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Public Invited to Provide Input on All Modes of Transportation in the Traverse City Area

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – The 2020 Census resulted in the Traverse City area exceeding the population threshold to become a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The Traverse City MPO, known as Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative (TTCI), establishes a collaborative and coordinating body that supports discussion and consensus for transportation projects utilizing federal funding and new grant opportunities. TTCI will be developing long-range and short-range plans that support projects within the MPO boundaries.

As part of the work to establish the MPO, the public is invited to attend any of three drop-in sessions to provide input on all modes of transportation in the greater Traverse City area. The sessions will give the public the opportunity to speak with professional planning staff and TTCI Board members, and provide comments on preferred road design options, mapping activities, and more.

The input sessions will be held in Traverse City at the dates, times, and locations listed below.

Tuesday, July 25 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Networks Northwest Conference Center at Northwest Michigan Works!, 1209 S. Garfield Avenue.

Wednesday, July 26 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Sara Hardy Farmers Market, Parking Lot B, at the corner of Cass and the Grandview Parkway.

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Saturday, July 29, 2023

11:00 am to 2:00 pm Traverse Area District Library, Woodmere Branch, in the McGuire Community Room, and outside the library on the Boardman Lake Trail in Hull Park.

For those unable to attend the input sessions, an online survey will be open from Tuesday, July 25 until Friday, August 25. The survey and an MPO FAQ can be found on the Networks Northwest TTCI webpage at <u>nwm.org/TTCI</u>.

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