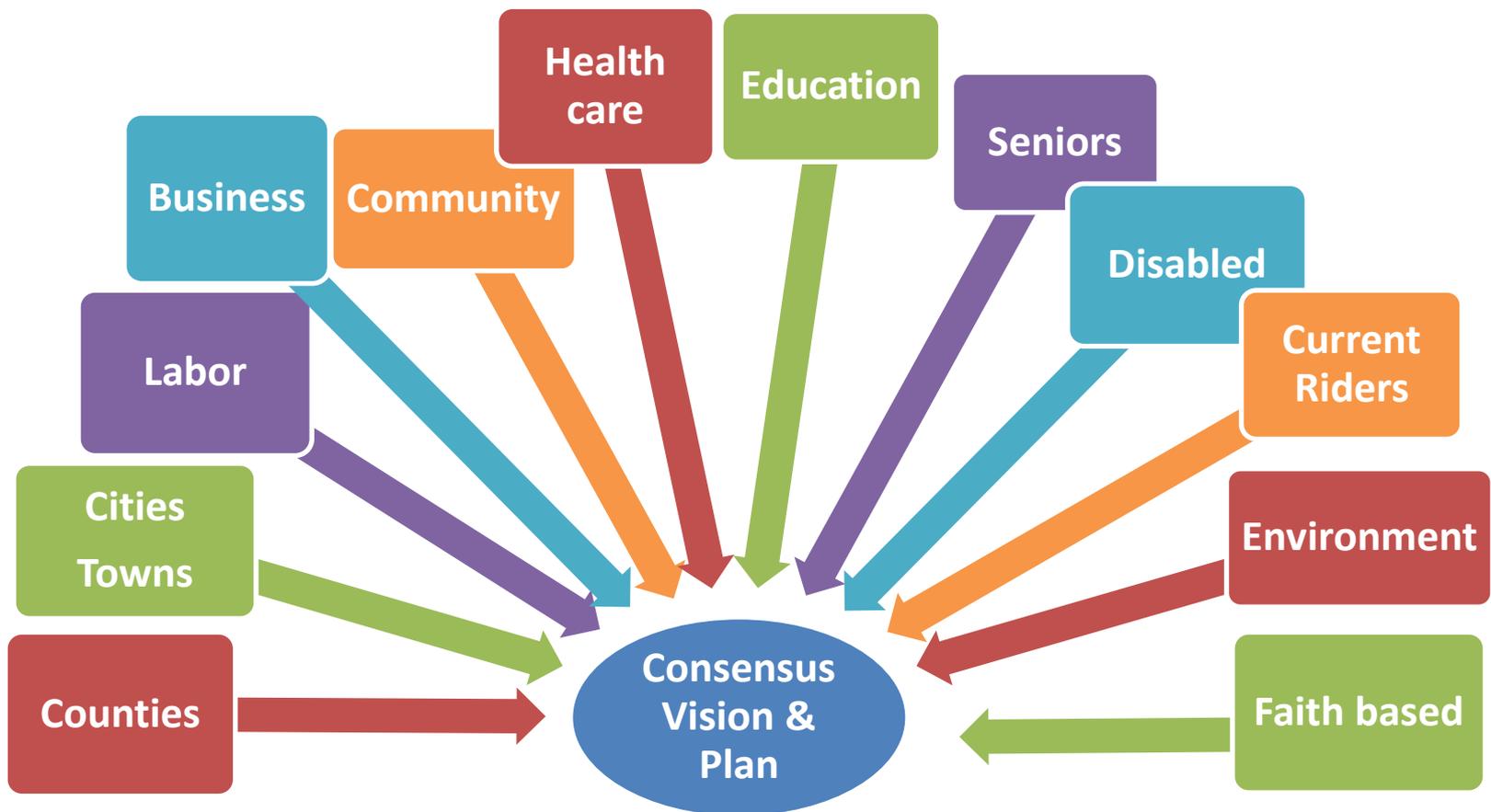


A Vision for Transportation for Livingston County



Livingston County Transportation Coalition
Dr. Leo E. Hanifin, Chair

Stakeholders of Public Transportation



Members of Liv. Co. Transp. Coalition (31)

- **Elected Officials:** Gary Childs, Pat Hohl, Steve Manor
- **Business Organizations:** Brighton Chamber, Howell DDA
- **Health Care:** St. Joseph Hosp., Providence
- **Seniors:** Brighton and Hartland Senior Centers, AAA1B
- **Disabilities:** ARC, Viabl, RICC
- **Faith Based:** Catholic Charities, Love INC, St. Mary Magdalen Charity and Justice, Special Ministries
- **Businesses Leaders:** Don Cortez, George Moses
- **Transit Providers:** LETS, People Express, Loving Touch Transportation
- **Riders and Advocates:** Hugh Gurney, Leo Hanifin, Walter Kristy, Michael Lamb, Mary Lapoirs
- **Government Services:** Anne Rennie (Liv. Co. Human Serv. Collaborative Body)

Public Transportation in Livingston County should:

- **Fully serve the transit dependent** who live in and visit Livingston County – seniors, disabled, those without a car
- Provide **regular scheduled bus or train service** between major destinations *in and near* Livingston County (employment, health care, education, airport, entertainment, . . .)

Public Transportation should: (Continued)

- **Stimulate economic development and property values** in our county.
- **Increase the livability and vitality** of our region through an array of **transportation options**, including auto, bus, train, bicycling and walking.

Transit lets people age in place

Transit use by people age 65+ increased by 40% between 2001 and 2009.



Between 2000 and 2014 the senior population of Livingston County **increased 109%**

And is projected to **triple** between now and 2030



PUBLIC TRANSIT



JOB OPPORTUNITIES



ENTERTAINMENT

66% of Millennials say access to reliable public transportation is one of the TOP 3 criteria they would use to decide where to live.

Source: The Rockefeller Foundation, 2014; Grand Rapids Business Journal

#transitmatters



Millennials changing the equation

4 in 5 want to live where they have a variety of options to get to jobs, school or daily needs;

3 in 4 say it is likely they will live in a place where they don't need a car



Transit is a good investment

- **Investments:** Experience indicates that **every dollar** communities invested in public transportation **generates at least \$4** in additional **local economic investments** (and as much as \$30).
- **Sales:** **Every dollar** invested in public transportation **yields \$30** in **increased business sales**. (*APTA*)
- **Property values:** **increase** in areas served by good transit.
- **More Jobs:** Building and operating transit **creates many jobs** from new businesses and increases sales.
- **Attracts highly skilled workers:** especially the *creative class*, the **technological innovators** and the **entrepreneurs** who drive the economy.

Current state of transportation in Livingston County

- There is no scheduled bus service in the county.
- Businesses are having difficulty getting transit-dependent workers to their locations.

It was recently reported that there were 800 unfilled positions in Livingston County . . .

And some businesses are forced to bus in employees from other counties themselves

Current state of transportation in Livingston County

Transit dependent residents have great difficulty accessing essential core services (healthcare, groceries, libraries, schools)

There *are* many transit dependent residents of Livingston County

900 households have no vehicle

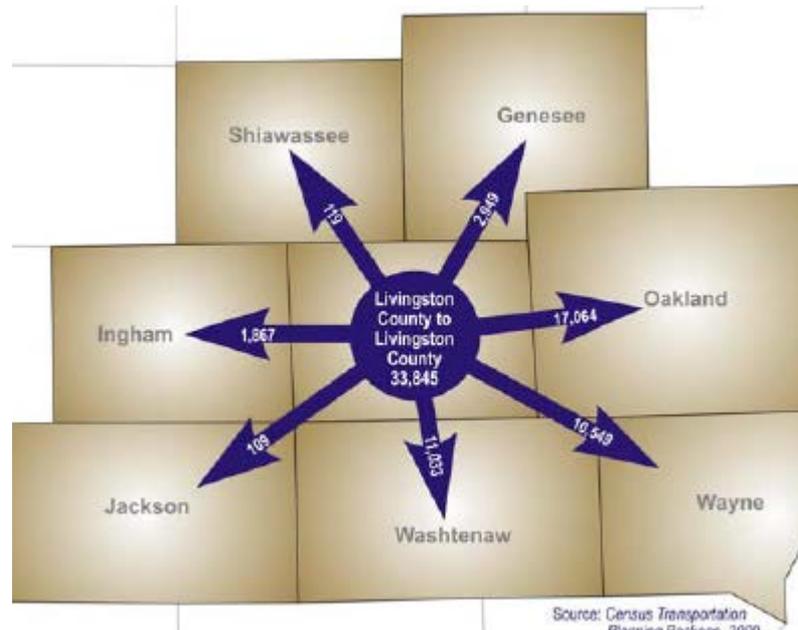
over 4,000 physically disabled residents

over 2,000 mentally disabled residents

Current state (Continued)

- There is no commuter service (rail, bus or other) to destinations near our county or beyond.

Over 60% of county residents commute to work outside of Livingston County (~90% drive alone)



Current state (Continued)

There is an emerging bicycle network in southern Livingston County,

but, in general, the environment for bicycling around the county is “unfriendly” and in many areas dangerous.



Current State outside of Livingston County

- Other regions of our state and nation are **investing heavily in transit and receiving high returns** on those investments from economic development and quality of life for their residents.
- Much of their investments are supported by federal and state funds, with **a relatively small fraction coming from “local match.”**
- As such, **our tax dollars** that Livingston County residents pay to Lansing and Washington are being spent in other areas to **improve their communities, not ours.**

Lost Revenue/Service FY2015

- FY '15 - \$420,000 Federal money 'left on the table.'
- Local Match required - \$130,000(18%)
- **Lost assets to provide more and better transit service = \$550,000**

Plus Lost State Funds

- State supports LETS on an “expense reimbursement basis” up to a pre-set amount.
- LETS could have received an additional \$298,000 in “expense reimbursement” dollars if it would have had those dollars UP FRONT.

Total Lost Opportunities for LETS

Source	Amount
Local Match	\$130,000
Federal	\$420,000
State	\$298,000
All Sources	\$848,000

\$848K/\$130K = a **6.5 to 1** leveraging of our local investment!

\$130,000 is roughly equal to the revenue from a **.017 mill** assessment in Livingston County

Transportation Developments: Other Nearby Communities

- Other communities and counties in SE MI are moving forward, including:
 - Creation of the Regional Transit Authority to serve Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland and Macomb Counties
 - Planning of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network to provide high speed commuting for RTA region (BRT is in effect, a small train on rubber tires that doesn't require rail construction.)



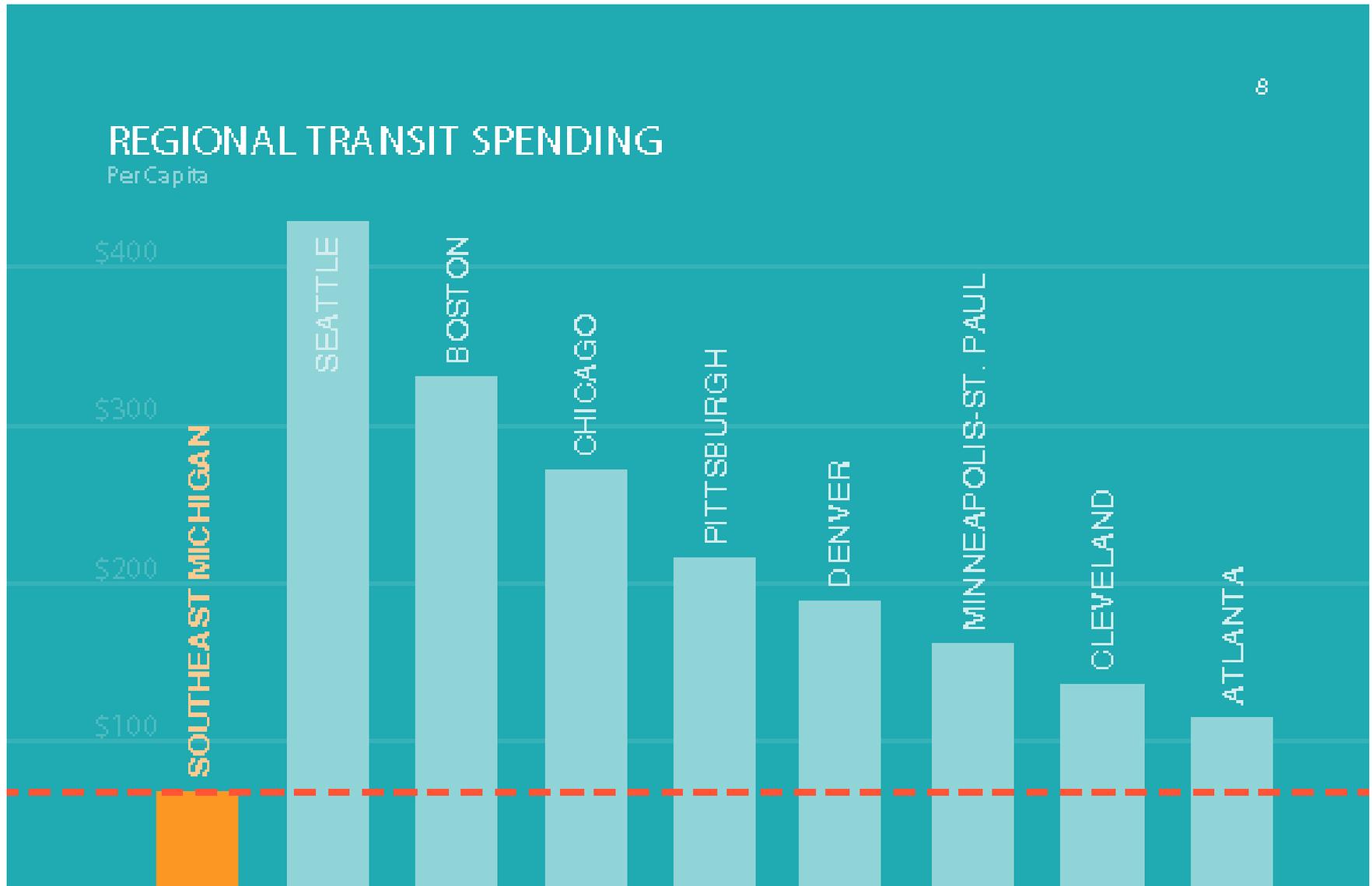
Transportation Developments: (Continued)

- **Coordination of services** of five transit providers in SE MI by the RTA.
- The **East-West Commuter Rail** from Ann Arbor to Detroit is part of the RTA Master Plan
- Building the **M-1 Rail Line in Detroit**, with hundreds of millions invested along its route in anticipation of its opening in 2017.

Transportation Developments: (Continued)

- Studies of the **“Coast-to-Coast” rail service** from Detroit to Holland (through Livingston County)
- the **North-South Commuter Rail** from Howell to Ann Arbor.

Other Regions Across the Nation are Investing Much More in Transit



Transit Modes Growing in US



Commuter Rail in Cleveland



Light Rail in Portland



Bus Rapid Transit in Eugene, OR



BRT in Cleveland



M-1 Rail Detroit (2017)

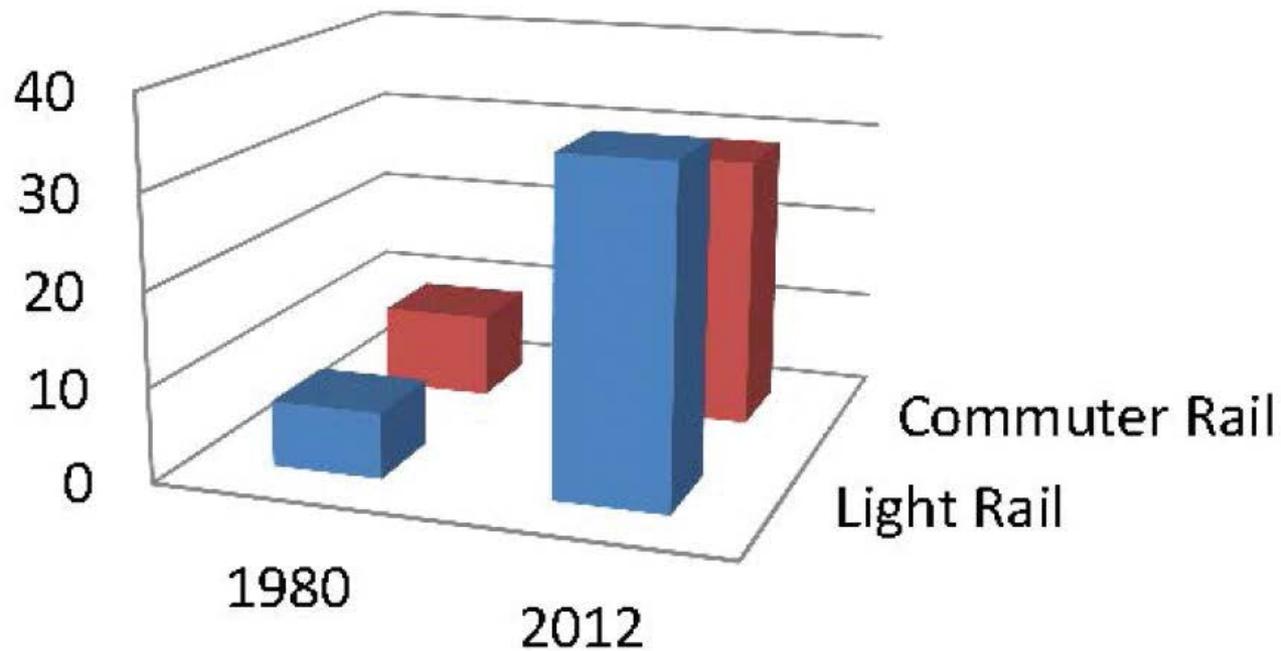


Free Shuttle Bus on Pedestrian Mall in Denver



Light Rail in Denver

National Growth in Transit Rail Systems



	1980	2012
Light Rail	7	35
Commuter Rail	9	29

We Believe that....

In order to be embraced and supported by our residents, any **vision and subsequent plan** for transportation needs to be **efficient, affordable and effective** in achieving the impacts, including a **multiplying of local investment dollars** and a **leveraged impact on the economic and personal well-being of our county and its citizens.**

Essential Elements of a Livingston County Transportation Vision

- **Expanded Para transit** services (dial-a-ride) that efficiently serve **all** needs of our transit dependent citizens
- **Regular scheduled bus services** along Grand River, M36, M59 and at least two north-south routes in the County
- Targeted transit services to **connect workers with job centers** into and out of the county

Essential Elements...

- **Commuter rail** service to Ann Arbor that runs at least 10 times daily in each direction on weekdays, and less on weekends.
- **Bus service** at both ends will efficiently link riders to the start of their rail ride and to their destination at the end of their rail ride.
- This service will be **linked and coordinated with** the East West Commuter rail to Detroit, the Coast-to-Coast rail service and the Amtrak service.

Essential Elements....

- **Regular express bus service** will be provided from Livingston County to Wayne County **Airport** (to complement rail service on the N-S and E-W commuter rail lines).
- **Bike lanes/trails,**
 - separated from road traffic, will allow safe riding and walking throughout our region,
 - including safe connections to rail and bus lines and access to the business districts of our towns and cities

How????

- Most of this multimodal system will be planned, developed and operated by a **Livingston County Transit Authority**, and funded by a variety of federal, state and local sources (both public and private).
- Convert **LETS** (Livingston Essential Transportation Services) into the **Livingston County Transit Authority**

How will this multi-modal transit system benefit our citizens?

- Leads to **economic growth** along rail, bus and bicycle routes.
- Serves the needs of our growing **senior citizen** population.
- Serves the needs of the **transit dependent**.

Benefits...

- Get people to **work, health care, education and entertainment destinations** without dealing with travel **congestion, weather, and parking** in densely developed areas.
- **Ease public investments in road building and maintenance.**

Benefits...

- Make Livingston County a **much more desirable place** to live, work, visit, and invest.
- Improve our **health and environment**.
- **Increase property values** throughout out county.

Most Michigan Development is for Cars



Existing conditions – built around cars, not people *Urban Advantage*

We Could Develop Differently



Mix uses and build closer to the sidewalk

Urban Advantage

We Could Develop Differently



Urban Advantage
Slow down traffic and make streets for people, not just cars

We Could Develop Differently



Increase density by focusing development

Urban Advantage

Transit Supports Vibrant Communities



Density supports more transportation options

Would we like Livingston County's communities to be as vibrant, safe and friendly for everyone?



The First Step?

Create a Livingston County
Transit Authority
to lead the development and
implementation of a
Comprehensive Transportation
Plan for the County!

Support for the Authority is Growing

- Howell City Council – resolution recommending transportation authority passed and submitted to County Board in May
- Proposal to American Public Transportation Association – submitted on June 9
- Hamburg Township Council – resolution passed unanimously on June 21
- Brighton City Council – presentation August 4
- Brighton Chamber of Commerce – presentation August 11
- Other presentations and major workshop/support event are being planned

How Can You Help?

- Create and pass a resolution of support
- Take a short survey

www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivCoTransportation

- Join the Transportation Coalition