

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF AREA-WIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Public Transportation is vital to the needs of a major metropolitan area (Macomb, Wayne and Oakland Counties); and

WHEREAS, the economic viability of this area depends on the ability of workers to get to jobs using a comprehensive public transit system that includes both fixed routes and flexible para-transit as determined by each participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the basic needs of some in our area can only be met through the provision of area-wide public transit (medical office visits, grocery shopping etc.); and

WHEREAS, a stable, fair, equitable and broadly based funding mechanism is critical to the support of an area-wide public transit system; and

WHEREAS, our area has been hamstrung by a patchwork funding device that creates inequities and gaps in service, and subsidizes those who can access the service without paying the tax to support it; and

WHEREAS, The City of Farmington Hills has supported area-wide public transit by being an “opt-in” community in support of SMART since the system was established in 1996,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Farmington Hills urges The Oakland County Board of Commissioners to allow all the voters of Oakland County the opportunity to vote on participating in the funding of a comprehensive area-wide public transit system through a county-wide tax of .59 mills or less as Macomb County does and Wayne County is considering; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent electronically to all municipalities in Oakland County, all Oakland County Commissioners, and County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Adopted this 21st Day of September, 2009.

/s/ Jerry Ellis
Jerry Ellis, Mayor

I, Kathryn A. Dornan, City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Farmington Hills City Council at its regular meeting held September 21, 2009.

/s/ Kathryn A. Dornan
Kathryn A. Dornan, City Clerk