



BATA - Local Advisory Council Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Noon – 1:00pm

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1. Welcome to the 2026 Local Advisory Council Annual VAP Review
2. Introductions, with any personal BATA experience stories
3. Designate the LAC Chair for 2026
4. 2026 Vehicle Accessibility Plan
5. Bill Clark and Eric Lingaur: BATA rolls from 2025 to 2026
 - Review of service levels
 - Review of fare system
 - 2025 Ridership
 - Tentative major plans for 2026
 - Website
 - Fare system
6. Roundtable: Please bring any insights into how BATA can better support you as community members and agencies as well as each other
7. Sign VAP report and adjourn. Thank you for your support and advocacy!

January, 2026 Local Advisory Council Membership

- **Linda Joppich:** Chair / Community Representative
- **Matt Morritz:** Community Representative
- **Dan Buron:** Goodwill Northern Michigan
- **Lana Payne:** Commission on Aging
- **Mandy Joppich:** Community Representative
- **Lena Vander Meulen:** Leelanau County Senior Services
- **Amanda Molski:** Area Agency on Aging
- **Demarie Jones:** Disability Network Northern Michigan
- **Susan Odgers:** Community Representative
- **Lacey Edgecomb:** Senior Center Network
- **Mitch Treadwell:** Traverse City Commissioner

CC: Alex Simonetti/MDOT, Paul Clausen/BATA, Keir Rasmussen/BATA, Chris Davis/BATA, Eric Lingaur/BATA, Bill Clark/BATA, Tracy Melville/BATA