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535 Griswold St. Suite #600
Detroit, MI 48226

SMART Board Meeting

April 23, 2026





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Call to Order





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TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Pledge of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to The Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.





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ROLL CALL

Date: April 23, 2026

CHAIRPERSON, MR. JOHN PAUL REA

VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MR. ELI COOPER

MS. SHEILA COTE

DR. CURTIS IVERY

MR. ROYCE MANIKO

MS. DIANA MCBROOM

MR. ASSAD TURFE



SMART Board Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2026

2:00 PM

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ITEM	ACTION	PRESENTED BY
1. Call to Order		John Paul Rea
2. Pledge of Allegiance		John Paul Rea
3. Roll Call		Tiffany Martin
4. Adoption of Agenda	Approval	John Paul Rea
5. Certification of Public Notice	Information	Tiffany Martin
6. Minutes	Approval	John Paul Rea
A. Board Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2026		
B. Executive Session Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2026		
7. Public Participation	Discussion	
8. Chairperson's Report	Information	John Paul Rea
9. General Manager's Report	Information	Tiffany J. Gunter
10. New Business		
A. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Services	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
B. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Sludge, Wastewater, and Barrel Removal & Disposal Services	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
C. Resolution: Increase in Authorization for Fixed Route Tire Lease Option Year Two	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
D. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Fixed Route Vehicle Body Repair	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>

E. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Propane Auto Gas	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
F. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Five (5) Replacement Support Vehicles	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
G. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Four (4) Electric Full-size Vans	Approval	Le Juan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
H. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Paratransit Regional Scheduling Software	Approval	Daniel Whitehouse <i>VP of Paratransit</i>
11. Closed Session		
A. Authorization for Proposed Vehicle Liability Settlement	Approval	Laura Bieniek <i>General Counsel</i>
12. Board Member Business	Discussion	John Paul Rea
13. Adjournment	Discussion	John Paul Rea



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PUBLIC NOTICE

SMART will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Buhl Building, located at 535 Griswold St. Suite #600, Detroit, MI 48226. The agenda can be found on SMART's website: <http://www.smartbus.org/About/Our-Organization/Board-of-Directors/Board-Meeting-Schedule>. Members of the public may attend in person or via zoom. The Meeting will be live streamed on YouTube and available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@MySMARTBus>.

To attend virtually; on a smartphone, tablet, or computer; please enter this URL in a web browser:

- <https://smartbus.zoom.us/j/86728758619>
- Via phone only, please dial: +1 305 224 1968
- Webinar ID: 867 2875 8619 (no password required)
- One-tap mobile: +19292056099,,86728758619# US

Members of the public may also submit a written comment by emailing SMARTBoard@smartbus.org by 1:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

Requests for reasonable accommodations at SMART require advanced reservations. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance should contact SMARTBoard@smartbus.org or 313-223-2110 as soon as possible. If you have difficulties joining the virtual session, contact SMARTBoard@smartbus.org and we will assist you to the best of our abilities. ASL interpreter services will be provided for the 2:00 PM. Board Meeting. Should an individual require any other interpretation services for the 2:00 PM. Meeting, please contact SMARTBoard@smartbus.org or 313-223-2110 at least 72 hours prior to the Meeting.

Public Comment will proceed as follows:

- All comments: 3-minute limit per member of the public.
- Public comments will be received in the following order:
 1. Members of the public who attend in person
 2. Members of the public present via Zoom
 3. Written comments via email.

Public comment shall be allowed for one participant at a time. Participants shall not speak until recognized by the Chairperson. Each participant, remote and in person, will be required to provide their name, county of residence, and the topic they would like to address. Online participants must also provide an email address, by sending the email address to SMARTBoard@smartbus.org. Online participants must also have camera access. Virtual participation will be facilitated through Zoom. (link provided) To register to speak via zoom, a comment participant must "raise hand." The meeting administrator will select individuals in the order received. Online participants will have 3 minutes to speak. Participants will be muted when the time expires. The Chairperson shall designate a timekeeper for purposes of enforcing the time limit. Emailed public comment will not be read but printed, copied, and made available at the meeting.

SMART will also hold its Board of Directors Retreat on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the Detroit Foundation Hotel, located at 250 W. Larned St., Detroit, MI 48226. The agenda can be found on SMART's website: <http://www.smartbus.org/About/Our-Organization/Board-of-Directors/Board-Meeting-Schedule> Members of the public may attend in person.

Members of the public may also submit a written comment by emailing SMARTBoard@smartbus.org by 8:00 A.M. on the day of the retreat.

Public comment shall be allowed for one participant at a time. Participants shall not speak until recognized by the Chairperson. Each participant will be required to provide their name, county of residence, and the topic they would like to address. Online participants must also provide an email address, by sending the email address to SMARTBoard@smartbus.org.

This meeting will not be livestreamed via Zoom.

**SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

PROPOSED MINUTES –March 26, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) met on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Buhl Building, located at 535 Griswold St., Suite #600, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

SMART Board of Directors:	Chairperson	John Paul Rea
	Vice-Chairperson	Mr. Eli Cooper Ms. Sheila Cote Dr. Curtis Ivery Mr. Royce Maniko Ms. Diana McBroom

Absent Board Members: Mr. Assad Turfe

General Manager: Ms. Tiffany J Gunter

Deputy General Manager Ms. Harmony Lloyd

SMART Board Administrator: Ms. Tiffany Martin -Patterson

SMART Staff Present: Ms. Truvae Adams
Ms. Laura Bieniek
Mr. Norman Buhagiar
Ms. Jaren Brown
Mr. Le Juan Burt
Mr. Ryan Byrne
Ms. Traci Davis
Ms. Ericka DeLange
Ms. Beth Gibbons
Mr. James Henderson



Ms. Lynette Hurt
Ms. Jordan Irving
Mr. Paul Johnson
Ms. Vickie Jordan-Strugs
Ms. Tianna Leapheart
Ms. Bonnie McInerney
Ms. Keshia McKinney
Ms. Andrea Malinowski
Mr. Chris Ngoyi
Ms. Jacqueline Owens
Mr. Bernard Parker
Ms. Alissa Pifer
Mr. Sean Riopelle
Mr. Corey Rowe
Mr. Devin Street
Mr. Jordan VonZynda
Mr. D'Andrae Whitley
Mr. Danny Whitehouse
Ms. Cassandra Whitfield

Public Registered:

Brother Cunningham
Nikki Nolan

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Mr. John Paul Rea, Vice-Chairperson Mr. Eli Cooper, Ms. Sheila Cote, Dr. Curtis Ivery, Ms. Diana McBroom, Mr. Royce Maniko

Absent: Mr. Assad Turfe

A quorum was present.

4. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Ms. Diana McBroom, to adopt the Agenda for the Thursday, March 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

5. Certification of Public Notice

The Board Administrator read the Public Notice and Rules of Order into the record.

6. Minutes

A. Board Meeting Minutes for SMART’s February 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Curtis Ivery, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, to approve the minutes for the Thursday, February 26, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. Public Participation

Chairperson Mr. John Paul Rea declared the meeting open for Public Participation.

The following participants voiced their concerns and made comments in person:.

Brother Cunningham of Wayne County asked if there were any way SMART Staff could do a bus ride along after 6PM or on the weekends, as some staff members have not ridden buses. Doing so would be a good idea for them to experience the system firsthand. He also stated the FAST bus should be 24-hours, and there should be a FAST Van Dyke and a FAST Grand River. Due to the current financial climate, Cunningham recommends meeting attendees from the public receive parking validation or bus tickets. In the interest of timekeeping, speakers should have a clock in the corner. SMART’s other meetings, such as the SMART Sounding Board, should have publicly available Zoom information.

Nikki Nolan of Macomb County recounted a recent experience with Columbus, Ohio fixed route and paratransit services. Nolan mentioned the city’s app is used for both services. SMART, however, does not have a universal app. Along with that, the app tracked vehicle arrivals. The new booking hours (8AM-5PM) are inconvenient. Due to booking a trip outside of those hours a while ago, it was cancelled, however, a resolution was reached.



DISCUSSION:

None

8. Chairperson’s Report

DISCUSSION:

Chairperson John Paul Rea extended gratitude to SMART Staff and Strategic Coordination and Outreach Team for their collaborations with Macomb County Board of Commissioners and Community Transit Providers in enhancing and modernizing the Macomb County millage. Ms. Sheila Cote, along with other community leaders, entered discussions with thoughtfulness and purposefulness and ensured transit and mobility options remain a priority.

9. General Manager’s Report

DISCUSSION:

Tiffany Gunter, SMART’s General Manager and CEO reported on February’s happenings: from February 2025 to February 2026, ridership on Gratiot, Woodward, and 9 Mile/Crosstown, ridership increased, 40%, 38%, and 35% respectively. Increased numbers suggests riders returning, likely stemming from SMART’s efforts in improving on-time performance (OTP), bus shelter maintenance, and Wi-Fi on buses. Regarding the first of those causes, average morning pull out times range from 70-75%, while afternoon and evening numbers still require improvement, though OTP sits at 75-76% overall, up ten percentage points.

Gunter, along with Deputy General Manager Harmony Lloyd, attended APTA’s Transit CEOs Seminar and were able to exchange information and ideas with others in the field, particularly with issues surrounding operator and facility safety and security. The Surface Transportation Reauthorization, set to expire September 30th, was also discussed. Negotiations have already begun. Executives are collaborating to present their information in efforts to maintain current levels of funding and/or obtain additional funding.

The WTS, or Women in Transportation Seminar bestowed Tiffany Gunter with the Diversity Award. She and other team members will attend the event to accept the award. Similarly, SMART’s Scheduling and Planning team receives an award during Boston’s ThinkTransit Seminar, which Gunter and other members of the team will accept.

10. Financial Report

A. FY 2027 Budget Committee Appointment

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Dr. Curtis Ivery, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, hereby approves the appointment of Ms. Sheila Cote of Macomb County as Chairperson, Mr. Eli Cooper of Oakland County, and Dr. Curtis Ivery of Wayne County to the Budget Committee for the 2026-2027 term.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

11. Board Briefings

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Eli Cooper, seconded by Ms. Diana McBroom to receive and file the April Service Change Update.

DISCUSSION:

Jordan VonZynda, VP of Planning, presented the April Service Change Update. SMART is introducing a new route: 350 Wixom, previously presented as Route 750. The route's hours are 6AM-11PM Monday-Friday, 8AM-8PM Saturday, and 9AM-5PM Sunday with hourly service.

In Oakland County, routes 430 Main Street and 494 Dequindre will receive extensions: the former north via Crooks and Auburn, the latter north via Dequindre and Auburn. Route 796 Perry-Opdyke will be eliminated due to low ridership and redundant coverage.

Macomb County's route extensions consist of 610 Kercheval-Harper going further north to Mount Clemens and North River P&R, and 780 Fifteen Mile Crosstown going further east from Gratiot to Harper.

FAST Routes going forward will have their numbers inside of boxes, making them easier to distinguish from further away.

Vice-Chairperson Mr. Eli Cooper inquired about the Oakland County route extensions, specifically asking if there were time based transfers, which VonZynda answered affirmatively. Tiffany Gunter announced a pilot program for software which will show updates and detours in real time to allow operators to more effectively navigate the new routes.

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

12. New Business

A. Resolution: Approval of Labor Agreement with UAW Local 771

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Diana McBroom, seconded by Dr. Curtis Ivery, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation approves the Agreement between the International Union for United Automobile and Aerospace Workers of America, Local 771, and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, effective March 23, 2026, through December 31, 2028, and hereby authorizes the General Manager to enter into and execute said agreement.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolution: Amendment to the FY2025/26 General Operating Budget – Increase Special Events Expenditures

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Sheila Cote, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, That the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation hereby approves the budget amendment as outlined.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

C. Resolution: Authorization to File and Execute Applications, Contracts, and Amendments for the SMART FY 2027 Annual Application for Michigan Capital and Operating Financial Assistance

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Eli Cooper, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, That the Board authorizes SMART to submit the Annual Application for FY 2027 to MDOT in compliance with the requirements of Section 10e of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and provide such information as deemed necessary by the commission or MDOT for its administration.

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

D. Resolution: Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract to Westmatic, Inc. for Bus Wash Replacement Parts and Labor

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Diana McBroom, seconded by Dr. Curtis Ivery, That the General Manager is authorized to award a one-year sole source with Westmatic, Inc. the manufacturer of the bus wash system, for the provision of bus wash parts and associated labor in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.

DISCUSSION:

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

E. Resolution: Amended EEO Policy Reflecting New EEO Officer

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, The Board of Directors of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation approves the amended SMART EEO Program Policy.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

F. Resolution: Ratification of Payment for Wireless Services with T-Mobile

MOTION: Moved by Ms. Sheila Cote, seconded by Ms. Diana McBroom, the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is authorized to ratify payment for voice and data services to T-Mobile USA, Inc. in the amount of \$658,618.70.

DISCUSSION:

This item was presented by Tiffany Gunter. Chairperson John Paul Rea commented that in 2023, it was confirmed that Board members did discuss the layering of services for increased effectiveness.

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

G. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Wireless Voice and Data Services for the Paratransit and Road Supervisor Fleets

MOTION: Moved by Dr. Curtis Ivery, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, that the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for wireless voice and data services to T-Mobile USA, Inc. for the paratransit and road supervisor fleets for one year, with two one-year option periods at an amount not to exceed of \$130,000 for each.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

H. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Wireless Data Services for Fixed Route Wi-Fi Devices

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Eli Cooper, seconded by Ms. Diana McBroom, that the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for wireless data services for fixed route WiFi devices for one year, at an amount not to exceed of \$92,000, with two one-year option renewal periods at the not to exceed amount of \$92,000, respectively.

DISCUSSION:

None

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

I. Resolution: Approval of a Student Free-Fare Program on SMART Fixed Route Services

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Eli Cooper, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, that That the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation hereby authorizes the General Manager to implement a Student Free-Fare Program that reduces financial stress on families and fosters a stronger Southeast Michigan, reinforcing SMART's role in education, workforce development, and economic growth, demonstrating commitment to a more inclusive and connected community.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Sheila Cote inquired about the routes' number of schools, which was a difficult total to approximate. Mr. Eli Cooper commented that this initiative will be critical to allow future generations to experience transit. Expressing agreement, Dr. Curtis Ivery stated that as this new culture is created, there will be a shift in ridership as time progresses. Mr. Royce Maniko detailed funding issues in Monroe County regarding a similar initiative.

VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

13. Closed Session

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Mr. John Paul Rea, Vice-Chairperson Mr. Eli Cooper, Ms. Sheila Cote, Dr. Curtis Ivery, Ms. Diana McBroom, Mr. Royce Maniko

Absent: Mr. Assad Turfe

MOTION:

DISCUSSION:
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VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.

14. Board Member Business

DISCUSSION:

None

15. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M. upon a motion made by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Dr. Curits Ivery, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany C. Martin-Patterson

Tiffany Martin-Patterson
Board Administrator



MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Participation





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Chairperson's Report





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: SMART Staff

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: New Business





SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Architectural & Engineering (A&E) Services

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) maintenance department requires architectural and engineering (A&E) services; and
- Whereas, The scope of services is broad and may include planning, design, engineering, procurement support, project management, construction engineering and administration, and compliance support for a wide range of capital, rehabilitation, repair, and modernization projects. As well as participating in the selection process and providing oversight throughout the completion and acceptance of a project; and
- Whereas, A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the Michigan Chronicle and published on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN). SMART received seven (7) proposals; and
- Whereas, DLZ Michigan, Inc. was deemed both responsive and responsible, and identified as the most qualified through a qualification-based selection process. Price was determined to be fair and reasonable through cost analysis and negotiation; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via: Project No: 40870/42194; Federal Grant No: MI-2018-018 (5307)/MI-2020-061 (5307); State Grant No: 2017-0130 P11 & 2017-0130 P24, with Option Years 1 & 2 funding to be determined; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that DLZ Michigan, Inc. has the potential to perform under the terms and conditions of the contract; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that DLZ Michigan, Inc. is in compliance with the equal opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for architectural and engineering (A&E) services to DLZ Michigan, Inc. for three years, with two one-year renewal options at an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 for the three-year base contract beginning May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2029, and amounts not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for each option year, for a total not to exceed amount of \$10,000,000.00 for the five years.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation held on April 23, 2026.

Date

Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Sludge, Wastewater, and Barrel Removal & Disposal Services

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Maintenance Department requires sludge, wastewater, and barrel removal & disposal services; and
- Whereas, To ensure safety and protect the facilities, regular cleaning of the catch basins, drains, pits, and oil-water separators is necessary. Timely removal and disposal of these materials, following environmental rules, helps reduce operational and safety risks; and
- Whereas, An Invitation for Bid (IFB) was advertised in the Michigan Chronicle and published on Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). SMART received three (3) sealed bids; and
- Whereas, Birks Works Environmental LLC, located at 19719 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, Michigan 48234, was determined to be the lowest-priced, responsive, and responsible bidder. Price was determined to be fair and reasonable; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via Operating Funds; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Birks Works Environmental LLC has the potential to perform under the terms and conditions of the contract; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Birks Works Environmental LLC is in compliance with the equal opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for sludge, wastewater, and barrel removal & disposal services for two (2) years, beginning May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028, at an amount not to exceed \$212,000 per year, with three (3) one-year option periods; Option Year One with a not to exceed amount of \$223,000, Option Year Two with a not to exceed amount of \$235,000, and Option Year Three with a not to exceed amount of \$248,000,000, for an aggregate total not to exceed of \$1,130,000.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation held on April 23, 2026.

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Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Increase in Authorization for Bus Tire Leasing and Related Services Option Year 2

- Whereas, On January 27, 2022, the SMART Board of Directors authorized a three-year contract with two one-year options for bus tire leasing and related services with Michelin North America, Inc.; and
- Whereas, Option Year 1 contract ends on April 30, 2026; and
- Whereas, Additional funding is required to support the anticipated increase in service levels, including more planned routes and higher vehicle mileage resulting in greater tire usage under the lease agreement; and
- Whereas SMART staff requests that the Board authorize an additional \$145,152 for Option Year 2 of the contract, beginning May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,223,538.00 for Option Year 2; and
- Whereas, This project is paid for using Operating Funds; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Michelin North America Inc. has performed under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Michelin North America, Inc. is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State government and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to increase funding for bus tire leasing and related services for Option Year 2 beginning May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, with Michelin North America, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$145,152.00, and an aggregate amount not to exceed of \$5,232,731.00 for the five years.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation held on April 23, 2026.

Date

Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Fixed Route Vehicle Body Repair

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Maintenance Department has a need for Fixed Route vehicle body repair; and
- Whereas, This contract will help expedite placing vehicles back into service in a timely manner; and
- Whereas, An Invitation for Bid (IFB) was advertised in the Michigan Chronicle and published on Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN). SMART received two (2) sealed bids;
- Whereas, Midwest Bus Corporation, located at 1940 W. Stewart St., Owosso, Michigan 48867, was determined to be the lowest-priced, responsive, and responsible bidder. Price has been determined to be fair and reasonable; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via Operating Funds; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Midwest Bus Corporation has the potential to perform under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Midwest Bus Corporation is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State government and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for Fixed Route vehicle body repair to Midwest Bus Corporation for one year, beginning May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, at an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 with four (4) one-year option periods, each at an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for an aggregate total not to exceed \$5,000,000.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation held on April 23, 2026.

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Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Propane Auto Gas

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) maintenance department requires propane auto gas for the SMART paratransit fleet; and
- Whereas, An Invitation for Bid (IFB) was advertised in the Michigan Chronicle and published on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN). SMART received five bids; and
- Whereas, AmeriGas Propane LP was determined to be the lowest-priced, responsive, and responsible bidder. Price has been determined to be fair and reasonable; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via Operating Funds; and
- Whereas, The Vice President of Finance is satisfied that AmeriGas Propane LP has the potential to perform under the terms and conditions of the contract; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that AmeriGas Propane LP is in compliance with the equal opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for propane auto gas to AmeriGas Propane LP for a total amount not to exceed \$900,000.00 for the base year, beginning June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, and a cost not to exceed \$900,000.000 for Option Year 1 and an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.000 for the two years.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation held on April 23, 2026.

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Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Five (5) Replacement Support Vehicles

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) has a need for five (5) replacement support vehicles; and
- Whereas, Due to the age, miles and increased cost of maintenance it is necessary to replace aging vehicles; and
- Whereas, SMART policy allows for purchases from state or local government purchasing contracts. This practice creates economies of scale, reduces procurement lead times, and reduces administrative effort and expense. SMART participates in the State of Michigan – MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program; and
- Whereas, The State of Michigan has awarded a contract for Domestic Vehicle Dealers – Patrol, Passenger, Trucks, and Vans Prequalification to Gorno Ford Inc, based on a competitive solicitation in accordance with all State and Federal regulations. The price has been determined to be fair and reasonable through an evaluation process conducted by the State of Michigan; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via Operating Funds; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Gorno Ford Inc has the potential to perform under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Gorno Ford Inc is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State government and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for the purchase of five (5) replacement support vehicles to Gorno Ford Inc. The vehicles will be purchased under a state government purchasing contract through the State of Michigan – MiDeal Vehicle Purchasing Program for an amount not to exceed \$186,710.00.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation held on April 23, 2026.

Date

Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Four (4) Electric Full-size Vans

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) on behalf of its Community Partnership Program members has a need for four (4) electric full-size vans; and
- Whereas, Those members - the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), the Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA), and the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) - were awarded Carbon Reduction funds through the Federal Transit Administration to support the introduction of battery electric vehicles into their fleets; and
- Whereas, SMART supports our community partners' federally funded efforts by administering grants and procuring vehicles for their use. The purchase of four (4) battery-electric transit vans will be distributed as follows: two (2) to OPC, one (1) to NOTA, and one (1) to WOTA; and
- Whereas, The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allows for purchases from state or local government purchasing contracts. This practice creates economies of scale, reduces procurement lead times, and reduces administrative effort and expense. SMART participates in the State of Michigan – State Bus/Van Purchasing Program; and
- Whereas, The State of Michigan has awarded a contract for full-size vans to Hoekstra Transportation, Inc., based on a competitive solicitation in accordance with all State and Federal regulations. The price has been determined to be fair and reasonable through an evaluation process conducted by the State of Michigan; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via Project No: 44110; Federal Grant No: MI-2023-027; State Grant No: 2022-0138 P17; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. has the potential to perform under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State government and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for the purchase of (4) electric full-size vans to Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. The vehicles will be purchased under a state government purchasing contract through the State of Michigan – State Bus/Van Purchasing Program for an amount not to exceed \$519,497.60.

CERTIFICATE

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Date

Board Administrator



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Paratransit Regional Scheduling Software

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) paratransit services department requires a regional modern reservation, scheduling, and dispatch (RSD) software platform for SMART and the Community Partnership Programs (CPP); and
- Whereas, This regional solution provides a shared system to improve trip completion rates, and deliver a more seamless rider experience across the region by coordinating trips, managing passenger data, and maintaining service during disruptions across regional partners, and enabling CPP partners—many of whom lack the resources to procure advanced scheduling systems independently—to modernize their operations; and
- Whereas, A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the Michigan Chronicle and published on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN). SMART received nine (9) proposals; and
- Whereas, The proposal submitted by Via Mobility, LLC was found to be the most responsive and responsible in meeting the scope of work and the most advantageous to SMART, with price and other specified evaluation criteria considered. Price was determined to be fair and reasonable; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via Project No: 42130/42140; Federal Grant No: MI-2020-061 (5307); State Grant No: 2017-0130 P24; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Via Mobility, LLC has the potential to perform under the terms and conditions of the contract; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Via Mobility, LLC is in compliance with the equal opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for paratransit regional scheduling software to Via Mobility, LLC for three years, with two one-year renewal options at an amount not to exceed \$3,715,966.46 for the three-year base contract, and amounts not to exceed \$708,000.00 for each option year, for a total not to exceed amount of \$5,131,966.46 for the five years.

CERTIFICATE

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Date

Board Administrator



MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: SMART General Counsel

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Closed Session





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Board Member Business





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Adjournment

