BATA - Local Advisory Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Noon – 1:00pm

Hall Street Conference Room or Microsoft Teams Meeting. **Join:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/23531742783199?p=dk4IjcTbwcAn7ESPOj

Meeting ID: 235 317 427 831 99, Passcode: um3Cf3J2

1. Welcome to the 2026 Local Advisory Council Fall Meeting.
    - Introducing BATA's new Executive Director, Patrick Preusser (pronounced Proy-ser)
    - Introductions from LAC and news from your world.
2. 4th quarter of 2026 and FY 2026 ridership data
3. BATA highlights since our June meeting
    - Bayshore Marathon, Cherry Fest, Cedar Polka Festival, & Leelanau Uncaged
    - Bike-n-Ride recap May-October
    - Education and Outreach
    - Summer bus stop improvements
    - Route and schedule modifications, Link demand, and staffing
    - BATA.net website redesign
4. November 3, 2026 BATA Transit Millage
5. BATA's new fare system. Sneak peak, create YOUR account at https://ezfare.justride.tickets/login
6. Discussion, vote on November 3rd, new fare action item, adjourn, and thanks!

2026 Local Advisory Council Membership

- **Linda Joppich:** LAC Chair / Community Representative
- **Matt Morritz:** Community Representative
- **Dan Buron/Cobe Farris/Caleb Lindgren:** Goodwill Northern Michigan
- **Lana Payne:** Grand Traverse Commission on Aging
- **Mandy Joppich:** Community Representative
- **Lena Vander Meulen:** Leelanau County Senior Services
- **Melissa Shea/Dee Newman Wilkinson:** Area Agency on Aging
- **Demarie Jones:** Disability Network Northern Michigan
- **Susan Odgers:** Community Representative
- **Lacey Edgecomb:** Senior Center Network
- **Mitch Treadwell:** Traverse City Commissioner

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