

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARDS POSITION ON THE OAKLAND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-030

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan (the "Township"), held at the Township Annex building located at 7527 Highland Road, on the 18th of October 2022, at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, White Lake Township, without the ability to opt-out, will be a party to the proposed Oakland County transit plan; and

WHEREAS, should it be approved by voters in November 2022, all White Lake taxpayers, both residents and businesses, will be required to pay a new .95 mill Oakland County tax for ten years; and

WHEREAS, this plan will collect approximately **\$16 million** in taxes over the ten years from White Lake residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the revenue from the millage would be distributed to Oakland County, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) and the Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA); and

WHEREAS, countywide, this new tax is expected to generate a total of \$66 million annually from every Oakland County community, and County leaders have indicated that no comprehensive plan exists detailing the services to be provided, which provides no service to many north and west Oakland County communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed millage will not allow any community in Oakland County to opt out; and

WHEREAS, the White Lake Township Board supports a community-based transit system matched to the specific needs of its taxpayers rather than a more costly regional system that may not meet the needs of our community.

