RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, passage of Michigan Senate Bills 909, 911, 912 and 967 will create a Regional Transit Authority in Southeast Michigan;

WHEREAS, this package of bills would result in a considerably higher level of coordinated public transportation service delivered more efficiently;

WHEREAS, these benefits will come as the established RTA adopts a comprehensive regional transportation plan, builds and implements a rapid transit network, consolidates service providers, becomes a designated recipient for transit related state and federal capital and operating funds, and develops a funding plan;

WHEREAS, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray Lahood has renewed his appeal for lawmakers to create a regional transit authority for metropolitan Detroit in order to bring greater stability to the region's disconnected public transit agencies, and better enable Federal funding opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Municipal League has identified transit as one of eight essential assets of 21st Century communities. A transit system that is robust with integrated modality, supports quality infrastructure like Transit-oriented Design and land use of all forms of transportation, has the capacity to create jobs, enhance the tax base, transport employees to and from the workplace, and more;

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

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority is supported by Governor Snyder, and reflects his commitment to promoting economic growth and improving the quality of life in the Region;

WHEREAS, the Woodward Avenue Action Association as the champion for the Woodward All-American Road, adopted a resolution on February 17, 2011 in support of investment in quality rapid transit in Metro Detroit with Woodward as the centerpiece as a vital connector of 11 communities within our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Woodward Avenue Action Association Board of Directors urges decision makers to swiftly approve the bill package creating a Regional Transit Authority.

Adopted this 24th Day of August, 2012.
Supported by: Patrick, Goodwin, Chamberlain, O'Dwyer, Good, Bruner, Perry, Johnson, Wheeler, Dryden, Ross, Saperstein, Ellison, Ecker Lorenz, Moots, Coulter, Silk, Screws, Montes, Palombo, Winters

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