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## **Community Dialogue on Transit January 23 in Petoskey**

PETOSKEY, MI – Local governments, businesses, health care and service providers, and other key community partners are invited to share their input on public transit in Emmet County at a special event January 23 in Petoskey. The Emmet County Board of Commissioners is hosting the Community Dialogue on Transit Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Iron Horse Café at North Central Michigan College, 1515 Howard Street.

Public transit has been discussed in Emmet County for many years. Now, with assistance from regional partner and neutral convener Networks Northwest, Emmet County is reaching out to local businesses, organizations, government officials, and community members to help guide any transit decisions the Board of Commissioners makes. Participants will support the County's decision-making process on the viability and potential operations of an Emmet County based transit system.

This event is open to anyone who would like to attend, but key stakeholders whose views will provide insight into particular community needs and questions have been identified and specifically invited.

“This is an opportunity for key stakeholders – like employers and businesses – to influence the County Board's decisions on transit,” said John Stakoe, Emmet County Commissioner. “We know they'll be impacted by issues like potential transit routes and costs, so we really need their input. Their participation will be extremely valuable to the County Board.”

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There is no cost to attend, but RSVPs are required, and space is limited. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to:

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For more information, contact Lucas or John Stakoe, Emmet County Commissioner, at 248-535-5116.

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