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**From:** Lloyd, Harmony  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:26 PM  
**To:** Cardenas, Victor  
**Subject:** SMART Public Transit Expansion in Oakland County

Hi Victor,

I left you a voicemail but wanted to reach out by email also. I am the VP of Planning at SMART. As you know, with the passage of the recent transit millage, SMART is working with Oakland County to expand transit options. This will occur in several phases.

For **phase one**, we are looking primarily to **extend current routes and rework some routes** to be more efficient. **We are proposing to add new service in Novi by extending our current routes on Grand River and Twelve Mile.** We will also provide service to the MDOT park & ride in Novi for peak time runs. Over the next several weeks, we will be going through the Federal Transit Administration's prescribed process to undergo route changes. This will include several public hearings. **A public hearing** will not physically be held in Novi because (ironically) the hearings must be held where transit access already exists. **We will, however, be hosting one in Farmington Hills and offering a Zoom public engagement session on Thursday, May 11.**

After these hearings and a few other steps, we will begin the logistical side of the planning activities such as placement of stops, addition of shelters, timeline of changes, etc.

I wanted to contact you to give you a heads up on this process so when you see information online or in the Free Press about public hearings involving transit in Novi, you wouldn't be taken by surprise. I'm happy to jump on a call with you or one of your staff to answer questions about these first steps. I'm also happy to meet with city staff in the next few weeks if that would be helpful.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Harmony

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