

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT**

**among the following:**

AATA: Ann Arbor Transportation Authority  
2700 South Industrial Highway  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104  
Attention: Michael Ford

Ann Arbor: City of Ann Arbor  
301 E. Huron Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107  
Attention: City Administrator

Ypsilanti: City of Ypsilanti  
One South Huron Street  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197  
Attention: City Manager

County: Washtenaw County  
220 North Main  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107  
Attention: County Administrator

1. Acknowledged Facts. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (hereafter “AATA”) was incorporated by the City of Ann Arbor (hereafter “Ann Arbor”) for the purpose of acquiring, owning, operating, or causing to be operated a mass transportation system under the provisions of Public Act 55 of 1963. AATA and Ann Arbor are parties to a certain agreement which sets forth the operational relationship between them and which specifically provides the agreement shall remain in full force and effect until mutually terminated. The City of Ypsilanti has contracted with AATA for transportation services for many years and recently approved a Charter Amendment dedicating certain tax revenue for transportation purposes. The above named parties are planning for countywide public transportation by creating a new authority under Act 196 of 1986 (“New TA”). The New TA, in partnership with the other above named parties, would succeed to the public transportation system currently operated by AATA under the terms of this Agreement and Section 11 of Act 196 of 1986.

2. Authority Formation. The County, upon the AATA’s written request and authorization of the governing bodies of Ann Arbor and AATA terminating their operational relationship in favor of the New TA, will create a new Act 196 authority by approving, signing and filing articles of incorporation (“Articles”) in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A. **AATA will publish details of the service and funding plan in newspaper(s) of general circulation in the Washtenaw County before requesting the Articles be approved by the County and filed in accordance with provisions of Act 196**

3. City Transportation Millages.

a. Ann Arbor agrees, subject to the Paragraph 8 below, to designate the New TA, as successor to AATA, as the contracting agency for use of the 2.5 mills tax levy under Section 8.18 of the Ann Arbor City Charter and allocated the tax levy in its entirety to AATA at the 2012 millage rate or as adjusted by State of Michigan statute less a municipal service charge of one percent (1%) of the annual millage at the time of the collection of taxes. Such designation shall become effective if and when all of the following occurs: (i) the New TA succeeds to AATA’s public transportation services under the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) if alternate funding sources are elected to fund

the NEW TA which do not require voter approval, evidence of sufficient funding to support the continued and uninterrupted level of services provided by its predecessor-in-interest, AATA satisfactory to the City.

b. Ypsilanti agrees, subject to Paragraph 8 below, to transfer its full respective transportation millages, less a municipal service charge of one percent (1%) at the 2012 millage rate or as adjusted by State of Michigan statute to the New TA effective when the New TA succeeds to AATA's public transportation services.

4. Transfer of Assets. AATA will transfer to New TA at closing all assets then owned by AATA, including, without limitation, all rights to the names "Ann Arbor Transportation Authority". New TA will accept the transfer of those assets subject to all obligations and liabilities regarding those assets existing at the time of the transfer.

5. Assumption of Liabilities. New TA will assume at closing all liabilities of AATA existing at the time of closing.

6. Indemnification. AATA and its successor-in-interest The New TA shall indemnify and hold Washtenaw County, the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, their elected officials, employees, agents and volunteers harmless from and against all actions, liabilities, demands, costs and expenses, including court costs and attorney fees, which may arise due to their respective negligent, grossly negligent and /or intentional acts or omissions under this Agreement, and transfer or assumption required under this Agreement once the New TA is operational. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

7. Full Faith and Credit. The parties agree that Washtenaw County shall not be required, by virtue of its action in creating the New TA, to provide its full faith and credit for any project undertaken by the New TA. The parties further agree that the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti shall not be required to, and do not by virtue of execution of this Agreement, pledge their respective full faith and credit for any project assumed by the NEW TA at Closing or undertaken by the New TA thereafter when operational.

8. Contingencies to Closing. The closing of the transfer of assets and assumption of liabilities by the NEW TA is contingent upon all of the following occurring on terms acceptable to all parties:

a. The creation of New TA by Washtenaw County.

b. AATA and New TA obtaining all necessary approvals for the transfer of assets and assumption of obligations and liabilities, including approvals that may be required from federal and state agencies, or other lenders who provided funding for those assets and consents from parties to contracts with AATA.

c. AATA taking such necessary actions by its governing body to terminate its operational agreement with Ann Arbor effective at closing.

d. In exchange for the mayor's nomination with council confirmation, of seven directors of New TA's board, and annual submission to Ann Arbor of the

AATA's proposed budget and yearly audit and the New TA's agreement to apprise Ann Arbor City Council and solicit Council's advice prior to making major long-term policy actions concerning mass transportation services, Ann Arbor's agreement to (i) take such necessary actions by its governing body to terminate its operational agreement with AATA effective at closing; (ii) take such necessary actions by its governing body to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement and all documents and instruments contemplated by this Agreement, and the performance by Ann Arbor of the obligations to be performed by it hereunder; and (iii) designate the New TA, as successor to AATA, as the contracting agency for use of the 2.5 mills tax levy under Section 8.18 of the Ann Arbor City Charter and allocated the tax levy in its entirety to AATA at the 2012 millage rate or as adjusted by State of Michigan statute less a municipal service charge of one percent (1%) of the annual millage at the time of the collection of taxes. upon transfer from an Act 55 to an Act 196 authority.

e. In exchange for the City of Ypsilanti mayor's nomination with council confirmation, of one director of New TA's board, the [new TA agreement to apprise](#) and solicit the Ypsilanti City Council's advice-prior to making major long-term policy actions concerning mass transportation, and, at a minimum, the continued level of services provided by its predecessor-in-interest, AATA, the City of Ypsilanti agrees to pay its charter transportation millage at the 2012 millage rate or as adjusted by State Statute to the New TA upon transfer from an Act 55 to an Act 196 authority.

f. Countywide voter approval before December 31, 2014, of a New TA Act 196 funding source adequate to fund ongoing operations of New TA. Any ballot question submitted to the voters of the City of Ann Arbor and/or the City of Ypsilanti shall clearly identify the new funding as additional to the existing millage.

9. Closing Date. The transfer of assets and assumption of liabilities will occur at a date, time and place agreed between AATA and New TA, but no later than October 1, 2015, given the clearance of all contingencies.

10. Public Transportation Services and Cooperation Before Closing. Before the closing, AATA retains full authority and control over the conduct of its business. AATA will reimburse New TA for reasonable business expenses incurred by New TA before closing, including expenses relating to New TA's formation and preparation to close this transaction.

11. Termination of Agreement. This agreement will terminate automatically if the closing does not occur before December 31, 2015. The Washtenaw County Board will also be allowed to dissolve the New TA if there is no Countywide voter approved funding passed before December 31, 2014, or voter approval passes Countywide but the same is defeated in the City of Ann Arbor. However, no such dissolution shall be effective unless and until provision for continued transportation services to Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti is in place and operational and satisfaction of all liabilities of the New TA.

12. General Provisions.

a. Notices. Any notice required or permitted under this agreement is deemed given either upon personal delivery or within two business days after mailing by U.S. first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at their respective addresses shown on this agreement's first page.

b. Assignment. No party may assign any of its rights or delegate any of its duties under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other parties.

c. Choice of Law: This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan

d. Entire Agreement and Amendment. This agreement contains the entire agreement among the parties with regard to its subject matter, supersedes all previous understandings, and may be amended only in writing signed by both parties and approved by the board of each party.

ANN ARBOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
(AATA)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Ford, Chief Executive Officer

CITY OF ANN ARBOR

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hieftje, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

Approved as to substance

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Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Approved as to form

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Stephen K. Postema, City Attorney

CITY OF YPSILANTI

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Schreiber, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

ATTESTED TO:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Barr, City Attorney

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Conan Smith, Board Chair

ATTESTED TO:

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Lawrence Kestenbaum (DATE)  
County Clerk/Register

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Curtis N. Hedger  
Office of Corporation Counsel