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Policy Statement

The Detroit Regional Transportation Authority has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26. The Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26. It is the policy of the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority to ensure that DBEs as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

- To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT - assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;

- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.

Wendy Barrott, DARTA Board Administrator, has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer, by resolution during a regular meeting of the Board, August 27, 2004. In that capacity, Ms. Barrott is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE program. Implementation of the DBE program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

DARTA has disseminated this policy statement to the DARTA Board and all of the components of our organization. This policy statement is posted on the web page, www.darta.info.

Derrick Miller, Co-Chairman
Gerald Poisson, Co-Chairman

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Board of Directors

The DARTA Intergovernmental Agreement calls for 11 appointments to the Board as follows:

- 2 from City of Detroit - 1 each from Mayor's office and Detroit City Council
- 2 each from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties
- 1 each from Monroe County, SMART, and the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC)

The appointments to the DARTA Board are:

- **City of Detroit**
Mayor's Office
Derrick Miller, Chief Administrative Officer
Detroit City Council
Paul Bowen, President, Detroit Amalgamated Transit Union
- **Macomb County**
David M. Diegel, Finance Director
Dean Ausilio, Attorney, Ausilio & Ausilio, P.C.
- **Monroe County**

Royce R. Maniko, Director, Monroe County Planning Commission

- **Oakland County**

Julie Secontine, Risk Manager Oakland County

J. David VanderVeen, Director Department of Social Services, Oakland County

- **Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC)**

Richard E. Blouse, Jr. President and CEO, Detroit Regional Chamber

- **SMART Board of Directors**

VACANT

- **Wayne County**

Greg Pitoniak, Mayor of Taylor

Nancy Mouradian, Chief of Staff, Wayne County

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 7, 2005

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Regional Leaders United - Regional Transportation a Priority in Southeast Michigan

Despite yesterday's ruling by the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Big Four Regional Leadership announces that regional transportation is not dead and the issue of providing efficient and effective public transportation to the region will continued to be pursued.

DARTA is the product of an intergovernmental agreement between SMART, the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC), and the City of Detroit. In November 2003, AFSCME filed suit challenging DARTA's existence, arguing that the RTCC does not have the power to enter into the agreement, and therefore DARTA could not be created. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James J. Rashid refused to invalidate DARTA, saying that while the RTCC lacked power to enter into the DARTA agreement, the agreement nonetheless remained in force without the RTCC's participation. The appeals court disagreed with Rashid and held the DARTA agreement void.

The coalition of the Big Four is considering whether to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court or to seek other avenues to clarify its authority to establish and operate an effective regional transportation system in Southeastern Michigan.

Mayor Kilpatrick, an originator of the DARTA legislation that was vetoed by Governor Engler, expressed disappointment in this decision. Mayor Kilpatrick stated further, "I remain committed to the vision of a multimodal transportation system that links bus, rail, truck, air and seaport together: execution of this vision will enable Detroiters and the State of Michigan to fully compete in the global economy. I will work with other regional leaders to clear all legislative hurdles to realize a regionally coordinated transit system for Southeast Michigan."

Brooks Patterson stated, "This issue is not dead, I've made a commitment to business leaders to move Southeast Michigan's public transportation system into at least this century. The issue of connectivity of labor to jobs is too important to ignore."

The DARTA Board also expressed disappointment with the Court's decision, which strikes a blow to regional transportation. Nonetheless, Co-Chair of the DARTA Board and Mayor of the City of Taylor, Greg Pitoniak, stated "The Court's decision does not deter those of us committed to developing a strong regional transportation system that will serve as an important symbol of the strength and vitality of Southeast Michigan. This region deserves to have a public transportation system that is attractive to use, will reduce congestion and benefit our economy."

For more information, contact Wendy Barrott at 313-596-0440 or [e-mail](#).

For more information about the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority go to <http://www.darta.info>.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Detroit Regional Chamber Commitment to Regional Transit Undeterred by Appeals Court Decision Regarding DARTA

Today, the Michigan Court of Appeals released a ruling regarding the legal structure of the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority.

"It may take us many days to fully understand the action of the Court," said Richard Blouse, Jr. President and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber," but the spirit of our regional leaders and the business community and our commitment to establishing a workable regional transit system remains undeterred."

"DARTA has established itself as a conduit for discussion and cooperation," said Blouse, "many preliminary decisions regarding coordination of processes should continue to move forward regardless of the Court's decision."

"DARTA has survived a veto by then-Governor John Engler, opposition from legislators and labor organizations and a lower court decision," said Blouse, "DARTA will find a way to survive today's action."

The Detroit Regional Chamber will continue to work with state and regional leaders to move forward in establishing an effective public transit system for southeast Michigan.

For more information, contact Sarah Hubbard at (517) 372-2238 or e-mail: shubbard@detroitchamber.com.

With more than 21,000 members, the Detroit Regional Chamber is the largest chamber of commerce in the country. The Chamber's mission - to lead business growth and member success - is carried out through business attraction efforts, public policy advocacy, strategic partnerships and quality products and services for members.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Week of March 21
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Regional Leadership Asks Congressional Delegation to Help Improve Transit Services in Southeast Michigan

Top executives for the City of Detroit, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne Counties have signed

a joint letter to the entire Congressional Delegation for Southeast Michigan requesting that the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority (DARTA) be allocated \$2.5 million in the FY 2006 federal budget. The funding is needed for DARTA to continue regional efforts to improve public transportation service.

Recent fiscal pressures at all levels of government have placed added pressure on transit operations and services, making more urgent the need for federal support to facilitate DARTA's multi-jurisdictional goals. The federal funds would be used by DARTA to complete the region's Comprehensive Services Plan and to further implement efficiency improvements between our city and suburban systems (DDOT and SMART).

"We're grateful to our top leaders for putting their collective muscle behind our federal funding request. With Congress' help, these dollars will help accelerate Southeast Michigan's transit operations into an economic growth tool for the 21st century," said DARTA Co-Chair Derrick Miller.

DARTA was created in May 2003 through an intergovernmental agreement signed by the leaders from the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC), including Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Nancy White, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano; the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART); and, members of the Detroit City Council. DARTA's mission is to plan, coordinate and improve the delivery of public transportation within the region, thereby enhancing economic development and quality of life.

"Since its establishment, DARTA has continued to receive significant support from local government and SEMCOG. DARTA has also received support from the Detroit Regional Chamber and Detroit Renaissance including interest free loans, cash gifts, office space and technology support. Each of these organizations has provided additional support with letters to our Congressional Delegation asking for allocation of the requested funding to DARTA," said DARTA Co-Chair Greg Pitoniak.

For more information, contact Wendy Barrott at 313-596-0440 or [e-mail](mailto:wendy@darta.info).

Additional information about DARTA can be obtained at <http://www.darta.info>.

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March 2, 2005

DARTA Board Expresses Optimism Regarding Pending Litigation

The Board of the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority (DARTA) has expressed its support for the position taken by its member entities as they defend the validity of the contract that created DARTA.

DARTA is the product of an intergovernmental agreement between SMART, the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC), and the City of Detroit. In November 2003, AFSCME filed suit challenging DARTA's existence, arguing that the RTCC does not have the power to enter into the agreement, and therefore DARTA could not be created. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James J. Rashid refused to invalidate DARTA, saying that while the RTCC lacks power to enter into the DARTA agreement, the agreement nonetheless remains in force without the RTCC's participation. Judge Rashid's opinion confirms that DARTA remains a validly existing entity. The ruling is being appealed.

The DARTA members agree with Judge Rashid that DARTA continues to exist, but disagree with the ruling that the RTCC lacks the legal authority to transfer its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to DARTA. The transfer of those powers would streamline the administration of regional public transit and make coordination between DDOT and SMART easier to achieve. For this reason, the DARTA Board has expressed unconditional support for the position taken by its member entities.

Oral arguments in the case have been scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in front of Court of Appeals judges Karen Fort Hood, Richard Allen Griffin, and Pat M. Donofrio.

In the interim, DARTA has begun functioning. It maintains a public website, <http://www.darta.info>, and conducts regular meetings at the offices of the Detroit Regional Chamber. Since its inception, DARTA has developed initiatives for spending previously awarded federal grants and improving coordination between SMART and DDOT. It has also developed a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, initiated development of the region's first joint services map, and hosted a series of public workshops designed to facilitate discussion between various transportation policy entities and regional transit providers.

DARTA is currently conducting a CEO search with the assistance of a professional recruiting firm. It plans to select a candidate by April of this year.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 31, 2003

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor Granholm Approves DARTA Intergovernmental Agreement

MACKINAC ISLAND - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today gave final approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement creating the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority (DARTA) to improve public transportation.

The agreement was signed last week by leaders from the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC), including Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Nancy White, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano; the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART); and, members of the Detroit City Council.

Together, they crafted an Intergovernmental Agreement between and among the City of Detroit, the RTCC, and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), to establish the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority.

The agreement is enabled by the Urban Cooperation Act which requires gubernatorial approval, and the Intergovernmental Transfers of Functions and Responsibilities Act (TFA).

DARTA will have the power and authority to plan, design, and coordinate the operation of an effective and efficient regional public transportation system in the southeast Michigan region. DARTA will not merge DDOT and SMART, will not impose liabilities on local government without their consent, and will not be authorized to levy taxes. Among the specifics of the Intergovernmental Agreement on DARTA:

- DARTA will assume the functions of the RTCC, including planning and allocation of state and federal public transportation funds.
- DARTA will work with SMART and DDOT to coordinate public transportation operations.
- DARTA will be prohibited from levying taxes.
- By March 2004, the Authority Board will retain a CEO. The CEO will administer the interlocal agreement in accordance with the plan as adopted by the Authority board.
- The CEO will manage the daily operational functions of DARTA and prepare capital and operating budgets for the Authority Board.
- The Authority will appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee, authorize the creation of community advisory councils, and establish a ridership committee to engage communities and citizens in reporting their concerns.
- The service area of the authority will include the counties of Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, and Wayne, including the City of Detroit.
- The agreement will positively position the region for federal funding for startup costs for mass transportation.
- Protection for labor is provided in the agreement. The Authority is granted the right to bargain collectively and enter into agreements with labor organizations consistent with the

agreement.

DARTA will be governed by an 11-member board, including:

- Two Macomb County representatives appointed by the Chairperson of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, in his or her capacity as a member of the RTCC, to serve at the will of the Chairperson;
- Two Oakland County representatives appointed by the Oakland County Executive, in his or her capacity as a member of the RTCC, to serve at the will of the County Executive;
- Two Wayne County representatives, non-Detroit residents, appointed by the Wayne County Executive, in his or her capacity as a member of the RTCC, to serve at the will of the County Executive;
- Two Wayne County representatives, non-Detroit residents, appointed by the Wayne County Executive, in his or her capacity as a member of the RTCC, to serve at the will of the County Executive;
- Two Detroit residents: one appointed by the Mayor of the City of Detroit serving at the office of the Mayor, and one appointed by Detroit City Council.
- One Monroe County representative appointed by the Chairperson of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, serving at the will of the Chairperson;
- One member appointed by the RTCC; and,
- One member appointed by SMART.

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Detroit Regional Chamber Applauds the Big Four and Governor Granholm

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 22, 2003

Detroit Regional Chamber Applauds the Big Four and Governor Granholm for their leadership in development of the Proposed Interlocal and Intergovernmental Agreement to Create the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority Detroit

Detroit Regional Chamber President and CEO Richard E. Blouse Jr., CCE, attended a meeting of the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC) today and stood with local and state leaders in support of improved public transit in Southeast Michigan.

At the meeting, the RTCC -- Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano, Detroit Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick and Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Nancy M. White signed the proposed Interlocal and Intergovernmental Agreement to create DARTA.

"They should all be commended for agreeing to and signing this historic agreement," said Blouse. "Through the leadership of Governor Granholm and the Big Four, we've been able to craft an agreement that closely mirrors the state legislation that would have created DARTA, but through other state authorized channels."

Interlocal and Intergovernmental Agreements are authorized by the Urban Cooperation Act and the Michigan Constitution. This agreement requires the approval of the Big Four (acting in their capacity as members of the Regional Transit Coordinating Council), the board of directors of SMART and the Detroit City Council.

"DARTA will be able to accomplish greater efficiencies and better coordination of public transit services throughout the region. For the first time, Southeast Michigan will have a comprehensive regional public transit service plan," said Blouse.

The Detroit Regional Chamber has long been an advocate of improved public transit and transportation infrastructure in the region. The basis of the agreement comes from legislation that was supported by the Chamber and vetoed by Gov. John Engler during the 2002-03 legislative session.

DARTA continues to be prohibited from levying any taxes.

For more information, contact Claudia Berry (313) 596-0329 or [e-mail](#).

With nearly 20,000 members, the Detroit Regional Chamber is the leading business organization in the digital drive and the largest chamber of commerce in the country. The Chamber's mission - to power the economy for Southeast Michigan - is carried out through business attraction efforts, public policy advocacy, strategic partnerships and quality products and services for members. This year the Chamber celebrates 100 years of service to the business community.

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