



MACOMB COUNTY COMMUNITY TRANSIT

HOW SMART SUPPORTS LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICES AND PROVIDERS



WHO IS SMART?

SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) is the regional public transit provider serving communities across Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Through SMART's Community Partnership Program, SMART provides funding and vehicles to cities, townships, and local transit providers across Macomb County.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY TRANSIT?

Community transit uses small buses and vans, often the vehicles residents see operating in their local communities, to take people between their homes and grocery stores, medical appointments, senior centers, and other daily destinations. Community transit helps seniors and people with disabilities stay independent.



78
Small Buses
and Vans

SMART provides 78 small buses and vans to communities across Macomb County.



Over
\$6
Million

SMART provides over \$6 million in direct annual funding to community transit services in Macomb County.



Nearly
175,000
Rides

SMART-supported community transit programs provided nearly 175,000 rides in Macomb County in 2025.

TRANSIT MILLAGE FAQs

What is a millage?

A millage is the rate used to calculate how much property tax you pay each year.

What would the millage cost?

About \$10 per month for a typical \$250,000 home.

Is this a new millage or a renewal of an existing one?

This is a renewal. It would maintain current service and support continued improvements across Macomb County.

What does the millage fund?

Bus service, SMART Flex (on-demand service), and ongoing transit improvements in Macomb County.

Will my community receive funding from the millage?

Yes. Each community receives a portion of millage funding to support local transit services. This millage would provide more funding to each community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- » **SMART supports local transit providers like Richmond Lenox Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and STAR Transportation.**
- » **Many community transit vehicles use local names and logos but are part of the SMART-supported network.**
- » **SMART helps community transit services operate by providing vehicles, funding, technology, and other operational support.**
- » **Every community will receive increased funding through this millage to support local transit services.**

**SMART is launching a new unified dispatch platform in fall 2026.**

A dispatch platform is the technology that helps schedule trips, manage vehicles, and coordinate drivers in real time, making **service more efficient, reliable, and customer-friendly**. Following the launch, **Sterling Heights and Richmond Lenox EMS** will be among the first agencies to use the system.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to place the transit millage on the November ballot. Macomb County voters will decide on the transit millage on **November 3, 2026**. If approved, the millage would keep transit services running and support future improvements across Macomb County.

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