

# **News Release**

## **Regional Partners Advocating Transit Here (R-PATH)**

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### **Macomb County Members of R-PATH Applaud Governor Rick Snyder's Transit Recommendation for Gratiot Avenue**

SOUTHEAST MICH. — Macomb County Commissioners Kathy D. Vosburg, David Flynn and Bob Smith, as part of Regional Partners Advocating Transit Here (R-PATH) today applauded Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's recommendation urging the creation of an RTA to support rapid transit along the Gratiot, Woodward, Michigan and M-59 corridors.

The Governor's statement in support of the creation of an RTA was made during an address at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield as part of a "Special Message to the Legislature on Infrastructure." The message called for several legislative actions and initiatives to improve Michigan's transportation, water and sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

"The Governor's transit plan for our major corridors makes sense, linking heavy travel routes in a way that is practical and useful to Macomb County residents," said Board of Commissioners Chair, Kathy D. Vosburg.

Commissioner David Flynn, a longtime supporter of rapid transit, said the Governor's approach is promising.

"This is a productive way of approaching the transit issue which works independent of the current options, and connects people with the routes they travel most when going to work or school," Flynn said.

"If we are to turn our economy around and improve resident attraction and retention, mass transit is a key issue not only for southeast Michigan, but for the entire state," Commissioner Bob Smith said. "I am glad to see the Governor agrees on its importance."

R-PATH is a voluntary, bi-partisan group comprised of individuals appointed as representatives by its respective participating bodies: Macomb, Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and St. Clair county commissions, and the Detroit City Council.

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