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The mission of the Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative (TTCI) 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.

TTCI Technical Committee Agenda

Thursday August 17th, 1:30pm

In-Person at the MI Works! Conference Room
1209 S Garfield Ave # C, Traverse City, MI 49686

Or via zoom at:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85645502829>

Meeting ID: 856 4550 2829

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Business for discussion
 - i) MPO Establishment and Next Steps
 - ii) Initial Public Engagement 2023 Completed (Update)
 - July 22nd Saturday (610 Woodmere Ave. TART Trail, public space outreach, 10am-1pm)
 - July 25th Tuesday (MI Works Conference Room Drop-In, 4-7pm)
 - July 26th Wednesday (TC Farmers Market, 9am-12pm)
 - iii) MPO Next Steps
 - iv) Roundtable Updates
- 3) Member Comments/Discussion of future agenda items
- 4) Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19th, 2023 @ 1:30pm
- 5) Adjourn

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MPO Establishment and Next Steps:

MPO Establishment

We have obtained approval of the resolutions necessary for the formation of the TTCI MPO. The resolutions which were adopted by the eligible entities below reference the formation and governing structure for the MPO through the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Bylaws which accompany that agreement. All eligible entities outside of Whitewater Township and the Grand Traverse Band have joined the MPO Policy Board. Efforts for collaboration with the two remaining entities will continue.

Unit of Government/Agency	Intergovernmental Agreement Stage
BATA	Approved 6/29/2023
Acme Township	Approved 8/1/2023
Charter Township of Elmwood	Approved 7/14/2023
Grand Traverse County	Approved 8/2/2023
Grand Traverse County Road Commission	Approved 7/27/2023
Leelanau County Road Commission	Approved 7/5/2023
Charter Township of East Bay	Approved 7/10/2023
Charter Township of Garfield	Approved 7/12/2023
Traverse City	Approved 8/7/2023
Charter Township of Long Lake	Approved 7/11/2023
Bingham Township	Approved 8/2/2023
Green Lake Township	Approved 7/12/2023
Peninsula Township	Approved 8/8/2023
Whitewater Township	unlikely at this time
Leelanau County	Approved 7/18/2023
Blair Township	Approved 7/11/2023
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	unknown at this time

We have received 5 of the approved resolutions of the 15 entities which made the approvals. We will be communicating to those remaining entities clerks and board secretaries to obtain the remaining 10. If we have difficulty obtaining the resolutions we may reach out to respective Technical Committee Members for assistance.

Next Steps

We will submit the following information to our MDOT representatives following the TTCI Board meeting on September 12th. At that Policy Board meeting we will ask for action to support sending the document to MDOT.

Supporting Documentation:

- Bylaws approved by TTCI Board
- Resolutions of Support from member agencies
- Intergovernmental Agreement referenced in the resolutions
- Finalized MPA Map

Steps as outlined by Jeff Franklin and Luke Walters via email:

The Governor's office, through MDOT Director Wieferich, has given our MDOT Statewide Planning Division an expectation of approximately 30 days turn-around time. Our MDOT Statewide Planning Division intends to seek a faster turn-around through consistent pressure, including having FHWA/FTA supporting our expedited timeline. The Governor through MDOT Director Wieferich will issue MDOT/TTCI an MPO designation correspondence. Next, we handle the FHWA/FTA recognition of that Michigan MPO designation, through correspondence which expects a quicker turn-around (one week or less, given prior coordination). Our Federal partners have been coordinated with constantly throughout the summer on this, and they expect to issue their own correspondence that recognizes the MPO and approves the FY24 UWP in a reasonably expeditious manner.

Financial aspects:

We have FHWA's agreement to see the FY24 Consolidated Planning Grant for TTCI (through Northwest COG dba Networks Northwest) obligated timely, before Governor action even (the caveat being, in the unlikely event we fail to get a designation, the funds can be de-obligated). MDOT won't be able to contract with NN for that funding until after all the Governor and Federal correspondence exists from my prior paragraph. The contracting process will be set up ahead of time though (through our typical MDOT Contract Services Division partners, Bill Rottiers/Jill Foreback), waiting for the necessary correspondence to exist. We've had several examples over the years of contracts not getting executed until after the fiscal year starts (some time within October), and Luke and I expect that to be the case here (though we'll mitigate best we can). FHWA understands our position and sees no concerns with this timing. Such a potential timing might look like this – correspondence exists by mid-October; contract commences for the CPG funding with NN/TTCI November 1st (a conservative date). TTCI would remain eligible for the full FY24 CPG amount, but with only 11 months to accomplish the work of the UPWP (it is doable; and Fed okayed).