

AGENDA ITEM 3

Resolution In Support of Regional Transit Plan And Identification of Next Steps

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law, the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC) is charged with the responsibility for establishing a comprehensive plan for transportation in the Southeast Michigan Region; and

WHEREAS, the RTCC Board has previously approved the hiring of TranSystems to assist the Chief Executive Officer with research, assessing current conditions, and assembling best practices data from other communities; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, the RTCC Monitoring Committee has met and consulted extensively with staff on the development of the proposed comprehensive regional transportation plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RTCC hereby approves the Comprehensive Regional Transit Service Plan as presented by the Chief Executive Officer on December 8, 2008, incorporating the following key elements:

- a) A review of current regional transit performance in Southeast Michigan,
- b) An assessment and series of recommendations for proposed enhancements and areas for improved coordination of services for the three prominent service providers in the region: DDOT, SMART, and DTC, and
- c) A recommendation for a phased approach to implement a new Regional Transit Network consisting of a mix of enhancements to existing services, Arterial Rapid Transit, Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail, and Commuter Rail. Corridors will move to a higher level of service if and only if ridership warrants the improvements, state and local funding mechanisms are established and density characteristics will be able to leverage the needed Federal funds for capital construction.

2. The RTCC understands that the viability of this Comprehensive Regional Transit Service Plan is dependent upon future legislative actions including a) the legislative establishment of a regional authority to run the system, b) the legislative establishment state and local funding mechanisms requiring a vote of the People for adoption, and c) the identification and adoption of funding sources for both operating and capital costs and a federal match on capital costs. Therefore, the RTCC hereby directs the Executive Director to explore these legislative options and bring recommendations back to the Board by June 30, 2009.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Regional Transit Coordinating Council, held on December 8, 2008, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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General Secretary

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