
LWV Detroit Supports Wayne County Transit Millage

The LWV Detroit Board has voted to support the Wayne County Transit Authority Proposal which appears on the August 4th ballot. *(Proposal language below)*

The Wayne County Transit proposal aims to encourage new ridership and the development of a public transit ethos, essential to an efficient and equitable system that will meet the needs of residents and attract young people to the area.

- For the 26 of Wayne County's 43 communities already participating in the Wayne County transit millage, this proposal would be a renewal, and homeowners would not notice any increase.
- For Detroit residents and property owners in the 17 "opt-out" areas not currently participating in the SMART Program, this would be a new tax.
- For a homeowner with a home valued at \$200,000, the average cost of the 0.9831 millage would be about \$8 per month.
- If passed, all property owners in Wayne county will be assessed the tax, regardless of how individual communities vote. If passed the Wayne County Transit proposal would then unite all of Tri-County Metro Detroit in the SMART Transit System
- Students Ride Free. Currently all K-12 and college students are able to ride SMART's fixed route buses for FREE with valid student ID. With passage of the millage, this service would be extended to the seventeen areas now opting out of the SMART system.
- Funding from the millage would maintain existing services, while allowing communities to expand fixed-route bus service and increase the SMART Para-transit service for seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, as well as SMART Flex, a same-day on-demand service.

LWV-Detroit encourages all voters to become informed about the proposal which will appear on the August 4th ballot. Voters can find further information about the proposal at **Transit in Wayne County**. Polling information and a sample ballot are available at michigan.gov/vote.

WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

A proposal to authorize the Wayne County Transit Authority to levy a millage for the purpose of funding public transportation services in Wayne County, including operating, maintaining, improving, and expanding transit services; creating and expanding new fixed routes for bus service connecting local communities; expanding transportation services for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and the general public to access healthcare, education, and other daily needs. . . The millage would be levied at a maximum rate of 0.9831 mills (0.98 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years beginning with the 2026 tax year levy and ending with the 2035 tax year levy.

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