

**Steering Committee Meeting Notes  
October 1, 2009**

Notes

Harbor Transit Planning Study  
Harbor Transit Technical Advisory Committee

October 1, 2009  
Spring Lake Village Hall  
3:30 p.m.

Attendees

Craig Bessinger  
Bill Cargo  
Ryan Cotton  
Carl French  
Gordon Gallagher  
Tom Manderscheid  
Joanne Marcetti  
Geri McCaleb  
Patrick McGinnis  
Jeff Stille  
Phil Kazmierski (Consultant)  
Larry Strange (Consultant)

Larry Strange reviewed the public survey. 3,500 hundred surveys were mailed to a sample mailing list obtained from AccuData. As of October 1, about 750 surveys had been received, most by mail. (As of this writing the count is about 800). Larry noted that this was the most surveys returned on a survey of this nature he had conducted focusing purely on transit. He presented the responses to the survey to the committee. The responses to some key questions were supportive of expanded transit in the townships. The discussion focused on the need to be cautionary about reading too much into the results but overall it appeared that the participants were encouraged by them. Larry said that the survey results would be aggregated by jurisdiction.

Phil Kazmierski reviewed organizational options for Harbor Transit as detailed in the draft Technical Memorandum 3 document submitted to the committee by Corradino. The committee discussed the options and various issues and considerations associated with the report. There was an extensive discussion about the organizational options. The group concurred that Options 2 (Public Act 7) and 4 Public Act 196 should remain on the table and that perhaps a hybrid option should be considered. The overriding issues appeared to be on the one hand, the potential loss of local control in the event an Act 196-type authority was put in place and the ability under a 196 scenario to enact a uniform millage rate across the service area so that the current funding formula would no longer be needed. There appeared to be consensus supporting an expansion plan.

Larry Strange reviewed a set of financial scenarios that were developed in response to requests received during the August 24 meeting. The question was raised about how the geographical

allocation was developed and Larry said that the analysis assumed that 2/3 of each township would be included in the expanded service area.

There was discussion about next steps and it was agreed that the board of each township should be briefed to get their views on the issue and that the committee should then reconvene.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 4 at the Spring Lake Village Hall at 3:30 p.m.

Please forward any comments or corrections to these Notes to Larry Strange.