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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
AREA-WIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Public Transportation is vital to the needs of the metropolitan Detroit Region, including Macomb, Wayne and Oakland Counties ("the Region");

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Regional Public Transportation System is core to a sound economic development strategy for the Region;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has indicated a good transit system can attract development, businesses, tourism, and conventions. It helps connect people to jobs, making the Region more economically competitive;

WHEREAS, a Regional Public Transportation System will provide mobility options to local residents, and it represents the Governor's commitment to promoting economic growth and improving the quality of life in the Region;

WHEREAS, the economic viability of the Region 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; and

WHEREAS, the basic needs of some residents of the Region can only be met through the provision of Region-wide public transit (ie. medical office visits, grocery shopping etc.);

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

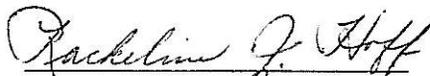
WHEREAS, our Region has been hamstrung by a patchwork funding device that creates inequities and gaps in service, and subsidizes those who can access the service without paying the tax to support it; and

WHEREAS, The City of Birmingham 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 Birmingham 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 currently does and Wayne County is currently 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 23rd day of November, 2009.


Racheline J. Hoff, Mayor

I, Laura Broski, City Clerk Designee, of the City of Birmingham, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Birmingham City Commission at its regular meeting held November 23, 2009.




Laura Broski, City Clerk Designee