

**AGENDA # J.8**  
**Scio Township Board of Trustees**  
**Transportation Millage Renew and Restore Proposal**

**FOR MEETING DATE OF:** April 9, 2024

**PREPARED ON:** 4/4/24

**PREPARED BY:** Will Hathaway

**SUBMITTED BY:** Manager

**ITEM TYPE:** Possible Action

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** To adopt the attached resolution placing a proposal to renew and restore the Scio Township Transportation Millage on the August 6 ballot.

**BACKGROUND:** Scio voters approved a transportation millage in 2015. That millage has supported the provision of public transportation through the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA). Supplemental services are provided by Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE). Over time, the Headlee Amendment has lowered the millage rate from its original, voter-approved level of 0.3627.

The ten-year transportation millage expires at the end of 2024. The renew and restore ballot proposal, if approved by voters, will renew the millage and allow Scio to continue providing public transportation. It will also restore the millage to its original tax rate of 0.3627. This return to the original tax rate will allow the Township to pay AAATA through the annual purchase of service agreement and also pay WAVE for extension of service further west on Jackson Road in alignment with AAATA's schedule.

The Transit Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend the following ballot language which has been reviewed by the Township Attorney:

*Shall the Transportation Millage approved in 2015 for a period of ten (10) years be renewed and restored to impose on taxable property in the Township of Scio, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, 0.3627 mill (\$0.3627 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for public transportation services in Scio Township? It is estimated that 0.3627 mill would raise approximately \$616,980 when first levied.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Transit Advisory Committee recommends approval.

**MODEL MOTION:** To adopt the attached resolution placing on the August 6, 2024, ballot a proposal to renew and restore the Scio Township Transportation Millage at 0.3627 mill for a period of ten years, 2025 to 2034, inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for public transportation services in Scio Township.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Transportation Millage Resolution 4.5.24.pdf](#)

**QUESTION:** Shall this Resolution be ADOPTED?