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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. in Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, 535 Griswold Street, Suite 300, Detroit, MI 48226. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Kowall, Brandenburg, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Pavlov, Hansen, and Gleason

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of February 14, 2012, minutes
- Adoption of February 21, 2012, minutes
- SB 909 Sen. Casperson Transportation; other; regional transit authority for southeast Michigan; establish.
- SB 911 Sen. Johnson Vehicles; registration; optional registration fees for regional transit authority; create.
- SB 912 Sen. Johnson Land use; zoning and growth management; Michigan zoning enabling act; amend to exempt southeast Michigan regional transit authority public transit facilities from local zoning ordinances or regulations.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 2012, and February 21, 2012, committee meetings. The motion was offered by Senator Kowall; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson offered a motion to excuse absent members. Support was offered by Senator Brandenburg; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bills 909, 911, and 912.

Senator Casperson and Senator Johnson gave opening remarks regarding the bills.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bills:

- Paul Tait, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Sandy Baruah, Detroit Regional Chamber
- Larry Alexander, Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Leo Hanifin, Director, Michigan Ohio University Transportation Center and Dean of the College of Engineering and Science, University of Detroit – Mercy
- Chris Kolb, Sandra Turner-Handy, and Tim Fischer, Michigan Environmental Council
- Steve Baker, Jane Bais-DiSessa, and Alan Kideckel, City of Berkley
- John DeLora, National Association of Railroad Passengers
- David Flynn and Toni Mocerri, Macomb County Board of Commissioners and Regional Partners Advocating Transit Here (R-PATH)
- Melanie Piana, City of Ferndale
- Marie Donigan, former State Representative, representing The People
- Patty Fedewa, resident of Detroit
- Jason Mancini, Michigan Municipal League, support in concept
- Anna Holden, Sierra Club – Michigan Chapter
- Margurite Maddox, resident of Detroit
- Megan Owens, Transportation Riders United
- Richard Murphy, Michigan Suburbs Alliance
- Heather Carmana, Woodward Avenue Action Association
- Jana Ecker, Birmingham / Woodward Avenue Action Association
- Lawrence Hands, resident of Detroit
- Terri Blackmore, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- Jeff Yaroch, City of Richmond
- Karen Kendrick-Hands, Transportation Riders United
- Derek Finley, Troy Chamber of Commerce
- Daniel Duane Spyker, Employment Support Group, Detroit Central Cities Community Mental Health

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the bills:

- Joan Gebhardt, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments / Wayne County Commission
- Clinton Andrews, Enterprise Strategy Group
- Laurence Krieg, Wake Up Washtenaw, opposed as written
- Diane Bukowski, resident of Detroit

Marie Thornton, resident of Detroit, gave testimony indicating she was neutral on the bills.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills but did not wish to speak:

- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Eric Jackson, Citizen Advisory Committee of Macomb County
- Donna Walker, resident of Detroit
- Timothy Boscarino, resident of Detroit
- Hannah Kelley, resident of Detroit

Senators Casperson and Johnson both offered closing remarks.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: March 6, 2012