.

Comments on the draft plan will be accepted until August 31 and can be made at: [nwm.org/transportation](http://nwm.org/transportation) or via email to: [mattskeels@nwm.cog.mi.us](mailto:mattskeels@nwm.cog.mi.us). Written comments can be sent to: Matt Skeels, TC-TALUS Coordinator, P.O. Box 506, Traverse City, Michigan, 49685-0506.

Public review open houses will be held Tuesday, August 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the NWMCOG Conference Room at the Traverse City Michigan Works Center, 1209 South Garfield, and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grand Traverse County Civic Center.

The mission of the TC-TALUS is to provide coordinated leadership and direction for the development and conduct of the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Traverse City urban area.

(MORE)



The 24-member board of directors includes members from area units of government, road commissions, Michigan Department Of Transportation (MDOT), Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS), Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation (TART), Bay Area Transportation Authority (BATA), Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce, and citizens-at-large.

# # #

NOTE to Media: Images are oftentimes available upon request by e-mailing Tom White at [tomwhite@nwm.cog.mi.us](mailto:tomwhite@nwm.cog.mi.us) and stating preferences for resolution (300 dpi?), file format (.tif? .jpg?) and file size (1MB or less?). Or, phone (231) 929-5044. Check our online Media Room at: [nwm.org/media](http://nwm.org/media)

Founded in 1974, the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10 county region. These programs include Northwest Michigan Works, YouthBuild, Small Business Development Center, Procurement Technical Assistance Center, various business services, and many different regional planning initiatives in response to our communities' requests and needs. You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business and community services NWMCOG offers if you visit our web site, [nwm.org](http://nwm.org)

NWMCOG's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.