

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

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, our region needs, but does not have, a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to enable better public transit, as it is the only major metropolitan area in the nation to not have one.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Farmington Hills urges the State Legislature to enact legislation allowing for a Regional Transit Authority so our region can pursue a better, more comprehensive regional transit system.

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

Adopted this 8th Day of October, 2012.

Barry L. Brickner, Mayor

I, Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Farmington Hills City Council at its regular meeting held October 8, 2012.

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk