

RESOLUTION NO. R18-1243

*Official Resolution of the Board of Commissioners
Macomb County, Michigan Resolution*

A RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE FIXING DETERIORATING ROADS IN MACOMB COUNTY

Commissioner Leon Drolet, on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offers the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, transportation is vital to the personal and economic well-being of Macomb County citizens and; Whereas roads are absolutely essential for nearly all transportation, including mass transit, by Macomb County citizens and;

WHEREAS, road conditions in Macomb County are deteriorating and are in unacceptable condition and;

WHEREAS, the existing SMART system can enact additional reforms to improve service without raising taxes and;

WHEREAS, technology is rapidly changing the current and future features of transit and;

WHEREAS, the technological innovations currently being deployed and developed have a high potential for revolutionizing transit in ways that improve commuter convenience and reliability over traditional legacy mass transit such as buses, light rail, or trolleys and;

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has proposed to raise taxes on Macomb County citizens to expand traditional legacy mass transit and;

WHEREAS, Macomb County voters overwhelmingly rejected increasing taxes for the RTA's priority of traditional mass transit at the November, 2016 general election and;

WHEREAS, Macomb County citizens overwhelmingly prioritize the repair and maintenance of deteriorating Macomb County roads over expending scarce transit resources for traditional mass transit as advocated by the RTA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners urges the Macomb County Executive, the Michigan State Legislature, and the Governor of the State of Michigan to work with the Macomb County Board of Commissioners to prioritize resources on repairing and upgrading the condition of our roadways rather than on expending resources to expand traditional mass transit such as buses, light rail, or trolley cars.

FURTHERMORE, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan State Senate and the Michigan State House of Representatives.

BOB SMITH
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