



## Know the Facts

Voter approval sought for millage to support Metro bus system in Kalamazoo area

### WHAT IS THE MILLAGE REQUEST?

Voters will be asked to approve a millage of up to .90 mills for five years beginning in 2021 to support the Metro public bus transportation system.

### HOW IS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDED?

An important component of public transportation is voter approved millages which currently represent 36% of Metro's operating funds. Additional funds come from Federal Grants (10%), State Grants (34%), Fares (18%) and other sources (2%).

### HOW MUCH WILL THE MILLAGE COST A HOMEOWNER?

The cost of the 0.90 millage request for a homeowner whose home has a taxable value of \$50,000 (\$100,000 market value) is approximately \$45 a year (\$0.12 per day).

### HOW WILL THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

Both the economy and the quality of life for people in the greater Kalamazoo community benefit from reliable transportation. Metro operates seven days a week, providing an important mode of transportation for employers and their employees, seniors and students, including those with disabilities. The fixed route bus system, along with the county-wide Metro Connect system, gives everyone access to public transportation that is safe and reliable year round.



### WHY ASK FOR A MILLAGE?

Metro-provided surveys have shown that over 70% of Metro riders use the bus five or more days a week with 88% not having a vehicle available to access work, doctor appointments or shopping. The millage allows Metro to continue to provide a vital service to the entire community, making it so the service is here when needed. Rides were taken more than 2.8 million times last year. Even if you currently don't use public transportation, it will be there when you do need it. Improved services will help people working later night hours and provide access to Sunday activities.

### WHO GETS TO VOTE?

Voters in the cities of Kalamazoo, Parchment and Portage; the townships of Kalamazoo and Comstock (Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7), as well as the eastern portion of Oshtemo Township (Precincts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9), will be asked to approve the millage request on March 10, 2020.

The millage, if approved, will replace the current 2015 millage which expires in 2020.

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