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Elections Division

September 24, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Miscellaneous Resolution #08126 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – TRANSIT COMMUTER BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR OAKLAND COUNTY EMPLOYEES which was adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2008.

As the County Clerk/Register, I have been instructed to provide you with a certified copy of this adopted resolution. Please forward Miscellaneous Resolution #08126 to the appropriate persons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson
Clerk/Register of Deeds
County of Oakland

Enclosure (1)

REPORT (M.R. #08126)

September 18, 2008

BY: Finance Committee, Mike Rogers, Chairperson

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - TRANSIT COMMUTER BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR
OAKLAND COUNTY EMPLOYEES

TO THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Finance Committee, having reviewed the above referenced resolution on September 2008, reports with the recommendation that the resolution be amended to insert the following language as the third BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Administration in their research does not find this program to be cost effective, they shall report back to the Finance Committee.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ayes: Potter, Coulter, Woodward, Greimel, Zack, Douglas,
Rogers

Nays: Crawford, Long

Absent: Kowall, Middleton

September 4, 2008

REPORT MR # 08126

BY: Personnel Committee, Thomas F. Middleton, Chairperson

RE: Board of Commissioners – Transit Commuter Benefit Program for Oakland County Employees

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Personnel Committee having reviewed MR #08126 on August 27, 2008 Reports with the recommendation the resolution be amended and adopted as follows:

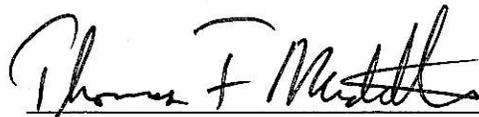
Change the title to read: *Board of Commissioners – **Pilot** Transit Commuter Benefit Program for Oakland County Employees*

The NOW THEREFORE paragraph be amended to read: *NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Executive through the Human Resources Department to implement a voluntary **Pilot** Transit Commuter Benefit Program for all county employees.*

The second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph to read: *that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners are updated on the status of Oakland County's enrollment within 30 days of adoption of this resolution **and for one year after implementation. If interest is not demonstrated in that period the program will be dissolved.***

Chairperson, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE



Personnel Committee Vote:

Motion carried on a roll call vote:

Douglas, Gosselin, Zack, Hatchett and Spector – yes

Middleton, Jacobsen and Scott – no

Rogers and Coleman - absent

Miscellaneous Resolution #08126

BY: Commissioner David Woodward, District #18

RE: **Board of Commissioners – Transit Commuter Benefit Program for Oakland County Employees**

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS the soaring cost of gas continues to put increasing financial pressure on the budgets of governments, businesses and Oakland County workers and families; and

WHEREAS the relentless global demand for scarce oil resources makes it unlikely that a significant reduction in the cost of gasoline, diesel fuel or biofuels will occur in the next several years; and

WHEREAS financial incentives have a significant impact on commute decisions; and

WHEREAS the federal tax code provides a variety of financial incentives related to commuter benefits for employers and employees; and

WHEREAS mass transit is a viable alternative that can reduce the cost of transportation for Oakland County worker and their families; and

WHEREAS Federal law lets private employers, non-profit organizations, and public agencies to implement a Transit Commuter Benefit Program so that workers receive up to \$115 a month in employer-paid tax-free transit costs, or take up to \$115 a month in tax-sheltered payroll deductions in transit costs; and

WHEREAS “transit benefits” are defined as passes, vouchers, or similar fare media provided to employees to cover their transit or qualified vanpool commuting costs; and

WHEREAS the Transit Commuter Benefit Program saves the employer money by eliminating payroll taxes on the value of the benefit, and saves employees money by eliminating their share of payroll taxes, and local, state, federal taxes on the value of transit benefit.

WHEREAS Suburban Mobile Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), the largest transit authority in Oakland County and all of Michigan, offers a Transit Commuter Benefit Program called the SMART TransitChek Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Executive through the Human Resources Department to implement a voluntary Transit Commuter Benefit Program for all county employees.

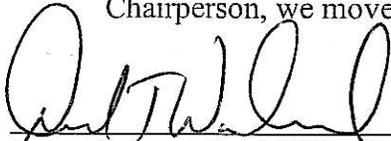
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Executive through the Human Resources Department to enroll in the SMART TransitChek Program.

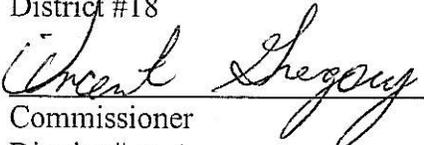
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners are updated on the status of Oakland County’s enrollment within 30 days of adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners encourages Oakland County's cities, villages, and townships, businesses and nonprofits also to enroll into the SMART TransitChek Program.

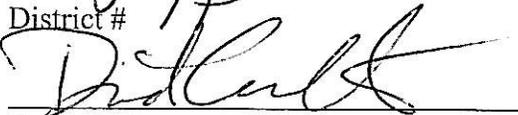
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this adopted resolution be forwarded by the Oakland County Clerk to the Oakland County Business Roundtable, and all Oakland County's cities, villages, and townships.

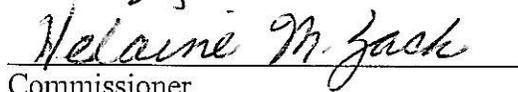
Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.


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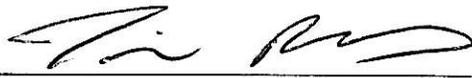

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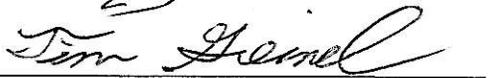
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Resolution #08126

July 8, 2008

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Personnel Committee. There were no objections.

Resolution #08126

September 4, 2008

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Finance Committee. There were no objections.

FISCAL NOTE (MISC. #08126)

September 18, 2008

BY: Finance Committee, Mike Rogers, Chairperson

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - TRANSIT COMMUTER BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR OAKLAND COUNTY EMPLOYEES

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule XII-C of this Board, the Finance Committee has reviewed the above referenced resolution and finds:

1. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Executive through the Human Resources Department to implement a voluntary Transit Commuter Benefit Program for all county employees.
2. Federal law allows private and public agencies to implement a Transit Commuter Benefit Program so that workers receive up to \$115 a month in employer-paid tax-free transit costs, or take up to \$115 a month in tax-sheltered payroll deductions in transit costs.
3. Transit benefits are defined as passes, vouchers or similar fare media provided to employees to cover their transit or qualified vanpool commuting costs.
4. The cost of the program is estimated at \$20,409 per year. These costs consist of an initial set-up fee of \$4,000, the cost of a minimum of 25 employees at \$4 per month per year of \$1,200 and the cost of an Emergency Salary Office Assistant II position at \$15,209 to process and track enrollments, ensure the information is provided to Payroll and the vendor, handle distribution of marketing materials and provide reports to the Board.
5. This benefit would be paid out of the Non-Departmental Contingency account. The budget would be amended as follows:

General Fund (#10100)	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
9090101-196030-730359 Non-Dept Contingency	(\$20,409)	(\$20,409)
9090101-196030-740058 Emergency Salaries Reserve	15,209	15,209
9010101-196030-740178 Transit Commuter Benefit Prog	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,200</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

6. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners will be updated on the status of Oakland County's enrollment within 30 days of the adoption of the resolution. A budget amendment is recommended for FY 2009 and FY 2010.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ayes: Coulter, Woodward, Greimel, Zack, Potter, Rogers

Nays: Douglas, Crawford, Long

Absent: Kowall, Middleton

Resolution #08126

September 18, 2008

Moved by Middleton supported by Woodward the resolution (with fiscal note attached) be adopted.

Moved by Middleton supported by Clark the resolution be referred back to the Personnel Committee.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Middleton withdrew his motion and Commissioner Clark withdrew his support.

Moved by Middleton supported by Woodward the Finance Committee Report and the Personnel Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the reports were accepted.

Moved by Middleton supported by Woodward the resolution be amended to coincide with the recommendations in the Finance Committee Report and the Personnel Committee Report.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the amendments carried.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Douglas supported by Gingell the resolution be amended to delete the last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph.

Vote on amendment:

AYES: Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory, Greimel, Hatchett, Jacobsen, Kowall, Long, Middleton, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Clark, Coleman, Coulter. (23)

NAYS: Nash, Potter. (2)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the amendment carried.

Vote on resolution, as amended:

AYES: Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory, Greimel, Hatchett, Kowall, Nash, Potter, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Woodward, Zack, Burns, Coleman, Coulter. (19)

NAYS: Jacobsen, Long, Middleton, Bullard, Clark, Crawford. (6)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution (with fiscal note attached), as amended, was adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on September 18, 2008, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 18th day of September, 2008.

I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk