Welcome to the

TRU Annual Meeting

State of Regional Transit & Community Engagement in Transit Decisions

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January 22, 2015
Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Election of TRU Board Members
- State of the Region’s Transit
- Program on Community Engagement
  - Overview of Community Engagement
  - Engagement Values, Benefits, and Principles
  - Opportunities Upcoming in 2015
  - Preparing for Community Engagement
Transportation Riders United

- Nonprofit 501(c)(3) org
- Founded in 1999
- Dedicated to improving public transit in region
  - Education
  - Engagement
  - Advocacy

- www.DetroitTransit.org
  - On Facebook and Twitter: DetroitTransit
TRU Board of Directors

- Meagan Costea *
- Deena Fox
- Adrianna Jordan #
- Chris Khorey
- Kelly Logan *
- Dave Norwood
- Bob Prud’homme *
- Kevin Smith #
- Susan Titus

* = up for re-election
# = stepping down
TRU Staff

- Megan Owens
  - TRU Executive Director

- Ruth Johnson
  - TRU Assistant Director
TRU Partners and Allies

• MOSES
• Michigan Environmental Council
• Michigan Suburbs Alliance
• Regional Elderly Mobility Alliance
• Michigan Public Transit Association
• Metro Detroit AFL-CIO
• Metropolitan Coalition of Congregations

• PEAC
• Sierra Club of Michigan
• Americans for Transit
• NAPTA
• Univ. of Detroit Mercy
• Area Agency on Aging
• Transportation for Michigan
• And many others

THANKS!
TRU Business Meeting

Election of Board Members
TRU Board of Directors

- Act on behalf of members
- Legally responsible for organization
- Responsibilities include:
  - Set mission and priorities
  - Ensure sufficient resources
  - Hire and oversee Executive Director
  - Ensure ethical behavior
  - Community ambassadors
Board Nomination Process

- Board ID’d needs and developed guidelines
- Open call for applications, Sept-Nov
- Evaluated candidates, recommend slate

- Current TRU members are invited to vote on the slate
  - Must have donated $5+ in the past 12 months
Recommended Slate

New to Board
• Dave Kuziemko
• Paul Lippens
• Martin Moore
• Michele Prud’homme
• Ramya Swayamprakash
• Shamsuddin Syed

Renew / Return
• Meagan Costea
• Kelly Logan
• Bob Prud'homme
• Marcia Yakes
Interested?

• Talk with a Board member
• Follow TRU email updates
• Get involved now!
  • Fundraiser Planning
    • Sponsorship
    • Silent Auction
    • Invitations / Ticket Sales
    • Nominations / Awards
• Office Volunteers
• Other participation
Transit Remains Bad

- DDOT late and absent buses
- Insufficient SMART service
- No rapid transit
Unprecedented Efforts for Improvement

DDOT

- Security cameras
- New buses
- Improved maintenance
- Hiring drivers and mechanics
- Smartphone ap
Unprecedented Voter Support

Ann Arbor-Ypsi Voter Support

- 71% voters approved AAATA millage increase
  - New routes
  - Longer hours
  - More frequent service
Unprecedented Voter Support

SMART Voter Support

- 66% voters approved SMART millage increase
- New buses
Unprecedented Efforts for Improvement

M-1 Rail now under construction

- 3.3 mile streetcar
- Will provide convenient attractive service
- Starting late 2016
Unprecedented Efforts: RTA

- CEO Michael Ford
  - Will soon have 4 staff

- Rapid Transit planning
  - Gratiot
  - Michigan
  - Woodward

- Regional Master Transit Plan
Thank You!

- RTA Board
- Michael Ford
- RTA Providers Advisory Council
- RTA Citizens Advisory Committee
- SMART campaign contributors
- SMART campaign volunteers
- AAATA The Ride
- SMART
- Mayor Duggan
- Dan Dirks
- M-1 Rail team
- TRU Board members
- TRU volunteers
- TRU donors
- Partner organizations
Make Nominations for

THE 2015 REGIONAL TRANSIT AWARDS

- Corporate Transit Champions?
- Transit Employee of the Year?
- Unsung Hero?
- Innovation?
Program on Community Engagement in Transit Decision-Making

Presented by Ruth Johnson, TRU Assistant Director
Thanks!
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