



DDA ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2026

TOPIC Termination of Trolley Program

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

As part of the Stronger Together effort between our organization and the Oxford DDA, a program was initiated that jointly shared the use, cost and maintenance of a Trolley to bring guests of our communities back and forth within fun and safe transportation. The program was a great success, and has been awarded by Oakland County, and recognized by multiple groups.

Unfortunately, the trolley has suffered continual and expensive repairs over the past year and our operating partner, NOTA, has increasingly found difficulty in keeping the driver based operation sustainable in their own mandated plan and operations. The trolley was once again non-operational for our signature use, the "Polar Express", compelling the partnership to share in the expense of a third party vendor to make this annual "wait list" program a success.

The need to spend outside the already delayed and oft "out of service" trend is the last measure of keeping the current program in tact and running. To do so would push the limits of the intent outside the bounds of our transformational strategy and without substantial change is no longer advisable.

The Executive Director, in response to ongoing and anticipated decisions on further repair and maintenance cost elected to provide notice to Oxford that the Lake Orion DDA is discontinuing its participation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The DDA budgeted \$18,900 in GL 248-728-860-000 for Trolley Expenses. Through 12.31.25 we have expended \$1,726.51 due to the constant state of inoperability. With only a few remaining small invoices to close out this program expenses, this budget surplus will be needed to meet adjustments for other core expenses as the budget year moves forward.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive and file the Letter from the Executive Director to Oxford DDA dated January 8, 2026 terminating participation in the Trolley Program.