



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Oakland County Transit Ad Hoc Committee

Brendan Johnson, Chair

August 19, 2026 at 2:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brendan Johnson called the meeting of the Oakland County Transit Ad Hoc Committee to order at 02:14 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward (4)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Gingell, Philip Weipert (2)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Brendan Johnson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated June 11, 2026

Angela Powell moved **approval of the Minutes dated June 11, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Angela Powell moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by David Woodward.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Kelly Hyer, Executive Director, West Bloomfield Parks.

7. Communications

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Resident Letter dated July 22, 2026**
- b. **Board of Commissioners - Resident Letter dated July 26, 2026**
- c. **Board of Commissioners - Novi - Notice of Intent to Amend Master Plan and Notice of Review Period for Master Plan Amendment**
- d. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Community Transit Plan - Implementation Update**
- e. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report - SMART January-March 2026**

Eli Cooper, Manager Transit, and Dominic Pavone, Planner Associate, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled SMART Report Review - January – March 2026 (Q1). A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

Angela Powell moved to **receive and file the attached Communications**.
Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Regular Agenda

- a. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Access to Transit- Bus Stop Projects**

Proposed Board Action: approve the disbursement of Access to Transit Grant funds for the projects detailed in the attached Schedule B – Project Summaries and Grant Awards for an amount not to exceed \$690,400; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign the agreements.

Eli Cooper and Lindsay Wallace, Planner Principal, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled Access to Transit Program - Bus Stop Enhancements. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

Brendan Johnson moved to **refer to the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Angela

Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2027 Access to Transit Program

Proposed Board Action: approve Access to Transit Program for the 2027 fiscal year and authorize a one-time appropriation of \$2 million from the Public Transportation Millage Fund Balance Account for the purpose of funding the program; further, administer the 2027 Access to Transit Program in conformance with federal, state, and local legal requirements as well as Oakland County Policies and Procedures; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall serve as the program administrator and shall distribute the appropriated funds to the participating municipalities for expenditures incurred that meet the eligibility requirements for the 2027 to Transit Program; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall provide a report to the Transit Ad Hoc Committee and the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee no later than December 2027 detailing the performance of the program; further, amend the FY 2027 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment.

Quorum was lost at 3:15 PM.

Vice Chair Angela Powell assumed the Chair at 3:15 PM.

Chair Brendan Johnson resumed the Chair at 3:18 PM.

Quorum was reestablished at 3:18 PM.

Brendan Johnson moved to **refer to the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by David Woodward.

Board of Commissioners - Johnson Amendment #1

Brendan Johnson moved to make an amendment as follows:

motion to approve Access to Transit Program for the 2027 fiscal year and authorize a one-time appropriation of ~~\$2 million~~ **\$2.5 million from the Public Transportation Millage Fund Balance Account for the purpose of funding the program; further, administer the 2027 Access to Transit Program in conformance with federal, state, and local legal requirements as well as Oakland County Policies and Procedures; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall serve as the program administrator and shall distribute the appropriated funds to the participating municipalities for expenditures incurred that meet the eligibility requirements for the 2027 to Transit Program; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall provide a report to the Transit Ad Hoc Committee and the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee no later than December 2027 detailing the performance of the program; further, amend the FY 2027 budget as**

detailed in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment.

Seconded by David Woodward.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

Return to Main Motion, as Amended.

Proposed Board Action: approve Access to Transit Program for the 2027 fiscal year and authorize a one-time appropriation of \$2.5 million from the Public Transportation Millage Fund Balance Account for the purpose of funding the program; further, administer the 2027 Access to Transit Program in conformance with federal, state, and local legal requirements as well as Oakland County Policies and Procedures; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall serve as the program administrator and shall distribute the appropriated funds to the participating municipalities for expenditures incurred that meet the eligibility requirements for the 2027 to Transit Program; further, the Oakland County Transit Division shall provide a report to the Transit Ad Hoc Committee and the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee no later than December 2027 detailing the performance of the program; further, amend the FY 2027 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment.

Motion Passed, as Amended.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2026-1 with Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for Increased Services

Proposed Board Action: approve Contract Amendment 2026-1 with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) to include additional services and a budget increase in an amount not to exceed \$2.1 million; further, authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the contract amendment; further, amend the FY 2027 budget, as detailed in the attached Schedule A Budget Amendment.

Quorum was lost at 3:52 PM.

Quorum was reestablished at 3:54 PM.

Angela Powell moved to **refer to the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Angela Powell, David Woodward

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Other Business/Adjournment

Commissioners' Comments

Speakers:

Angela Powell

The meeting adjourned at 04:14 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.