



**Local Advisory Committee**

Friday, March 10, 2017 12:00PM

Benzie Bus Station

**MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

Members:	Matt Goodlin – Chairman <b>Present</b>	Douglas Durand –Vice Chairman <b>Present</b>
	Mary Carroll <b>Present</b>	Ingemar Johansson <b>Absent</b>
	Richard Heniser <b>Absent</b>	Anne Noah <b>Present</b>
	Beverly Popp <b>Absent</b>	Kelly Thayer <b>Absent</b>
	Dorene Strang <b>Present</b>	Ruth Ann Taylor <b>Present</b>

**Public Comment** None

**Review and Approve December 16, 2016 Minutes** Minutes approved as-is

**New Ford Transits with side lifts** Benzie Bus is ordering new Ford Transits with side power doors and wheelchair lifts

**Annual Community Survey** – Jessica reviewed the 2016 Annual surveys. She is working on updating the surveys, and surveying will launch April 22, at the Chamber Expo. Ann Noah suggested adding questions regarding medical transportation, and putting some rider surveys by the time clocks at Crystal Mountain

**Magical History Tours 2017** – Benzie Area Historical Museum is taking over the History Tour. Bill and Jessica are still working with them on ironing out the routes, days, times

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> Job Fair & Expo (Sat. 11-5) free rides** – Benzie Bus will be providing free rides to both the Job Fair (11-12:45) and the Chamber Expo (1-5). The Expo will be held on a Saturday at BCHS this year. Mary Carroll and Jessica are working on a joint press release for the event

**Mobility Manager**

- **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation** – Benzie Bus is now a provider for MTM giving NEMT rides. This allows BB to give rides to Molina/Meridian participants. Jessica is working hard getting the service set up on the back end (setting up the portal, making sure we have all necessary documentation, etc). We will continue collaborating with BATA and Manistee to provide this service. Discussion over medical appointments in Empire and need for NEMT services to that area.



- **Job Access Reverse Commute JARC Routes – TC 22 times & Airport connections** - Expanded JARC services launched Feb 6. Benzie Bus has coordinated routes with BATA to get riders to TC 22 times per day via Lake Ann and Interlochen. Thompsonville services were also expanded, and Benzie Bus is now in Tville 8 times per day. BB received \$63k last year to expand commuter services. Jessica is also looking into helping people make connections to the Airport and NMC via Benzie Bus and BATA.
- **New Shelters: Frankfort 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Thompsonville Library & Honor Public Parking Lot** Benzie Bus received funding for 3 new shelters this year. Shelters will be located in front of Patterson Crossing apartments in Frankfort; at Thompsonville Library; and in the Honor public parking lot. Matt suggested a shelter or bench be placed at the Dollar General in Frankfort. Benzie Bus received funding for more shelters for FY18.
- **Regional Connections Cadillac – Grand Rapids via Indian Trails** Benzie Bus is looking into connections to Indian Trails services to Grand Rapids via either Cadillac or Traverse City. At this point in time, Benzie Bus is unable to make all connections; Jessica and Bill will continue to discuss options with BATA and CWTA.

Future Meeting Schedule:      June 9, 2017  
   Sept. 15, 2017 &  
   Dec. 8, 2017

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Jessica Carland, Recording Secretary

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