



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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CC: Frank Schulte, City Administrator
Steven Schmidt, Treasurer/Comptroller

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FROM: Susan Como, Assistant City Administrator

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SUBJECT: SMART Municipal and Community Credits Transfer to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services

Each year, the Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service (PAATS) incurs rising operational expenses due to inflation, while funding sources have minimally increased.

The other Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities allocate 100% of their annual Program Year (PY) SMART Municipal and Community Credits (MC & CC) to support PAATS.

Historically, the city has retained a portion of its MC & CC funding to support charter trips, capital improvements, and other transportation-related initiatives. However, due to a decline in participation, the number of charter trips has been reduced substantially over the past couple of years.

Currently, the city has \$45,569.48 in unexpended MC & CC funds from PY's 2022 thru 2025. After consultation with Mayor Art Bryant and City Administrator Frank Schulte, both are in agreement and supportive of transferring the entire balance to PAATS to help support the sustainability of services offered to our senior and disabled residents. Furthermore, they recommend the city allocate 100% of its PY SMART MC & CC funding to PAATS, aligning with the practices of neighboring communities.

As the city's PAATS Board Representative / Chairperson it is my recommendation, that city council transfer the \$45,569.48 balance in MC & CC funding that was originally allocated for charter trips, capital improvements, and other transportation-related initiatives to PAATS to help support the sustainability of services offered to our senior and disabled residents and authorize a letter to be sent to SMART stating such. In addition, moving forward the city allocate 100% of its PY SMART MC & CC to PAATS unless funding is needed for any city transportation needs.