



**City of Ypsilanti Request for Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Membership**

WHEREAS The City of Ypsilanti has been providing public transportation service to Ypsilanti residents for decades through purchase of service agreements with the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA), and

WHEREAS AATA and has developed a long range service plan, and

WHEREAS AATA and several Washtenaw County communities have been looking to improve transit service through a regional effort, and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Ypsilanti voters overwhelmingly approved a 0.9789 transit charter millage by a three to one margin; and

WHEREAS, the transit charter millage provides a dedicated revenue stream for bus service and demonstrates a long-term commitment to public transportation by Ypsilanti citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has reached the 20 mill state statutory limit under Section 5. (1) (a) of the State of Michigan Home Rule City Act 279 of 1909 and

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti must join a transit authority for the ability to increase transit funding; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti bus service can be improved by increasing frequency and hours of operation as demonstrated by a 30 percent ridership increase on AATA Route 4; and

WHEREAS, AATA is a transit authority formed by the City of Ann Arbor under the State of Michigan Public Act 55 of 1963; and

WHEREAS, PA 55 specifies a procedure for political subdivisions like the City of Ypsilanti to join AATA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to join AATA in return for contributing the entire Ypsilanti city charter transit millage to AATA; and

WHEREAS, expanding the AATA to include the City of Ypsilanti will strengthen the authority and provide options to improve bus service in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and throughout the County

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti requests membership in the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority in accordance with the State of Michigan Public Act 55 of 1963 and asks the AATA Board of Directors to approve the request.

OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YES:            NO:            ABSENT:            VOTE: