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BoC Encouraged by Optimistic Outlook, Projected Importance of Transit

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — Members of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners were on hand yesterday to hear the 28th annual economic forecast for Macomb County, and there is reason to be encouraged by the improving outlook, said Board Chair Kathy D. Vosburg.

The forecast was delivered by Macomb Community College President and local economist Dr. Jim Jacobs, who reported the county's economy will fare better than the national economy when it comes to job growth and recovery. He pointed to Warren's "defense corridor," high-tech manufacturing, and the domestic auto industry as key drivers in the current upswing. He also noted that it is crucial to plan for the needs of a shrinking middle class by providing access to quality education and healthcare, as well as transportation to help get people to and from work or school.

"Dr. Jacobs delivered an optimistic message which indicated local legislators are on the right track by focusing attention on the importance of forming a Regional Transit Authority to capture federal funding for regional mass transit," said Vosburg, who serves on Regional Partners Advocating Transit Here (R-PATH), a bi-partisan group of city and county officials from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties and the City of Detroit. Macomb County Commissioners Toni Moceri, David Flynn, Jim Carabelli and Bob Smith also represent Macomb County on R-PATH.

"Macomb County commissioners serving on R-PATH will continue to work toward this goal, and we encourage other county leaders to join us in working to improve the quality of life for this region through mass transit," she added.

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