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**HAND DELIVERED**

The Honorable Jacqueline Beaudry  
City Clerk  
City of Ann Arbor  
301 East Huron Street, 2nd Floor  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

**Re: Certification of Ballot Question for August 2, 2022 Regular Primary Election**

Dear Ms. Beaudry:

On behalf of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (the "**Authority**"), I am filing the attached certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Authority's board of directors on April 21, 2022, providing for the submission of a ballot question to the electors of the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti at the regular primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

I am filing the resolution with you as required by MCL 124.357(4). The Authority respectfully requests that you undertake those steps as city clerk necessary to properly submit the proposition to electors at the August 2, 2022 regular primary election consistent with MCL 124.537(4) and the Michigan Election Law. The Authority also has certified the language of the ballot question included within the resolution to the Washtenaw County Clerk pursuant to MCL 168.646a.

Please contact the Authority's chief executive officer, Matthew Carpenter, if you have any questions or issues relating to this filing. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Miller', is written over a light blue background.

Jesse Miller  
Secretary

Attachment

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**Proposed Resolution (4/2022) with Ballot Language, Date, and Mill Rate**

**ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

**Resolution No. 4/2022**

**Millage Supporting Public Transportation**

**WHEREAS**, at an election held on August 7, 2018, a majority of the registered electors residing in the political subdivisions that comprise the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (the "Authority") voting at that election approved the levy by the Authority through 2023 of a tax of 0.700 mills for public transportation purposes on the taxable property within the political subdivisions that comprise the Authority as authorized by Public Act 55 of 1963, as amended, MCL 124.351 to 124.359 ("Act 55");

**WHEREAS**, replacing the expiring millage by levying a new millage for public transportation purposes for five years beginning in 2024 at a rate of **2.380** mills as permitted by Act 55 will enable the Authority to advance the needs of communities served by the Authority for social, environmental, and economic sustainability through strategic provision of improved public transit services while remaining careful stewards of the public trust;

**WHEREAS**, if approved, this proposed millage would replace the expiring 0.700 millage levy, resulting in a net additional levy of **1.68** mills, permitting the maintenance of all existing services provided by the Authority, expanded evening, late night, weekend, and holiday services, and new express services;

**WHEREAS**, an increased local investment in public transit is projected to magnify outside funding for the Authority, with \$1.40 in transit grants paid to the authority for every \$1 in local tax revenue invested by the Authority;

**WHEREAS**, Act 55 authorizes the Authority to levy a tax of up to 5 mills for public transportation purposes on all of the taxable property within the political subdivisions that comprise the Authority and permits the Authority to call an election for the purposes of consideration of a proposed levy;

**WHEREAS**, the board of directors of the Authority wants to levy a tax of **2.38** mills for five years beginning in 2024 for public transportation purposes, subject to voter approval, as authorized by Act 55; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Authority that an election is called and the following question must be submitted to a vote of the registered electors residing in the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, being the political subdivisions that comprise the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, at the regular primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022:

*"ANN ARBOR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
PROPOSAL FOR MILLAGE TO  
MAINTAIN AND EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION*

*The proposal would authorize the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (TheRide) to levy a property tax:*

- *to be used for public transportation purposes, including public transit and paratransit services for seniors and persons with disabilities;*

- at a rate of **2.380** mills (**\$2.38** for each \$1,000 in taxable value), replacing a current authorized millage of 0.700 that expires in 2023 and resulting in **1.680** in net new mills;
- for five years beginning in 2024 and continuing through 2028; and
- that may not be increased, renewed, or used for other purposes without voter approval.

If this new additional millage is approved and levied, revenue will be distributed to TheRide. It is estimated that **\$22,110,122.57** will be collected in the first year (2024).

Under current state law, the downtown development authorities of the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, the local development finance authorities of the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, and the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority may capture and use for authorized purposes tax increment revenues from the millage, if approved.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES   
 NO

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tax, if approved, will be levied and collected on the June tax roll beginning in 2024;


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the preceding question is hereby certified to the Clerk/Register of Deeds of Washtenaw County and, through the Clerk/Register of Washtenaw County, to the Board of Election Commissioners of Washtenaw County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the chief executive officer shall submit a certified copy of this resolution on behalf of the Authority to the clerk of the City of Ann Arbor, the clerk of the City of Ypsilanti, and the clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti not less than 60 days before August 2, 2022.

**Secretary's Certification:**

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the board of directors of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority at a properly-noticed open meeting held with a quorum present on April 21, 2022.

By:   
 Jesse Miller  
 Secretary

By:   
 Eric Mahler  
 Chair of the Board of Directors