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Dear Community Clerks:

This letter is to update you on the current status of the newly forming countywide transit authority.

On October 3, 2012, the Articles of Incorporation to form the Washtenaw Ride were filed in accordance with Public Act 196 as stated in the official notice sent to your community. The filings took place with the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Secretary of State.

On October 3 you also received an email copy of all documents that were mailed to you along with offers to answer last-minute questions at your board and council meetings. This notice contained a deadline of November 2, 2012 to respond to the notice.

A legal question has been raised this week regarding the 30-day withdrawal period. Out of an abundance of caution, it has been decided to provide communities with additional time to make their decision to participate or withdraw from the transit authority. It is likely that this will result in new notices being sent out to all communities on or about November 3, 2012, starting a new 30-day withdraw period.

Every effort will be made to honor official actions taken by your boards and councils up to this point, but if there are further deliberations and a change in outcomes within your community, we will honor those as well.

We regret any inconvenience or confusion this causes your community. We will continue to update you regarding the status of this process. Please contact Deborah Freer (dfreer@theride.org) or (734) 794-1881) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Ford".

Michael Ford
Chief Executive Officer