

Bowden (King), Anissa

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 8:48 AM
To: Powers, Steve; Higgins, Sara; Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: FW: 4 Party Agreement for the AATA

FYI

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard Sheridan, Menlo Innovations [<mailto:rsheridan@menloinnovations.com>]
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 7:54 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: 4 Party Agreement for the AATA

Mr. Mayor and esteemed members of the Ann Arbor City Council:

As a long time city resident and business owner in the City of Ann Arbor, I would like to voice my support and encourage you to do the same in regards to keeping the countywide transit plan moving forward.

I believe the board and the management of the AATA have acted as good stewards of our transit future. I see a very bright future for our city. One that includes continued growth and prosperity for all members of our community. I see an integrated county wide transit system as a vital step in ensuring this growth can continue in a rational fashion.

The broader transit initiatives that are happening in southeast Michigan are further evidence that we should be participating as a fully committed transit-oriented community.

As our community grows, we need increasingly better options for moving our citizens to and from our city centers and other transit centers such as a commuter rail station and the Detroit Metro Airport.

As our city grows older, we need every possible option to allow our older citizens to age in place. Transit will be a big part of that process.

As our city continues to rely on knowledge oriented you get workers (at growing firms like mine), many of these youthful workers are choosing not to buy a car, and are choosing communities that makes this choice viable. These workers can choose anyplace they want as they are in high demand.

As our city pursues green options for its various infrastructure elements, transit options will present some of the best choices.

While i know exact funding options are still being explored, I would happily support a increased transit millage if that choice comes to pass.

Thanks you for your work on the behalf of our citizens.

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