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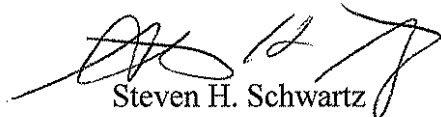
Mr. Clay Pearson
City Manager
City of Novi
45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375

Re: SMART Transit

Dear Mr. Pearson:

I would like to be placed on the Monday, November 23, 2009 City Council Agenda to make a ten minute presentation on SMART bus service in Oakland County. If possible, it would assist me if I could make a powerpoint presentation. I will be describing the two alternative proposals and how they affect the City of Novi and its residents.

Sincerely,



Steven H. Schwartz
Oakland County Commissioner
Farmington/Farmington Hills

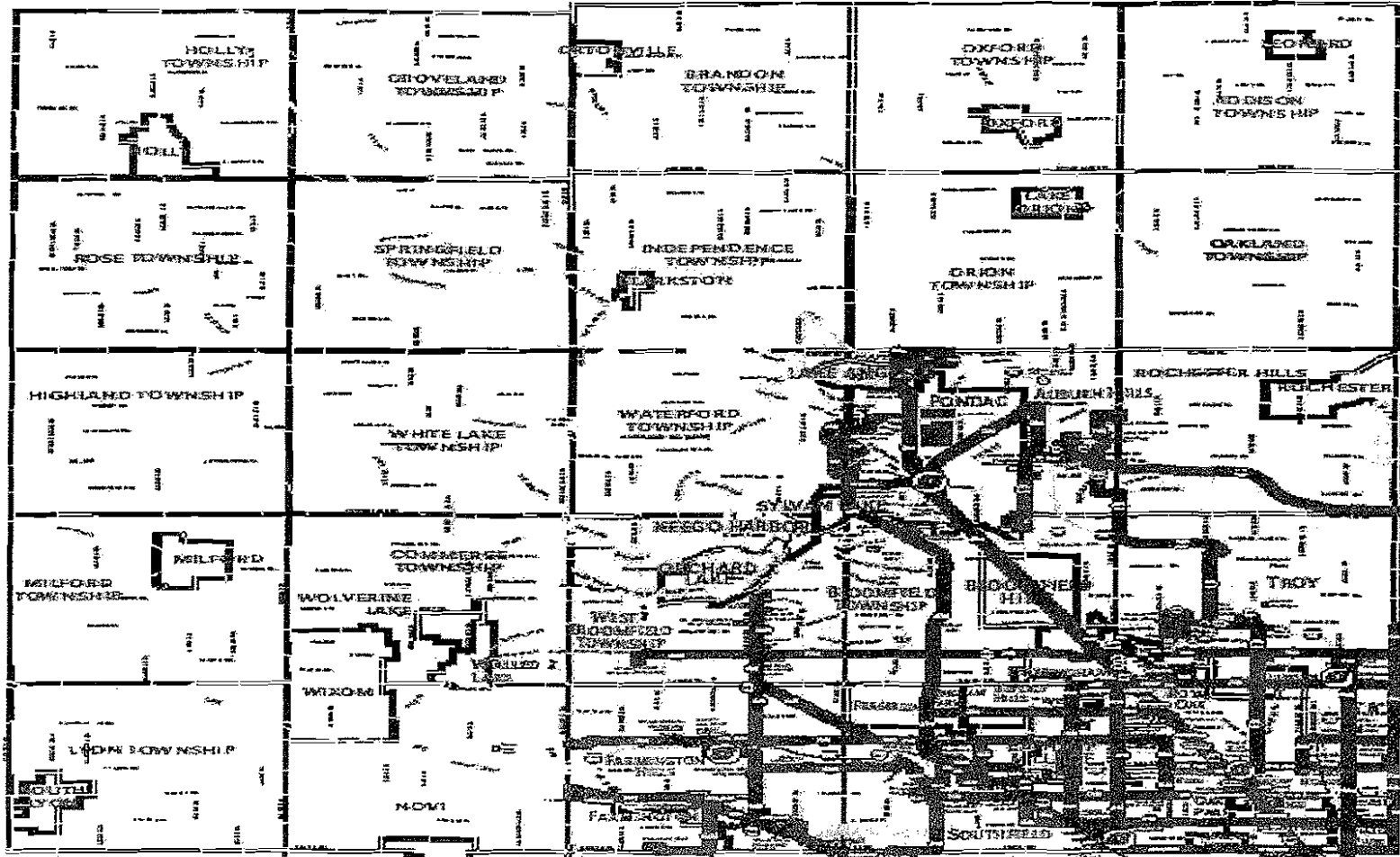
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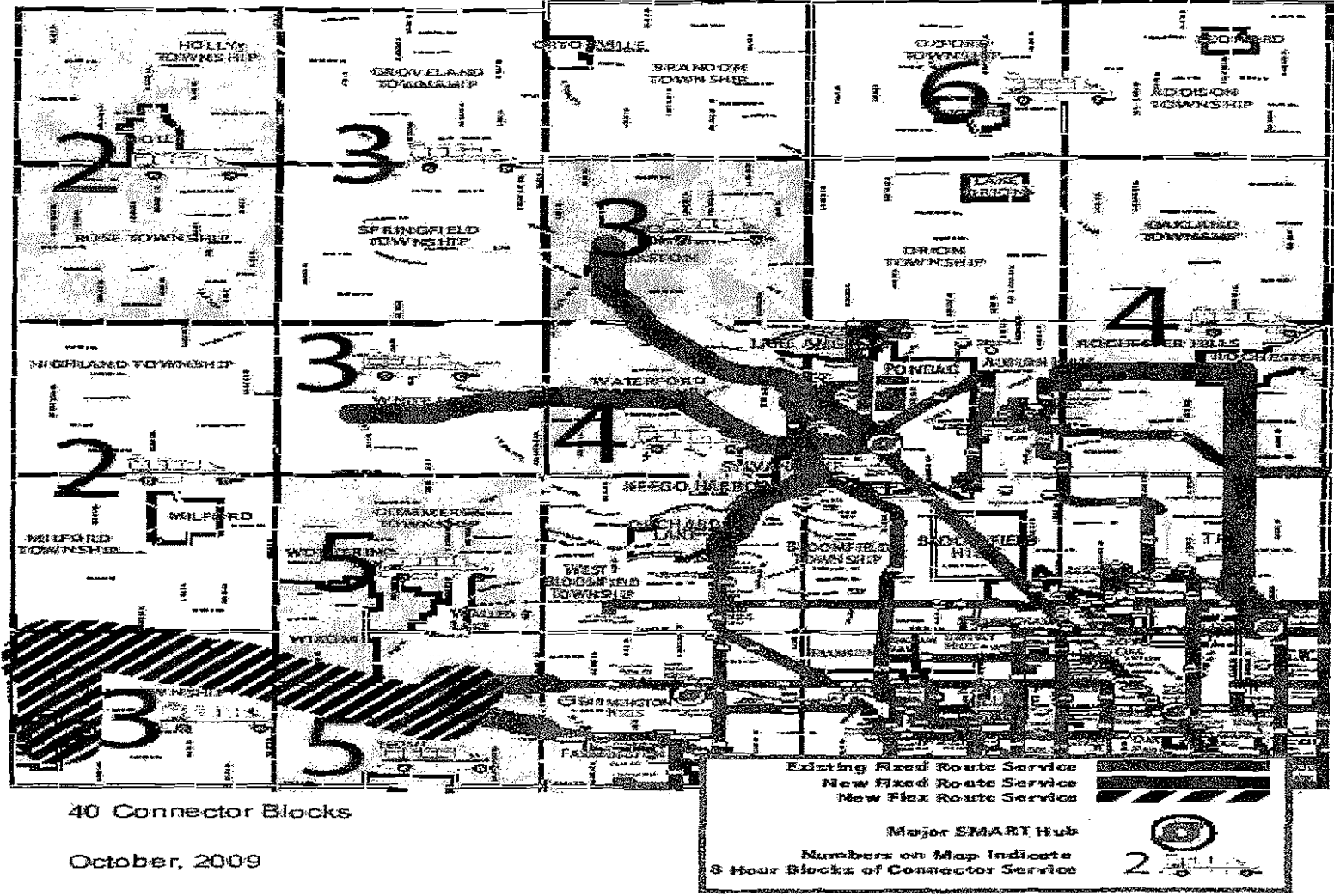
Oakland County Current Service Fixed Route



October, 2009

Existing Route Service
Major GRANT 2008

Oakland County Service Plan All Opt-In Two Year .54 Millage Scenario



40 Connector Blocks

October, 2009

To: General Government Committee

From: Steven H. Schwartz

Re: SMART Millage Resolution

Date: November 18, 2009

Enclosed is a revised resolution which would provide for a County-wide referendum on SMART bus millage next August. I will make a motion to substitute this resolution for the resolution that was referred to General Government which would have used a revenue bond. I do not plan on making a motion to approve the other resolution that would have revised the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority. If the Board of Commissioners votes to have a County-wide referendum, the attached resolution is the preferable way to conduct that referendum.

Also enclosed is a powerpoint presentation which I will present at the General Government meeting.

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WHEREAS, Act 156, Public Acts of Michigan, 1851, as amended, authorizes the County of Board of Commissioners to raise by tax upon the County those funds authorized by law and to direct and provide for the raising of money which is necessary to defray the current expenses and charges of the County and the necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the Board's lawful authority; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners supports the right of voters to choose whether or not they wish to support public transit; and

WHEREAS, the millage designated for public transit previously approved by voters in various communities within Oakland County expires with the 2009 tax year; and

WHEREAS, a tax rate of .54 mills would serviceably fund the needs of the public transit dependent, the senior, student and the disabled communities, as well as choice riders;

WHEREAS, 70% of current SMART riders use public transit to get to work and 20% of riders use public transit to get to school;

WHEREAS, County-wide funding would maintain the existing level of public transit service, as well as expand service to areas not previously serviced potentially with four new fixed routes, two fixed routes extensions, dozens of new Connector paratransit runs and approximately \$1 million in Community Partnership enhancements to support paratransit;

WHEREAS, if approved by the voters, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners would enter into a contract with SMART regarding service to be provided within Oakland County; and

WHEREAS, a condition precedent of that contract would be that any revenues paid by Oakland County taxpayers would be used by SMART to provide service within Oakland County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes, for the purpose of placing before all of the voters in Oakland County, a referendum of establishing a .54 millage rate to be levied in December, 2010 for service to be provided from December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011 and levied in December, 2011 for service to be provided December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012, to support and improve public transportation through Oakland County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs that the following referendum shall be placed on the August 3, 2010 election ballot:

Oakland County Public Transportation Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed in the County of Oakland be increased by 0.54 mill (fifty-four cents (\$.54)) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the taxable value on all taxable property in the County for a period of two (2) years, to be levied in December of 2010 and 2011, for the purpose of making contributions in aid of SMART and its purposes for the elderly, handicapped and general public of the County of Oakland? It is estimated that the levy of 0.54 mill in December 2010 would raise approximately \$29.9 million dollars in the first year of the levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to do all things and provide all supplies necessary for the placing of this question on the ballot as required by law.