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535 Griswold St. Suite #600  
Detroit, MI 48226

# SMART Board Meeting

March 26, 2026

 SMART




MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Call to Order





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TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 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: March 26, 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

March 26, 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 February 26, 2026		
7. Public Participation	Discussion	
8. Chairperson's Report	Information	John Paul Rea
9. General Manager's Report	Information	Tiffany J. Gunter
10. Financial Report	Approval	Ryan Byrne <i>VP of Finance</i>
A. FY 2027 Budget Committee Appointment		
11. Board Briefings	Information	
A. April Service Change Update	Information	Jordan VonZynda <i>VP of Planning</i>
12. New Business		
A. Approval of Labor Agreement with UAW Local 771	Approval	Tianna Leaphart <i>VP of Human Resources</i>
B. Amendment to the FY2025/26 General Operating Budget – Increase Special Events Expenditures	Approval	Ryan Byrne <i>VP of Finance</i>

C. Authorization to File and Execute Applications, Contracts, and Amendments for the SMART FY 2027 Annual Application for Michigan Capital and Operating Financial Assistance	Approval	Ryan Byrne <i>VP of Finance</i>
D. Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract to Westmatic, Inc. for Bus Wash Replacement Parts and Labor	Approval	LeJuan Burt <i>VP of Maintenance</i>
E. Amended EEO Policy Reflecting New EEO Officer	Approval	Bonnie McNerney <i>Assistant General Counsel</i>
F. Ratification of Payment for Wireless Services with T-Mobile	Approval	Cassandra Whitfield <i>Chief Information Officer</i>
G. Authorization to Award a Contract for Wireless Voice and Data Services for the Paratransit and Road Supervisor Fleets	Approval	Cassandra Whitfield <i>Chief Information Officer</i>
H. Authorization to Award a Contract for Wireless Data Services for Fixed Route Wi-Fi Devices	Approval	Cassandra Whitfield <i>Chief Information Officer</i>
I. Approval of a Student Free-Fare Program on SMART Fixed Route Services	Approval	Tiffany J. Gunter <i>General Manager &amp; CEO</i>
13. Closed Session		
A. Closed Session to Consider an Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum Exempt from Disclosure pursuant to MCL § 15.268(h)	Approval	Laura Bieniek <i>General Counsel</i>
B. Closed Session to Discuss Proposed Vehicle Liability Settlement	Approval	Laura Bieniek <i>General Counsel</i>
14. Board Member Business	Discussion	John Paul Rea
15. Adjournment	Discussion	John Paul Rea



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SMART will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 26, 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>
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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](mailto: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.

**SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**PROPOSED MINUTES –February 26, 2026**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent Board Members:** None

**General Manager:** Ms. Tiffany J Gunter

**Deputy General Manager** Ms. Harmony Lloyd

**SMART Board Administrator:** Ms. Tiffany Martin -Patterson

**SMART Staff Present:** Ms. Laura Bieniek  
Ms. Jaren Brown  
Mr. Le Juan Burt  
Mr. Ryan Byrne  
Ms. Traci Davis  
Ms. Ericka DeLange  
Mr. Andrew Dodt  
Ms. Candice Fowler  
Ms. Beth Gibbons  
Mr. James Henderson



Ms. Lynette Hurt  
Ms. Jordan Irving  
Mr. Paul Johnson  
Ms. Vickie Jordan-Strugs  
Ms. Bonnie McInerney  
Ms. Keshia McKinney  
Ms. Andrea Malinowski  
Ms. Jacqueline Owens  
Mr. Bernard Parker  
Mr. Sean Riopelle  
Mr. Corey Rowe  
Ms. Judie Stewart  
Mr. Devin Street  
Ms. Michelle Thomas  
Ms. Alva White  
Mr. Jordan VonZynda  
Mr. D'Andrae Whitley  
Mr. Danny Whitehouse  
Ms. Cassandra Whitfield

**Public Registered:**

Mr. Jeremy Guyton  
Brother Cunningham  
Mx. Steven Hammontree  
Mr. Robert Pawlowski (via Zoom)  
Mr. Joel Batterman (via Zoom)  
Shawna Watley (Holland and Knight)  
Jeff Boothe (Holland and Knight)

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, Mr. Assad Turfe

**Absent:** None

**A quorum was present.**

#### 4. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Dr. Curtis Ivery, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, to adopt the Agenda for the Thursday, February 22, 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 January 22, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Mr. Eli Cooper, to approve the minutes for the Thursday, January 22, 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:

**Jeremy Guyton of Wayne County** stated that the FAST bus should run 24 hours and there should be more stops within the city limits. SMART used to stop in the city but do not do so any longer.

**Brother Cunningham of Wayne County** told Board members and SMART staff that he gives warmers, gloves, and tickets at bus stops, which brightens people's days. However, the demand for them exceeds the supply; it would be beneficial if SMART was able to help in some way. He echoed the previous commentor, as he also supported a 24-hour FAST bus, and equipping new buses with outlets. Benches and shelters should be present at FAST bus stops; both SMART and DDOT could benefit from having shelters. At Hargrove and Rosa Parks Transit Center, a sizable population of hungry and homeless gather, and Cunningham

provides food for them. As with other supplies, if SMART would like to help, that would be fantastic.

**Steven Hammontree of Macomb County** shared one of their latest experiences. On Tuesday, the 17th, he made a trip in my new mobility scooter, which was only his second time boarding a fixed route bus with it. The driver towards their first destination was rude and impatient, making rude remarks and driving off without ensuring they were properly secured. On their way back, the second driver was much more patient and kinder, encouraging them to take their time and be properly secured before departing.

The following participants voiced their concerns via Zoom:

**Robert Pawlowski of Wayne County** began by recognizing and thanking all transit employees as March 18th, National Transit Employee Appreciation Day, is approaching. Transit, especially in Wayne County, is a big topic of conversation. Pawlowski attended the State of the County Address hosted by Warren Evans. He is truly impressed by the planned service rollout following the millage passing, if it does. He wanted to encourage Wayne County and SMART to continue the conversation in western Wayne County. His own efforts received mixed responses. Some transit as essential; others see it as a waste of money. He urged transit advocates and all others to have those conversations as the potential service expansions will be huge, especially for his community.

**Mr. Joel Batterman of Wayne County** is excited to see SMART's draft evaluation for expanding transit across Wayne County. It's good to see new and extended fixed routes serving the various communities around that area. He mentioned additional service in western Wayne and Washtenaw communities would be beneficial. There is a two-mile gap between SMART and the closest Ann Arbor transportation route on Michigan Avenue. It would be great to extend the Michigan FAST route to Ypsilanti. If it's approved by voters in August, this will be the largest expansion in decades. It would make a huge difference in many people's lives.

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**8. Chairperson's Report**

**DISCUSSION:**

In the interest of time, Chairperson John Paul Rea granted his time to Tiffany Gunter, SMART's General Manager and CEO.

**9. General Manager's Report**

**MOTION:** Moved by Diana McBroom, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, to receive and file the

General Manager's Report.

**DISCUSSION:**

Tiffany Gunter, SMART's General Manager and CEO shared updates for the month of February. On-Time Performance has improved over the last three weeks from 63% to 79%. This increase comes from renewing operational discipline, and doing so improves public confidence, something which riders made clear.

During the General Manager's Report, Tiffany Gunter acknowledged Cassandra Whitfield, among others who belong to the On-Time Performance Committee—those who oversee improvement of SMART's more prompt arrivals for transporting riders.

Legislators provided good feedback regarding the improvements at the State of the State Address, which Gunter attended, as well as Wayne's State of the County Address.

Other notable events were the Mobile Health Unit: all three terminals hosted screenings for employees to have their wellness levels checked. SMART deployed warming buses throughout the region. When the temperature falls below 20 degrees, SMART provides buses which function as shelter from the cold. Wi-Fi has been deployed on SMART FAST buses, and there are aims to outfit the entire fleet. SMART provided shuttles on Valentine's Day, calling the event "SMART After Dark." The mascot, Smarty, also made an appearance and took pictures with those at the table.

Shawna Watley and Jeff Boothe of Holland and Knight, presented during the General Manager's Report, informing Board members, staff, and the public of information at the federal level. They mentioned federal funding in the current and next fiscal year, upcoming bills possibly being signed into law, upcoming grants, and a 2026 midterm election outlook.

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. Board Briefings**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Dr. Curtis Ivery to receive and file the Fixed Route, Paratransit, and Flex Q4 Ridership Reports.

**DISCUSSION:**

Jordan VonZynda, VP of Planning, Traci Davis, VP of Microtransit Services, and Daniel Whitehouse, VP of Paratransit and On-Demand Services, presented the Q4 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Paratransit, and Flex respectively.

Fixed Route shows overall increases in October and November of 2025 from 2024, though slight decreases in December of 2025 from 2024.

Paratransit's weekday, Saturday, and Sunday numbers all show increases for each month of Q4 2025 in comparison to the same quarter of last year, with On-Time Performance numbers

showing slight decreases.

Flex ridership saw increases in Q4 2025 with the average cost per ride decreasing.

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Eli Cooper, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, to receive and file the Q2 Financial Report.

**DISCUSSION:**

Ryan Byrne, SMART's VP of Finance, presented the Q2 Financial Report. SMART is currently within budget. Highlighted during the presentation was SMART's balance sheet, which remains stable—SMART meets its current obligations. SMART is 8.9 million dollars behind on revenue, which is likely for a multitude of reasons, one of which being reimbursements based on expenditures, which SMART is under budget on currently. Certain projects and consultants do not have their revenue drawn until the project completion/completion of services.

SMART is under expense budget, meaning it is ahead by 2.8 million dollars.

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. New Business**

**A. : Approval of Labor Agreement with AFSCME Local 1786 (Supervisory Unit**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Diana McBroom, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, that the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation approves the Agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1786, and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, effective February 23, 2026, through December 31, 2028, and hereby authorizes the General Manager to enter into and execute said agreement.

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Sheila Cote inquired about the reduction in time employees must secure pre-approval for paid sick leave, wondering what the reason for reducing it from eight hours to three, Tianna Leapheart, VP of Human Resources, replied that this action serves a two-fold purpose: it gives SMART time to find someone to cover for absent employees.

Tiffany Gunter extended gratitude to Tianna and the rest of the bargaining team for their efforts and their understanding of the cultural shift at the authority.

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Board Meeting Software Solution**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Diana McBroom, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, that the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for a board meeting software solution to Granicus, LLC for three years, with two one-year renewal options at an amount not to exceed \$236,183.79 for the three-year base contract and amounts not to exceed \$72,224.46 for option year one and \$75,835.68 for option year two, for a total amount not to exceed \$384,243.93.

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for De-Escalation and Mental Health Awareness Training**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ms. Sheila Cote, seconded by Mr. Eli Cooper, that the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for de-escalation and mental health awareness training to Vitality Sight LLC for three years, with two one-year renewal options at an amount not to exceed \$332,000.00 for the three-year base contract beginning April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029, an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for option year one beginning April 1, 2029, through March 31, 2030, and an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for option year two beginning April 1, 2030, through March 31, 2031, for a total not to exceed amount of \$532,000.00 for the five years.

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Sheila Cote asked if the module was evidence-based, which Amie May, VP of Safety, confirmed that it was.Cja

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. Resolution: to Award a Contract for Wireless Wi-Fi Routers**

**MOTION:** Moved by Dr. Curtis Ivery, seconded by Ms. Diana McBroom, that the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for the one-time purchase of one-hundred and seventy-five (175) Wireless Wi-Fi Routers to CDW Government, Inc. The Wireless Wi-Fi Routers will be purchased under a state government purchasing contract through the State of Michigan – MiDeal Purchasing Program for an amount not to exceed \$81,168.50.

**DISCUSSION:**

Chairperson John Paul Rea asked what the phase-in process would be for service center and how long it would take. Cassandra Whitfield, Chief Information Officer, informed that once hardware was received, it would take roughly eight weeks for outfitting. Tiffany Gunter added that the time could be six weeks, though one challenge would be how the fleet would change following advancements.

Mr. Eli Cooper praised the update, stating SMART would be ahead of the curve in allowing riders to have Wi-Fi access on buses.

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**E. Resolution: Authorization to Award a Contract for Four (4) Modified Minivans**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mr. Eli Cooper, seconded by Mr. Royce Maniko, that the General Manager of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to award a contract for the purchase of four (4) modified minivans 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 \$294,146.10.

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**F. Resolution: Ratification of Payment of Services Rendered for Engine and Transmission Repair and Authorization for an Additional \$30,000 for Year Two of the Contract**

**MOTION:** Moved by, seconded by, that the General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation is hereby authorized to ratify the payment(s) to Bill Jones Enterprises, Inc. BDA Metro Airport Truck for services rendered from June 14, 2025, through February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$176,371.71 and approve an additional \$30,000 for year two of the contract.

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**VOTE: THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**12. Board Member Business**

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Royce Maniko recapped a meeting at SEMCOG regarding Waymo entering the Detroit market. The autonomous vehicles the company produces will be released later this year and will expand into the suburbs. This is the first Midwest market they have penetrated. Later, conducting a presentation on that would be advisable, as the vehicle could influence public transit. Maniko also mentioned a news item: Dubai is already premiering a drone-like taxi. He advised discussing these autonomous options and their possibilities during the upcoming Board retreat.

**13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 P.M. upon a motion made by Mr. Royce Maniko, seconded by Ms. Sheila Cote, and

unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tiffany C. Martin-Patterson*

Tiffany Martin-Patterson  
Board Administrator



MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Participation





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Chairperson's Report





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: General Manager's Report





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Ryan Byrne

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Financial Report



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DATE:	March 26, 2026	DISPOSITION SOUGHT:	Board Approval
TO:	SMART Board of Directors	SUBMITTED BY:	Chief Financial Officer
FROM:	Finance Department	APPROVED BY:	Deputy General Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Committee

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board appoints three board members to make up FY 2026-2027 Budget Committee of the SMART Board of Directors.

## **DISCUSSION**

SMART is preparing the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget. The Budget Committee is an integral part of SMART's budget process. They are tasked with reviewing the Operating and Capital Budgets to ensure they align with SMART's strategic goals and ensure the Authority's operations continue to be fiscally responsible.

SMART's Board Chairman appoints three board members to make up the FY 2026-2027 Budget Committee of the SMART Board of Directors. To comply with regulatory requirements, SMART must formally adopt the FY 2026-2027 budget no later than May 31, 2026, and submit the final budget to the State of Michigan by June 30, 2026. The Budget Committee will meet in April 2026 to review the proposed budget and vote to take the proposed budget to the full board for final approval.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Resolution



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Approval of Budget Committee Appointments for 2026 – 2027 Fiscal Year Budget

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Whereas, The SMART Board Chairman has appointed

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairperson)

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Now, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, hereby approves the appointment of the Budget Committee for the 2026-2027 term.

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 March 26, 2026.

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Date

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Board Administrator



MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Board Briefings

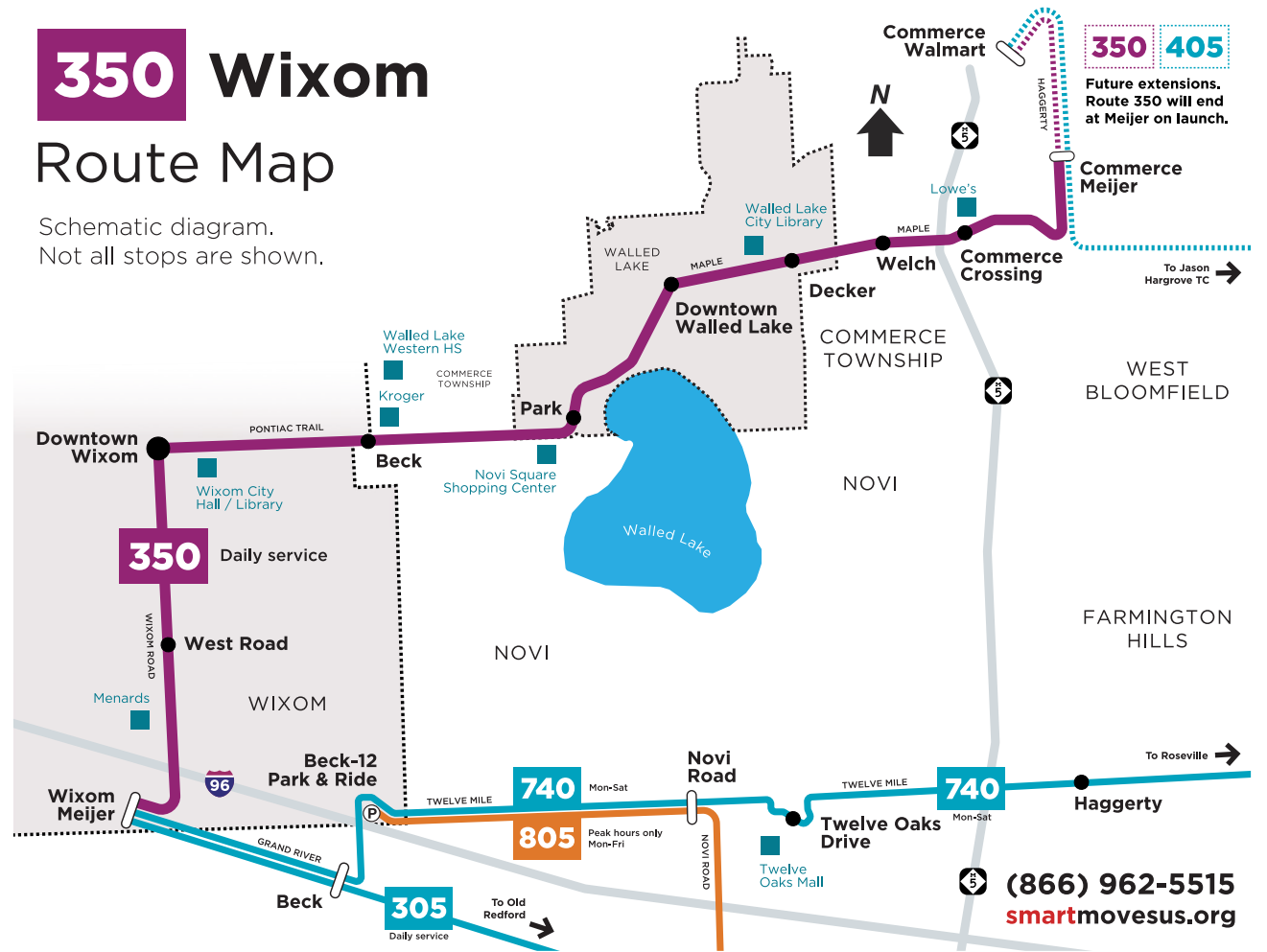


# April 20, 2026 Service Changes



# NEW! Route 350: Wixom

- Previously presented as Route 750
- 6am - 11pm Monday - Friday, 8am - 8pm Saturday, and 9am - 5pm Sunday
- Hourly service
- Connects downtown Wixom and other commercial destinations to existing service on Grand River



# Routing Changes in Oakland County

## 430 Main Street

Extended north via Crooks and Auburn to connect with Route 790 at Adams Road Meijer & Walmart

## 494 Dequindre

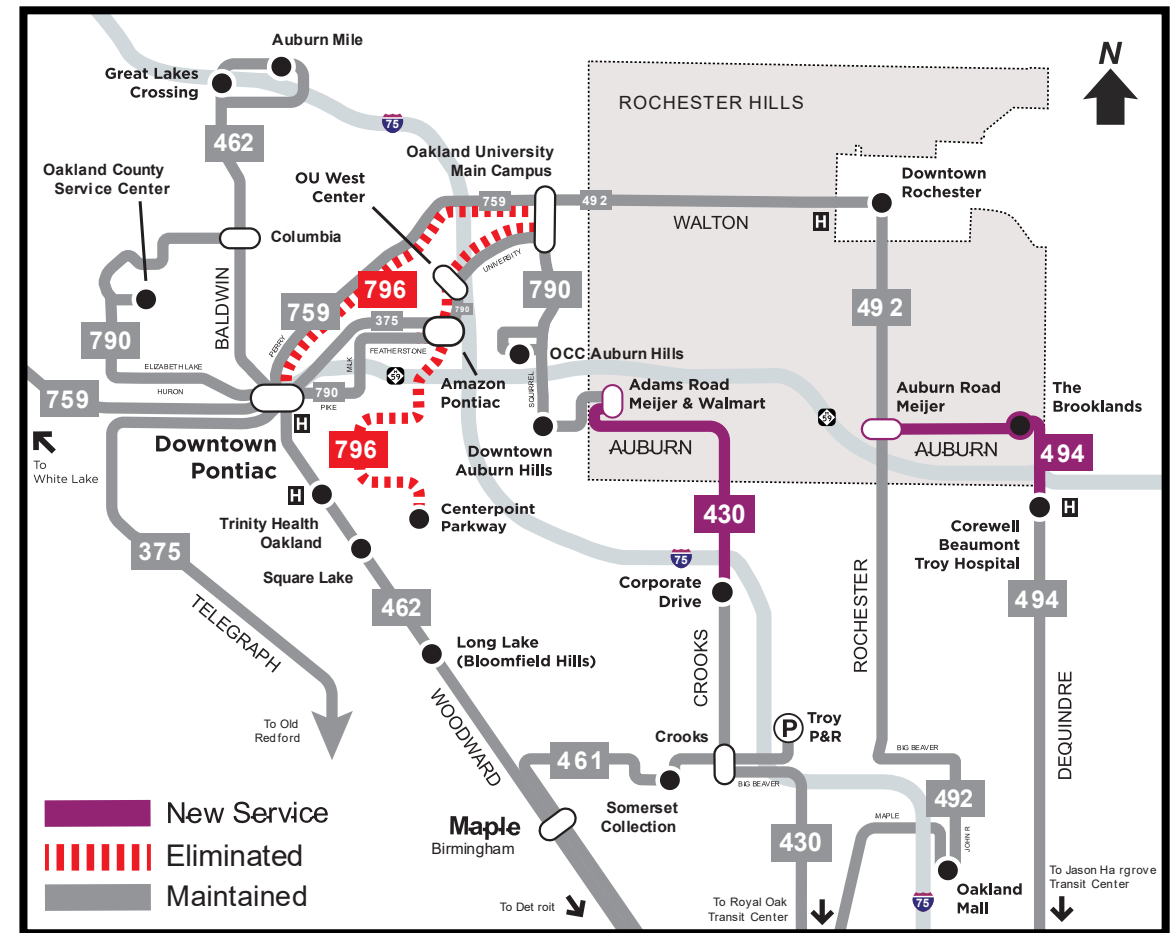
Extended north via Dequindre and Auburn to connect with Route 492 at Rochester & Auburn

## 796 Perry-Opdyke

**Service will be eliminated**

Public input highlighted low ridership, redundant coverage

Schematic diagram. Not all stops are shown.



# Routing Changes in Macomb County

## 610 Kercheval-Harper

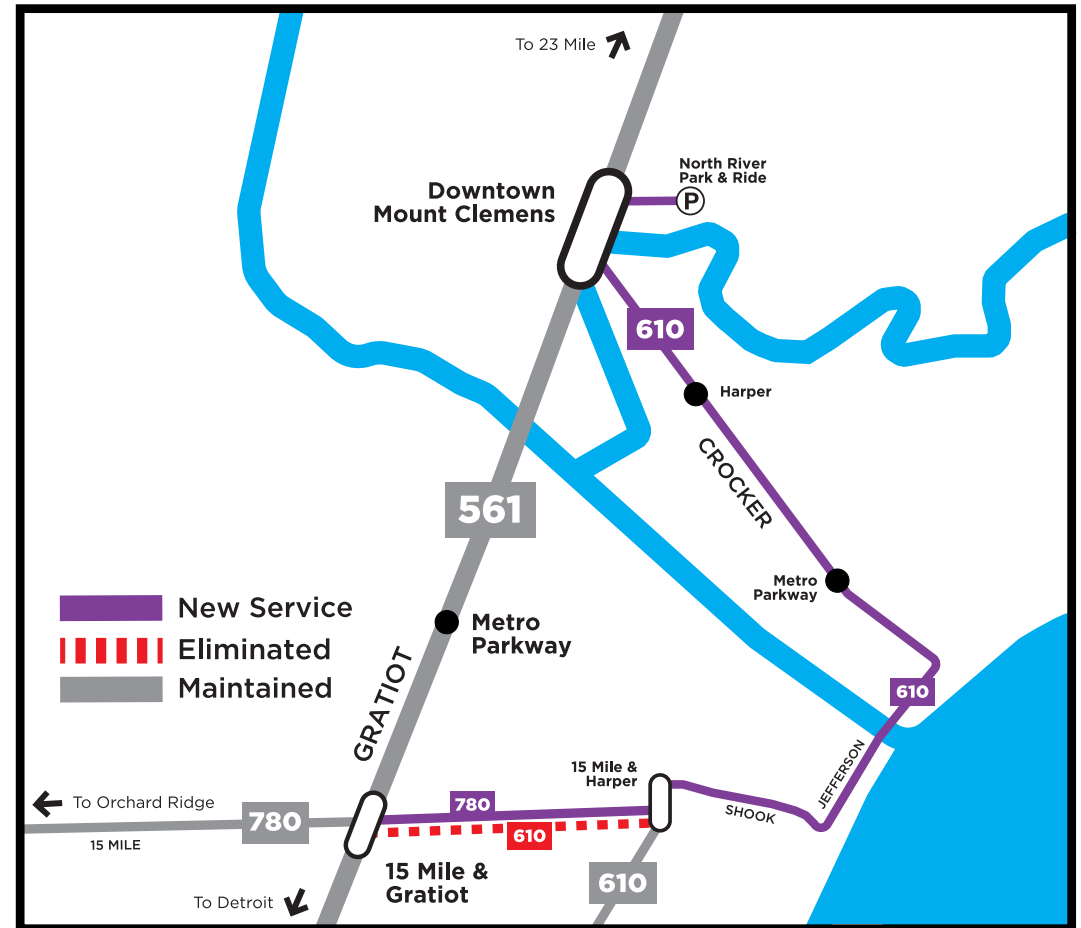
Extension north from Harper & 15 Mile to Mount Clemens and North River P&R via **Shook, Jefferson, and Crocker**

- In a later phase of SMARTer Network changes beyond 2026, service will extend south into downtown Detroit

## 780 Fifteen Mile Crosstown

Extension east from Gratiot to Harper to cover service removed from Route 610

Schematic diagram. Not all stops are shown.



# Launch of Modified *FAST* Wayfinding

Look for the boxed route number!

**461**

**FAST WOODWARD**

**460**

**WOODWARD LOCAL**

This will allow riders to more reliably distinguish *FAST* service from local service at a distance, regardless of which vehicle is assigned to the route.



MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: SMART Staff

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: New Business



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DATE:	March 26, 2026	DISPOSITION SOUGHT:	Board Approval
TO:	SMART Board of Directors	SUBMITTED BY:	Human Resources Department
FROM:	Vice President of Human Resources	APPROVED BY:	General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Labor Agreement with UAW Local 771

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### **SUMMARY**

The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Policy Number 15, Relationship of General Manager and Board in Labor Relations Matters, Section IV states: "After negotiations have been completed on the collective bargaining agreement, the General Manager shall, at a public meeting, present the Board with a resolution requesting approval for the General Manager to enter into the Collective Bargaining Agreement(s) on behalf of the Authority." Accordingly, Board approval is sought.

### **DISCUSSION**

In August of 2025, the bargaining teams for both management and union representatives began to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement to replace the agreement that expired on December 31, 2025. A tentative agreement was reached between the parties on March 9, 2026.

The membership of UAW, Local 771 ratified their collective bargaining agreement on March 23, 2026. The new agreement includes the following economic changes:

#### **Duration:**

- March 23, 2026 – December 31, 2028

#### **Wages:**

- A base wage increase of 3% the first payroll period after date of ratification – March 23, 2026
- A base wage increase of 3% on January 1, 2027
- A base wage increase of 3% on January 1, 2028

#### **Ratification Bonus:**

- A one-time Ratification Bonus of seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) will be paid to all employees represented by UAW Local 771 after the ratification of the labor agreement. Eligible employees are those employees who SMART currently employed as of the date of ratification and the date of payout.
- The payout date for the Ratification Bonus shall be within thirty (30) calendar days after approval of the new Labor Agreement by the SMART Board of Directors.

#### **“Me-Too” agreement for wage increases and ratification bonus:**

- The parties agreed to a “Me-Too” memorandum of understanding agreement for equal across-the-board base wage increases and ratification bonuses provided to employees represented by AFSCME Local 1786, ATU Local 1564 and Teamsters Local 247.

**Shift Pay Premiums:**

- Increase the shift pay premium for employees working on Shift No. 2 (Afternoons) from \$.30/hour to \$.50/hour.
- Increase the shift pay premium for employees working on Shift No. 3 (Midnights) from \$.40/hour to \$.60/hour.

**Attendance Incentive Payment Program**

- Increase hourly incentive payment premium from \$.45/hour to \$.50/hour.
- Reduce the number of hours required to qualify for the quarterly incentive payment from 480 to 464 actual hours worked by the employee.

**Safety Incentive Payment Program**

- Increase hourly incentive payment premium from \$.25/hour to \$.40/hour.

**Stockperson Inventory Incentive Program**

- Increase the one-time annual Stockperson Inventory Incentive Program payment from \$500 to \$600.

**Tool and Uniform Allowance**

- Increase Tool Allowance upon entry into the job classifications of Mechanic Leader, Mechanics, Electronic Equipment Repair Persons (EERP) and Body and Paint Specialists from \$350 to \$450, if Employees have not previously received this one-time allowance.
- Increase Annual Tool Allowance for the job classifications of Mechanic Leader, Mechanics, Electronic Equipment Repair Persons (EERP) and Body and Paint Specialists from \$350 to \$450.
- Employees in the job classifications of Mechanic Leader, Mechanics, Electronic Equipment Repair Persons (EERP) and Body and Paint Specialists shall be eligible for an additional annual tool reimbursement of up to an additional \$400. Such tools must be for the Employees' use for work at the AUTHORITY, supported by documentation and/or receipts, and approved by AUTHORITY management. Additional reimbursement requests shall be limited to one time each calendar year. EMPLOYEES must submit receipts for reimbursement by no later than February 1st for the prior calendar year.
- (New) Employees in the job classification of Bus Service and Shelter Attendant to receive an annual boot allowance of \$250 in the first payroll period after July 1 each year.

**Operation of SMART Tow Trucks Assignments:**

- When the Authority determines to utilize bargaining unit employees to provide towing services, the Authority and the Union will meet and negotiate wages and hazard insurance associated with the operation of tow trucks and their services.

**Job Classification Changes**

- Addition of two new job classifications: Body and Paint Leader, Body and Paint Specialist.
- Reopen previously closed Mechanic Helper job classification. Rename job classification “Mechanic Trainee”
- Recharacterize the job classification Mechanic Leader from a temporary upgrade to a full-time position.

**Personal Leave Time/Vacation Leave Time – Compliance with the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (MESTA)**

- Employees may request to use either Personal Leave or Vacation Leave time for MESTA qualifying reasons up to a combined total of seventy-two (72) hours annually from sick, personal, and vacation banks.

**Sick Leave Time – Compliance with the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (MESTA)**

- Increase monthly paid sick time accruals for all employees in the UAW bargaining unit to a minimum of six (6) hours of paid sick leave per month up to a maximum of seventy-two (72) hours of paid sick time per calendar year.
- Employees may request to use Sick Leave time for MESTA qualifying reasons up to a combined total of seventy-two (72) hours annually from sick, personal, and vacation banks.

**Changes to Attendance Policy – Compliance with the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (MESTA)**

- New policy effective first day of the calendar month at least 30 days after ratification and approval by the SMART Board of Directors.
- The policy allows employees to be absent for qualifying reasons protected under the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (MESTA) (Sick Leave, Personal Leave, Vacation Leave) for up to seventy-two (72) hours each calendar year without penalty. This allotment was fifty-six (56) hours each calendar year under the previous attendance policy.
- Employees who exhaust the seventy-two (72) hour allotment may still request to use paid time with pre-approval by management in advance.
- Reduce the amount of time an employee must notify management about a request for paid sick time from eight (8) hours in advance to (3) hours in advance.
- Pre-approval for all other types of paid time (Vacation, Personal Leave, etc.) remains at twenty-four (24) hours in advance.

**SMART Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy**

- Revise incorporated Article 33 to coincide with SMART’s EEO Policy adopted by the Board of Directors.
- Publish SMART’s EEO Policy statement in the back of the new labor contract book.

## **Commercial Driver's License Policy.**

- New Commercial Driver's License Policy for all UAW represented employees in job classifications which require special licensing pursuant to Federal and State regulations. The new policy will be published in the back of the new labor contract book.

The resolution now brought before the Board is to approve this agreement between the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and the International Union for United Automobile and Aerospace Workers of America Local 771, effective March 23, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff and outside counsel recommend Board approval of the agreement as being in the best interest of the Authority.

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. Resolution



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Approval of Labor Agreement Between the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation and the International Union for United Automobile and Aerospace Workers of America, Local 771,

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- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) notified the International Union for United Automobile and Aerospace Workers of America, Local 771, of its intent to modify the present Agreement that expired on December 31, 2025; and
- Whereas, The bargaining teams for both management and labor have met to negotiate an agreement; and
- Whereas, A tentative agreement was reached between the parties on March 9, 2026; and
- Whereas, The membership of the International Union for United Automobile and Aerospace Workers of America, Local 771, ratified the proposed collective bargaining agreement on March 23, 2026; and
- Whereas, The General Manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation approves of the Agreement; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, 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.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation certifies that 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 March 26, 2026.

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Date

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Board Administrator

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SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Amendment of FY2025/26 General Operating Budget – Increase Special Events Expenditures

- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (the Authority) pursuant to PA 204 of 1967, as amended, has been empowered to acquire, plan, contract, operate, and maintain a transportation system and facilities within its jurisdiction; and
- Whereas, The Authority, pursuant to PA 2 of 1968, as amended, is required to amend its operating budget when changes to said budget are required and known; and
- Whereas, PA 2 of 1968, as amended, also requires the Authority to maintain a balanced budget; and
- Whereas, The Authority, pursuant to PA 204 of 1967 as amended and PA 2 of 1968 as amended, amends the FY2025/2026 Operating Budget by adjusting various operational line items as follows:
- Special Events: \$100,000
  - Contingency: (\$100,000)
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is to reclassify the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 line-item Operating appropriation; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation hereby approves the budget amendment as outlined.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility 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 March 26, 2026.

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Date

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Board Administrator

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DATE:	March 26, 2026	DISPOSITION SOUGHT:	Board Approval
TO:	SMART Board of Directors	SUBMITTED BY:	VP of Finance
FROM:	Capital and Grant Programs	APPROVED BY:	General Manager

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

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Directors adopts the attached resolution authorizing the Board Chairperson to file grant applications and execute contracts and amendments for the FY 2027 Annual Application for state transportation capital and operating assistance to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The Annual Application is the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) application to MDOT for the estimated state capital and operating financial assistance required to operate public transportation during the 2027 fiscal year. The Board Chairperson is the official representative of the applicant for all public transportation matters and is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the commission or department for the administration of Act 51.

## **DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to Section 10e of Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, eligible transportation authorities are required to file an Annual Application describing the service, programs, and projects to be carried out in the ensuing fiscal year, together with specific requests for estimated capital and operating financial assistance. This application will be used by MDOT in the development of specific funding requests to the Michigan legislature for the FY 2027 public transportation program appropriations for the SMART service area. Public notice was published in the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press on February 23, 2026, and Michigan Chronicle on February 25, 2026. The timeframe to submit comments and/or a request for a public hearing closed on Wednesday, March 25, 2026; no comments or requests were received, and therefore, the estimated budgets are final.

For SMART Sections 5307 and 5339 Federal Formula funds, the funding levels in this application are based on funding targets set by SEMCOG and the RTA's approved split for FY 2027: SMART will receive 50% (5307) and (5339) of the Detroit UZA apportionment. For SMART Section 5310 funds, which will be applied for through the RTA once FY 2027 apportionment levels are published by the FTA, we requested the amount needed for various qualifying capital and operating assistance projects.

For all other funds, the application for FY 2027 is based on the following assumptions. First, the Lake Erie Transit Commission (LETC) 5307 Governor's Apportionment, the LETC 5339 Governor's Apportionment, and LETC's share of Toledo's 5307 and 5339 Formula funds are based on funding targets set by SEMCOG. Second, SMART and LETC FY 2027 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction (CR) have been awarded by SEMCOG. Third, Section 5311, Specialized Services operating assistance and Act 51 operating assistance funds are requested based on the past MDOT funding distribution levels and the proposed State reimbursement rates. Fourth, the FY 2027 Service Initiatives application was submitted to MDOT for SMART Flex Expansion funding. Fifth, State Transit Capital project was submitted to MDOT for community replacement buses and vans.

Per MDOT instructions, capital line items reflect a 20% State match. At the time of appropriation/allocation, MDOT will determine what funding source is available for match. SMART, communities, and agencies are responsible for up to the full 20% match when MDOT does not participate.

Program funding is subject to change upon receipt of federal appropriations or budget and/or scope amendments or revisions. The budget for the local transportation program is balanced.

Changes in eligibility documentation have not occurred during the past state fiscal year.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- FY 2027 Budget Summary
- FY 2027 Projects
- Resolution

**SMART - FY 2027 Annual Plan**  
**Estimated Budget Summary <sup>(A)(B)</sup>**

	Description	Eligible Total*	Federal 100%	Federal 80%	Federal 50%	MDOT 20%	MDOT 50%	MDOT Other	MDOT Act 51	Local 50%
<b>CAPITAL <sup>(A)</sup></b>										
I	<b>5307 Formula <sup>(B)</sup></b>									
	SMART (50% Detroit UZA)	36,745,439		29,396,351		7,349,088				
	Monroe (MI portion of Toledo UZA)	592,604		474,083		118,521				
	<b>Subtotal 5307</b>	<b>37,338,043</b>		<b>29,870,434</b>		<b>7,467,609</b>				
II	<b>Monroe 5307 Governor's Apportionment <sup>(B)</sup></b>									
	Operating	968,500			484,250	0				#484,250
	Capital	875,734		700,587		175,147				
	<b>Subtotal 5307 GA (Capital and Capitalized Operating)</b>	<b>1,844,234</b>		<b>700,587</b>	<b>484,250</b>	<b>175,147</b>				<b>#484,250</b>
III	<b>5339 Formula <sup>(B)</sup></b>									
	SMART (50% Detroit UZA)	3,080,434		2,464,347		616,087				
	Monroe (MI portion of Toledo UZA)	50,454		40,363		10,091				
	<b>Subtotal 5339</b>	<b>3,130,888</b>		<b>2,504,710</b>		<b>626,178</b>				
IV	<b>Monroe 5339 Governor's Apportionment <sup>(B)</sup></b>									
	<b>Subtotal 5339 GA</b>	<b>95,114</b>		<b>76,091</b>		<b>19,023</b>				
V	<b>Monroe 5339(b) Discretionary <sup>(C)</sup></b>									
	<b>Subtotal 5339(b)</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>		<b>3,200,000</b>		<b>800,000</b>				
VI	<b>Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) <sup>(D)</sup></b>									
	SMART	1,875,000		1,500,000		375,000				
	Monroe	0		0		0				
	<b>Subtotal CMAQ</b>	<b>1,875,000</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>		<b>375,000</b>				
VII	<b>Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) <sup>(D)</sup></b>									
	SMART	4,375,000		3,500,000		875,000				
	Monroe	1,000,000		800,000		200,000				
	<b>Subtotal CRP</b>	<b>5,375,000</b>		<b>4,300,000</b>		<b>1,075,000</b>				
VIII	<b>Section 5310- Elderly and Disabled Program <sup>(E)</sup></b>									
	SMART	3,615,756		1,337,434	971,982	334,358				#971,982
	Monroe	0		0	0	0				
	NOTA - New Freedom	281,616		0	140,808	0				#140,808
	<b>Subtotal 5310</b>	<b>3,897,372</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,337,434</b>	<b>1,112,790</b>	<b>334,358</b>				<b>#1,112,790</b>
IX	<b>Section 5311-Nonurban Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) <sup>(F)</sup></b>									
	NOTA	180,640		0	90,320	0	90,320			
	<b>Subtotal 5311</b>	<b>180,640</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>90,320</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,320</b>			
X	<b>Service Initiative</b>									
	SMART <sup>(G)</sup>	3,100,000		0		0		2,500,000		#600,000
	<b>Total SI</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>		<b>#600,000</b>
XI	<b>State Transit Capital Funding</b>									
	5310 Community replacement buses and vans <sup>(H)</sup>	5,100,000						5,100,000		
	<b>TOTAL Capital</b>	<b>65,936,291</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,489,256</b>	<b>1,687,360</b>	<b>10,872,315</b>	<b>90,320</b>	<b>7,600,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#2,197,040</b>
<b>OPERATING (Ref. line 411 operating revenue schedules)</b>										
XII	<b>Act 51 Operating <sup>(I)</sup></b>									
	- SMART Urban Metro	54,243,000							54,243,000	
	- SMART Purchased Transportation- Non Urban	5,573,000							5,573,000	
	- Monroe Urban Small (Lake Erie)	1,416,911							1,416,911	
	- Bedford Urban Metro	157,434							157,434	
	- Monroe Nonurban	560,393							560,393	
	<b>Subtotal Act 51 Operating</b>	<b>61,950,738</b>							<b>61,950,738</b>	
XIII	<b>Section 5311 (formerly Section 18 FTA pass-thru) <sup>(J)</sup></b> (Ref. Line 413 nonurban operating revenue sched.)	2,883,000						2,883,000		
XIV	<b>Other State Subsidized Services</b>									
	- Specialized Services Grant	1,312,040						1,312,040		
	- Royal Oak Township	14,000						14,000		
	<b>Subtotal Other State Subsidized Services</b>	<b>4,209,040</b>						<b>4,209,040</b>		
	<b>TOTAL Operating</b>	<b>66,159,778</b>			<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4,209,040</b>	<b>61,950,738</b>	
	<b>Grand total Estimated Funding for SMART &amp; Lake Erie</b>	<b>132,096,069</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,489,256</b>	<b>1,687,360</b>	<b>10,872,315</b>	<b>90,320</b>	<b>11,809,040</b>	<b>61,950,738</b>	<b>#2,197,040</b>

**Footnotes**

- (A) Per 2027 Annual Application Capital Grants Worksheet. The Detroit UZA Formula splits, where applicable, are based on RTA split from FY 2019. Based on MDOT Application Instructions, we have budgeted for MDOT match of 20% for capital and 0% for 5310 New Freedom and 5307 Governor's Apportionment Operating assistance (local match). Each local match dollar amount has been labeled
- (B) FY 2027 Funding based on Semcog targets for Federal Formula Funding.
- (C) NOFO to apply for funds anticipated April, 2027
- (D) CMAQ and Carbon Reduction Funds approved by SEMCOG.
- (E) SMART's portion of 5310 funds are determined by the RTA after Detroit UZA apportionment is made available by FTA. FY 2027 funding based on FY 26 estimates plus 2%. An application for funds will be submitted to the FTA after a Call for Projects and Program of Projects is developed in 2026. Monroe 5310 and NOTA Nonurban New Freedom Operating funds are administered by MDOT and have been requested in SMART's FY27 Annual Application to MDOT.
- (F) Nonurban JARC funds have been requested in SMART's FY27 Annual Application. We have budgeted for MDOT match of 20% for capital and 50% for operating.
- (G) FY 2026 Service Initiatives funds have been requested in the FY 27 Annual Application.
- (H) MDOT 100% Capital funds from money set aside for discretionary grants.
- (I) Act 51 Operating is based on SMART's adopted FY 2027 budget, found under "5) Revenue Assumptions."
- (J) Section 5311 and Other State Subsidized Services based on SMART's adopted FY 2027 budget, found under "3) Restricted."

FY 2027 Projects			
SMART/Monroe/Subrecipients			
Description	2027		
	Federal	State/Local	Total
<b>1. 5307 Formula Funding *</b>			
<b>SMART**</b>			
Preventive Maintenance	8,000,000	2,000,000	<b>10,000,000</b>
Security & Safety Activities (1.75% Min)	0	0	0
Enhancement Activities -(Shelters, Benches, Trash Cans, Bike Racks)- Bus Stop Installation contract option years	0	0	0
Enhancement Activities Bike Racks)- Bus Stop Installation contract option years	1,920,000	480,000	<b>2,400,000</b>
Bus Replacement- DO		0	0
Bus Replacement- Community Operated	1,299,584	324,896	<b>1,624,480</b>
Bus Replacement- Set Aside F/R	18,125,770	4,531,443	<b>22,657,213</b>
Bus Replacement- F/R	0	0	0
General Planning Consultant/Studies	0	0	0
Information Technology Projects	0	0	0
Paratransit Operations Garage	0	0	0
Facility Renovation	0	0	0
Project Administration	50,997	12,749	<b>63,746</b>
<b>Subtotal SMART</b>	<b>29,396,351</b>	<b>7,349,088</b>	<b>36,745,439</b>
<b>Monroe-5307 TARTA Apportionment *</b>			
Preventative Maintenance	80,768	20,192	<b>100,960</b>
Bus Replacement	343,069	85,768	<b>428,837</b>
Bus Equipment/Parts	50,246	12,562	<b>62,808</b>
Facility Renovations	0	0	0
Transit Security Upgrades	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Monroe</b>	<b>474,083</b>	<b>118,522</b>	<b>592,605</b>
<b>Total 5307 Formula Funding</b>	<b>29,870,434</b>	<b>7,467,610</b>	<b>37,338,044</b>
<b>2. Monroe 5307 Governor's Apportionment *</b>			
Facility Renovation	0	0	0
Bus Equipment/Parts	320,000	80,000	<b>400,000</b>
Vehicle Replacement	259,406	64,852	<b>324,258</b>
Preventative Maintenance	121,181	30,295	<b>151,476</b>
<i>a Operating (# Under Operating Budget)</i>	<i># 484,250</i>	<i># 484,250</i>	<i>#968,500</i>
<b>Total 5307 Gvnr's Apportionment</b>	<b>700,587</b>	<b>175,147</b>	<b>875,734</b>
<b>3. 5339 Formula Funding *</b>			
<b>SMART**</b>			
Bus Replacement- FR	0	0	0
Bus Replacement- Set Aside F/R	2,464,347	616,087	<b>3,080,434</b>
Facility Renovation	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal SMART</b>	<b>2,464,347</b>	<b>616,087</b>	<b>3,080,434</b>
<b>Monroe 5339 Gov's Appt. &amp; TARTA *</b>			
Bus Replacement	76,091	19,023	<b>95,114</b>
Bus Replacement (from TARTA)	40,363	10,091	<b>50,454</b>
Preventive Maintenance	0	0	0
Preventive Maintenance (from TARTA)	0	0	0
Bus Equipment/Parts	0	0	0
Facility Renovation	0	0	0
Facility Renovation (from TARTA)	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Monroe</b>	<b>116,454</b>	<b>29,114</b>	<b>145,568</b>

FY 2027 Projects			
SMART/Monroe/Subrecipients			
Description	2027		Total
	Federal	State/Local	
<b>Monroe 5339(b) Discretionary ***</b>			
Bus Replacement	3,200,000	800,000	4,000,000
<b>Subtotal Monroe</b>	<b>3,200,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>
<b>Total 5339 Formula Funding</b>	<b>5,780,801</b>	<b>1,445,200</b>	<b>7,226,001</b>
<b>4. CMAQ Funding +</b>			
<b>SMART</b>			
Bus Replacement-F/R-Electric/Hydrogen Cell	0	0	0
Bus Replacement-F/R	0	0	0
Bus Replacement- DO	0	0	0
Hydrogen Fuel Cell Infrastructure- Wayne Terminal	1,500,000	375,000	1,875,000
<b>Subtotal SMART</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>1,875,000</b>
<b>Monroe</b>			
Facility Renovation-EV Charging Infrastructure	0	0	0
Vehicle Replacement	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Monroe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total CMAQ Funding</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>1,875,000</b>
<b>5. Carbon Reduction Program +</b>			
<b>SMART</b>			
Bus Replacement- FR	1,500,000	375,000	1,875,000
Hydrogen Fuel Cell Infrastructure- Macomb Terminal	2,000,000	500,000	2,500,000
<b>Subtotal SMART</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>875,000</b>	<b>4,375,000</b>
<b>Monroe</b>			
Replace Hybrid	800,000	200,000	1,000,000
<b>Subtotal Monroe</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>Total Carbon Reduction Program Funding</b>	<b>4,300,000</b>	<b>1,075,000</b>	<b>5,375,000</b>
<b>6. SMART 5310 Funding ++</b>			
<b>SMART</b>			
5310 Capital Projects (vehicles)	1,337,434	334,359	1,671,793
5310 Mobility Management	0	0	0
<i>b</i> NF Operating Assistance (#Oper Bdgt)	#971,982	#971,982	#1,943,964
<b>Subtotal SMART Capital</b>	<b>1,337,434</b>	<b>334,359</b>	<b>1,671,793</b>
<b>Monroe TARTA &amp; MDOT Nonurban</b>			
Purchase Vehicles-TARTA	0	0	0
	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal Monroe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Nonurban 5310 NF NOTA &amp; WOTA^</b>			
<i>c</i> Nonurban NF Operating (#Oper Bdgt)	#140,808	#140,808	#281,616
NF Capital Projects (vehicles)	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal NOTA &amp; WOTA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total 5310 Capital Funding</b>	<b>1,337,434</b>	<b>334,359</b>	<b>1,671,793</b>
<b>7. Nonurban 5311 JARC NOTA &amp; WOTA^^</b>			
<i>d</i> Nonurban JARC Operating (#Oper Bdgt)	#90,320	#90,320	#180,640
NF Capital Projects (vehicles)	0	0	0
<b>Total 5311 JARC Capital Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

FY 2027 Projects			
SMART/Monroe/Subrecipients			
Description	Federal	2027	
		State/Local	Total
<b>8. SMART Service Initiative<sup>o</sup></b>			
<b>SMART</b>			
e SMART Flex Service Expansion (#Oper Bdgt)	0	#3,100,000	<b>#3,100,000</b>
<b>Total SMART Service initiative</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9. State Transit Capital Funding <sup>^^^</sup></b>			
5310 Community replacement buses and vans	0	5,100,000	5,100,000
<b>Total MDOT Capital Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>	<b>5,100,000</b>
<b>Grand Total SMART, Monroe &amp; NOTA</b>	<b>43,489,256</b>	<b>15,972,315</b>	<b>59,461,571</b>
<b>10. Operating &amp; Service Expansion</b>			
a Operating (# Under Operating Budget)	484,250	484,250	<b>968,500</b>
b NF Operating Assistance (#Oper Bdgt)	971,982	971,982	<b>1,943,964</b>
c Nonurban NF Operating (#Oper Bdgt)	140,808	140,808	<b>281,616</b>
d Nonurban JARC Operating(#Oper Bdgt)	90,320	90,320	<b>180,640</b>
e Operating Service Initiative (# Operating Bdgt)	0	3,100,000	<b>3,100,000</b>
<b>Total Operating &amp; Service Expansion</b>	<b>1,687,360</b>	<b>4,787,360</b>	<b>6,474,720</b>
<b>Grand Total including Opr &amp; Svc Expansion</b>	<b>45,176,616</b>	<b>20,759,675</b>	<b>65,936,291</b>
<u>Notes</u>			
<b>* Fiscal Year 2027 federal formula funding based on Semcog targets with an annual</b>			
** Funding levels for SMART 50% share of Detroit UZA funds for 5307 and 5339.			
*** NOFO to apply for funds anticipated April, 2027			
+ FY 2027 CMAQ & Carbon Reduction Programs Projects approved by SEMCOG.			
++ SMART's share of the 5310 Funding for the Detroit UZA is determined by the Regional Transit Authority. Projects shown in budget are anticipated requests for funding.			
^Nonurban New Freedom funds are allocated by MDOT and are separate and in addition to SMART's share of the 5310 funding for the Detroit UZA.			
^^Nonurban 5311 JARC funds are administered by MDOT. SMART applies on behalf of eligible subrecipients in SMART's service area.			
oService Initiative - SMART Flex Service Expansion Richmond Lenox EMS			
^^^MDOT 100% Capital funds from money set aside from discretionary grants.			
# Governor's Apportionment, Section 5310 Funding and JARC can have some portion used for operating (50% Federal with 50% State Match, and 80% Federal with 20% Local.) These numbers are shown on the			



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

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

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- Whereas, Pursuant to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) guidelines, it is necessary for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation to make known, by formal resolution, its intent to apply for State financial assistance under provisions of Section 10e of Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended; and
- Whereas, Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, requires that the Authority prepare and submit an Annual Application each year; and
- Whereas, The Annual Application for FY 2027 includes the request for State operating financial assistance for FY 2027; and
- Whereas, The budget for the local transportation program is balanced, and estimated revenues are \$222,774,000 and support the proposed expenditures of \$222,774,000; and
- Whereas, In its Master Agreement with Public Transportation Providers of July 9, 2013, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) provided approval for SMART to work directly with MDOT to finalize and submit an FY 2027 funding application; and
- Whereas, Changes in eligibility documentation have not occurred during the past state fiscal year; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, That SMART does hereby make its intentions known to provide transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual application, in accordance with Act 51. SMART does hereby establish the intent to file an application, execute contracts and amendments allowing for execution of Sections 5307 and 5339 Formula Capital including the Governor's Apportionments for Monroe, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Section 5310, Section 5311, Service Initiative, State Transit Capital Funding and Specialized Services for financial assistance under the provisions of Section 10e of Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended; and be it further
- Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation authorizes the Chief Financial Officer, Ryan Byrne, to provide such information as deemed necessary by MDOT to make an official determination of the eligibility for funds under the provision of Section 10e of Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended; and be it further
- Resolved, 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.

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 March 26, 2026.

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Board Administrator





SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
RESOLUTION

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

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- Whereas, SMART awarded a contract to Cre8tive Construction Concepts, Inc. (“Cre8tive”) for the construction of three bus wash systems at the Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Terminals. In September 2025, Cre8tive’s performance bond carrier, Westfield Insurance Company (“Westfield”), took over the completion of the project; and
- Whereas, The bus wash systems at the Oakland and Macomb Terminals are nearing completion. The construction of the bus wash system at the Wayne Terminal is scheduled to be completed by October 19, 2026; and
- Whereas, SMART staff has identified several components in both the Macomb and Oakland bus wash systems that require repair or replacement due to operational impacts occurring during use of the systems. These components must be repaired or replaced in order to complete testing of the bus wash systems and verify that they are operating as designed; and
- Whereas, This contract will allow Westmatic, Inc. to perform repairs and provide replacement parts at all terminals, as needed; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that Westmatic, Inc., Inc. has the potential to perform under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that Westmatic, Inc., is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via: Operating funds; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, 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.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation on March 26, 2026.

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### **Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Statement**

It is the policy of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) to fully comply with all applicable Provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of June 26, 1990, Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976 (PA. 453), the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1972, all as amended. This policy pertains to the responsibility of SMART relating to all employment actions, including but not limited to recruitment or recruitment advertising, hiring, upgrading, selection for training, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and treatment of employees.

SMART is committed to prohibiting discrimination against employees and applicants based on their race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), age, genetic information, disability, veteran status, or other protected class. SMART shall be proactive in its pursuit of a successful Equal Employment Opportunity program; this process shall include the development of a written nondiscrimination program that sets forth the policies, practices, and procedures, with goals and timetables, to which SMART is committed. The EEO Program is available for inspection by any employee or applicant for employment upon request. SMART recognizes that the successful implementation of an Equal Employment Opportunity program shall be beneficial to SMART by providing fuller utilization and development of previously underutilized human resources.

To uphold this commitment, SMART has established an EEO program to be implemented and monitored by Harmony Lloyd, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, who reports directly to the General Manager. All applicants and employees have the right to file complaints alleging discrimination. These complaints shall be made to the Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer, who shall be committed to ensuring the fair and equitable treatment of such allegations. Retaliation against an individual who files a charge or complaint of discrimination, participates in an employment discrimination proceeding (such as an investigation or lawsuit), or otherwise engages in protected activity is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. SMART is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to applicants and employees who need them because of a disability or to practice or observe their religion, absent undue hardship.

Furthermore, all SMART management and supervisory personnel shall share in the responsibility of Equal Employment Opportunity compliance and are assigned specific tasks to ensure and achieve compliance. Performance by managers, supervisors, and others will be evaluated based on the success of the Equal Employment Opportunity Program in the same manner that SMART evaluates their performance in other programs.

SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

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Chairman, Board of Directors

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Tiffany Gunter, General Manager

Board Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Approval and Endorsement of SMART's Revised Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy

- Whereas, SMART is committed to prohibiting discrimination against employees and applicants based on their race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), age, genetic information, disability, veteran status, or other protected class; and
- Whereas, The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration require the development of an EEO Program; and
- Whereas, SMART has amended its present EEO Policy to reflect Harmony Lloyd has been assigned the duties of the Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Officer; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, The Board of Directors of Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation approves the amended SMART EEO Program Policy.

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 March 26, 2026.

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Board Administrator





SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Ratification of Payment for Wireless Services with T-Mobile

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- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Board of Directors approved a contract with T-Mobile USA, Inc. for a secondary cellular service provider for services intended for paratransit, support vehicles, and secondary SIMs for fixed route vehicles utilizing the State of Michigan MiDeal Contract (#210000000680). The initial term of the contract was July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with four one-year option periods; and
- Whereas, The Board authorization amount was not to exceed \$45,000 annually, with 4 one-year option periods totaling \$225,000 for the five-year period; and
- Whereas, The Purchase Order amount was nearly exhausted within the first year, with only \$786.63 remaining on the PO; and
- Whereas, The cost acceleration was due to technical challenges while upgrading Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) equipment on fixed-route buses, causing duplicate SIMs, and T-Mobile becoming the primary cellular provider for fixed route service, increasing the costs; and
- Whereas, To ensure the continuity of essential wireless services, SMART has made several payments. SMART staff is seeking ratification in the amount of \$658,618.70; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, 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.

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 March 26, 2026.

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Board Administrator





SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

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

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- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) is in need of wireless voice and data services for the paratransit and road supervisor fleets; and
- Whereas, The SMART paratransit and road supervisor fleets rely on wireless technology for scheduling, communications, and data; 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 – MiDeal Purchasing Program; and
- Whereas, The State of Michigan has awarded a contract (MA21000000680) for Wireless, Data, Voice and Accessories, which includes Wireless Voice and Data Services, to T-Mobile USA, Inc., based on a competitive solicitation in accordance with all State and Federal regulations. An award was made to a responsive and responsible bidder, T-Mobile USA, Inc. The pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable through an evaluation process conducted by the State of Michigan; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that T-Mobile USA, Inc. has the potential to perform under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that T-Mobile USA, Inc. is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via: Operating funds; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, 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.

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 March 26, 2026.

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Board Administrator





SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Authorization to Award a Contract for Wireless Data Services for Fixed Route WiFi Devices

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- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) successfully instituted a pilot program to outfit the fixed route FAST fleet with WiFi Routers to provide reliable and secure onboard wireless connectivity to the riding public; and
- Whereas, SMART is seeking Board approval for the data services needed for the fixed-route fleet; 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 – MiDeal Purchasing Program; and
- Whereas, The State of Michigan has awarded a contract (MA 210000000680) for Wireless, Data, Voice and Accessories, which includes Wireless Data Services, to T-Mobile USA, Inc., based on a competitive solicitation in accordance with all State and Federal regulations. An award was made to a responsive and responsible bidder, T-Mobile USA, Inc. The pricing has been determined to be fair and reasonable through an evaluation process conducted by the State of Michigan; and
- Whereas, The Chief Financial Officer is satisfied that T-Mobile USA, Inc. has the potential to perform under the contract terms and conditions; and
- Whereas, The EEO Department is satisfied that T-Mobile USA, Inc. is in compliance with the equal opportunity/affirmative action policies of the Federal and State governments and the affirmative action policies of SMART; and
- Whereas, The project is funded via: Operating funds; now, therefore be it
- Resolved, 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.

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 March 26, 2026.

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Board Administrator

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DATE:	March 26, 2026	DISPOSITION SOUGHT:	Board Approval
TO:	SMART Board of Directors	SUBMITTED BY:	General Manager
FROM:	General Manager	APPROVED BY:	General Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of a Student Free-Fare Program on SMART Fixed Route Services

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

SMART requests Board approval for a Student Free-Fare Program for K-12 and post-secondary students on all SMART fixed route services, starting in May 2026 during Commuter Challenge Month. This program will eliminate financial barriers, allowing students to ride free with a valid school-issued ID and positioning SMART as a leader in regional mobility.

### **DISCUSSION**

SMART seeks to enhance public transit access by launching a Student Free-Fare Program for K-12, community college, and university students. This initiative will allow eligible students to ride SMART buses at no cost, easing the financial burden of commuting.

Public transit is essential for connecting students to educational and work opportunities. By removing transportation costs, SMART supports steady attendance and academic success while investing in the future workforce.

In coordination with County Executives and the City of Detroit, the program aims to improve mobility for students enrolled in accredited institutions throughout the SMART service area. By presenting a valid student ID, they can travel easily to school, extracurricular activities, internships, and part-time jobs.

Approval of the Student Free-Fare Program will reinforce SMART's role as a trusted regional partner in education, workforce development, and economic growth, while demonstrating continued leadership in building a more inclusive, connected, and resilient Southeast Michigan.

### **FUNDING & COSTS**

This project is cost-neutral

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution



SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION

Approval of a Student Free-Fare Program on SMART Fixed Route Services

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- Whereas, The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) is a trusted regional partner in education, workforce development, and economic growth in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties; and
- Whereas, SMART seeks to enhance public transit access by launching a Student Free-Fare Program for K-12 and post-secondary students enrolled in accredited institutions to allow eligible students to ride SMART buses at no cost, easing the financial burden of commuting; and
- Whereas, In coordination with County Executives and the City of Detroit, the program aims to improve mobility for students enrolled in accredited institutions throughout the SMART service area by presenting a valid student ID; and
- Whereas, Public transit is essential for connecting students to educational and work opportunities, and students will be able to travel easily to school, extracurricular activities, internships, and part-time jobs, and by removing transportation costs, supports steady attendance and academic success while investing in the future workforce; and
- Resolved, 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.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, duly qualified Board Administrator of the Suburban Mobility 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 March 26, 2026.

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Board Administrator



MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: SMART General Counsel

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Closed Session





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Board Member Business





MEMORANDUM

TO: SMART Board of Directors

FROM: Chairperson

DATE: March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Adjournment

