

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. TART Request for Support of Complete Streets Design

TART’s Executive Director Julie Clark gave a Power Point presentation explaining “Complete Streets.”

Motion by Nelson, seconded by McKellar, to adopt TART’s Complete Streets resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION 13-08-03
COMPLETE STREETS**

WHEREAS, the term “Complete Streets” is defined as a design framework that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers of all ages and abilities, while also improving environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, sedentary lifestyles and limited opportunities to integrate exercise into daily activities are factors correlated to adverse health consequences; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” infrastructure benefits the environment by addressing storm water runoff, air pollution and other environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, coordinated development of “Complete Streets” infrastructure offers long-term cost savings for local governments and provides benefits to property owners, businesses and investors; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets allows people with disabilities, low-income residents, older adults, children and other segments of the population who do not have consistent access to vehicular transportation the ability to travel freely throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are achieved when transportation agencies routinely plan for, design, construct, operate and maintain the transportation network to improve travel conditions for all users in a manner consistent with, and supportive of, the surrounding community and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has passed “Complete Streets” legislation that requires the Michigan Department of Transportation and local governments to consider all legal users in transportation related projects; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles and transit are more conducive to the public life and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobile.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission Board of Commissioners hereby declares its support of “Complete Streets” policies and to the extent feasible the Grand Traverse County Road Commission will attempt to incorporate “Complete Streets” design considerations and practices as a routine part of infrastructure planning, implementation, and maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission will attempt to consider “Complete Street” principles in future long-range planning documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission is open and willing to explore ways of planning for, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining “Complete Streets” infrastructure wherever feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission will attempt to make serious efforts to communicate the benefits of “Complete Streets” with local jurisdictions and community members and how “Complete Streets” policies and design considerations are being implemented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Brown, Mouser, McKellar, Nelson, Taylor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED Unanimously

B. Residents of Cotswold Court - “Memorandum of Complaint and a Request for Action
Board directed staff to contact the residents of Cotswold Court to consider establishing a special assessment district. Staff will review the other concerns cited in their memorandum.

C. Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Voter Authorization - (JC)
Motion by Nelson, seconded by Taylor, to authorize Jim Cook and Toby Javin respectively as the Voting Delegate and an Alternate Voting Delegate at their September 6, 2013 Annual Meeting.
CARRIED Unanimously

D. South Airport Road Cover Page
Motion by McKellar, seconded by Mouser, to authorize the Chair to sign the cover page for South Airport Road & Cass Road, Control Section STUL 28420, Job No. 117034A.
CARRIED Unanimously

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Eickenberger stated her position on Complete Streets.

Mark Nixon stated his position on Complete Streets.

13. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

McKellar stated his intent on requesting the Board to take a position on removal of a tree in Grawn.

Staff will work the Board to organize various meeting dates.

14. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Staff will respond to reports and communications directed to the Road Commission.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Carl J. Brown, Chair

Debra J. M. Hunt, Clerk