

A Resolution Directing Washtenaw County Staff To Engage In Possible Transit Agreement Discussion Between Washtenaw County, Wayne County, the City of Detroit, And Other Related Public Entities

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) is an intergovernmental partnership, created by Public Act No. 387 of 2012, among the City of Detroit and Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties; and

WHEREAS, the RTA's mission is to manage and secure transportation resources that significantly enhance mobility options, to improve quality of life for the residents and to increase economic viability for the region; and

WHEREAS, an RTA ballot proposal went before voters in the member entities on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County voters approved the RTA ballot issue with over 56% of the vote, but the initiative narrowly lost in the combined jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, since August 2, 2017, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners have authorized the Chair of the Board to negotiate provisions related to the future implementation of the RTA with the region's chief elected officials, provided that those decisions are supported by at least one of the County's appointees to the RTA board; and

WHEREAS, there is a possibility, but not a certainty, that another RTA proposal will be put before voters on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, there is no certainty a RTA ballot proposal will go before voters in 2018; and

WHEREAS, greater access to adequate and coordinated public transportation would significantly benefit the people, communities, businesses and organizations of Washtenaw County; and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Administrator to appropriately engage in discussions about a possible transit agreement between Washtenaw County, Wayne County, the City of Detroit, and other related public entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests staff to provide progress updates at all regularly scheduled Board meetings with the goal of providing a full report of options at the June, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs the County Administrator to explore all possible options and to present the pros and cons of the alternative options for bus, rail, and other considerations, and carbon impact, as well as the cost to the County of researching and developing options, and to solicit direction from the Board as discussions are ongoing.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Brabec			X	LaBarre	X			Smith	X		
Deatrick	X			Martinez-Kratz			X				
Jamnick	X			Morgan	X						
Jefferson	X			Ping			X				

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 15th, 2018, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS}.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 16th day of February, 2018.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk



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