

A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING "THE WASHTENAW RIDE", AN ACT 196 AUTHORITY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2012

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2012 the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners (board) adopted resolution 12-0117 approving a Four-Party Agreement with the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti and the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA); and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2012 the board adopted resolution 12-0122 authorizing the creation of a new Act 196 Authority "The Washtenaw Ride" (authority); and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2012 the authority was incorporated in accordance with Act 196 of 1986 and the Four-Party Agreement; and

WHEREAS, 23 of 28 (82%) Washtenaw County municipalities have "opted-out" of the authority, representing approximately 90% of the county's area and over 42% of its population; and

WHEREAS, only three municipalities not included in the Four-Party Agreement are participating, representing less than one third (31%) of the remaining population; and

WHEREAS, in three districts, all municipalities have opted-out necessitating a change to the authority's Articles of Incorporation; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout the county continue to provide transit services utilizing W.A.V.E., People's Express, and Purchase of Service Agreements with AATA; and

WHEREAS, as an Act 55 of 1963 entity, AATA may form an Act 196 Authority on its own and without any involvement of the board; and

WHEREAS, the five remaining political subdivisions may form an Act 196 Authority on their own and without any involvement of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that resolutions 12-0117 and 12-0122 are hereby rescinded.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that "The Washtenaw Ride" is dissolved in accordance with Act 196, the Washtenaw Ride's Articles of Incorporation, and the Four-Party Agreement.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Attorney General Opinion #7003 (December 23, 1998) the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan Legislature to dissolve "The Washtenaw Ride."

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Clerk transmit this resolution to Senators Randy Richardville and Rebekah Warren, Representatives Jeff Irwin, Richard Olsen, Mark Ouimet, and David Rutledge, the Speaker of the House, and House and Senate Transportation Committee chairs, and to the clerks of the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the secretary of the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, for distribution to their officials.