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Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 9:52 PM
To: CityClerk; Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Lumm, Jane; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Smith, Sandi; Kunselman, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: Please Hold on 4-Party Agreement Decision

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to request that you once more hold on your decision to vote on the proposed 4-party agreement with respect to county-wide transportation, for two specific and overlapping reasons:

- 1) You recently received a great deal of information from the financial committee, that reviewed information on the proposal. The Financial Committee did not provide you with a clear recommendation, and furthermore indicated that given the context of the governor's proposal for a 4-county regional transportation system, that more information on that second layer of proposals is needed. I agree with the Financial Committee, that we need to understand the big picture of what is likely to happen at the state level, which will definitely affect the Washtenaw County level, before making a decision on AATA and NTA services.
- 2) You have not yet received adequate information on the 4-county proposal for regional transportation, to make a decision, as indicated, above.

You and the citizens of Ann Arbor will lose nothing if you wait for information on the 4-county regional system proposal. However, if you choose to proceed with the 4-party agreement in the absence of a clear understanding of the overlapping funding and management issues for the regional and Washtenaw County proposals, you run the risk of misdirecting the use of our tax funds. Please take the reasonable and responsible approach, and once again hold on a decision on the 4-party agreement. You have nothing to lose with this approach.

Sincerely,

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