

# TRANSIT IN WAYNE COUNTY

AN OVERVIEW OF SMART'S TRANSIT SERVICES AND COUNTYWIDE NEEDS



## WHO IS SMART?

SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) is the public transit provider serving communities across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. These services include:



Local Bus Service



SMART Flex  
an on-demand ride option in select areas



Paratransit  
door-to-door services for people with disabilities who can't use regular bus service

## HOW HAS SMART GROWN?

Bus ridership increased

**17%**

between 2022 and 2026.

SMART Flex on-demand rides doubled.

**3,334** rides → **8,027** rides

NOVEMBER 2022

MARCH 2026

Paratransit services increased by 9%, helping people stay independent.

**5,997** rides → **6,533** rides

NOVEMBER 2022

MARCH 2026

## TRANSIT MILLAGE FAQ

### “What is a millage?”

A millage is the rate used to calculate how much property tax you pay each year.

### “What would the millage cost?”

About \$8 per month for a typical \$200,000 home.

### “Is this a new tax or a renewal of an existing one?”

This is a countywide transit millage. Communities with current SMART service would not see an increase in their millage rate.

### “What does the millage fund?”

Improvements to current bus and on-demand service, along with expanded service across the county. Revenue is distributed to Wayne County, SMART, DDOT and other community and regional providers.

### “How much funding will this generate?”

10-year millage generating approximately \$50 million annually. Revenue collected in Detroit stays in Detroit, approximately \$8 million annually will be reinvested in Detroit transit and the communities around it.

### CONCEPT ROUTES

Proposed new services include\*:

- 8 new routes
- 5 extensions to existing or planned\*\* routes
- Flex (on-demand) service identified for lower-density areas

### PROPOSED SERVICE CONCEPTS\*

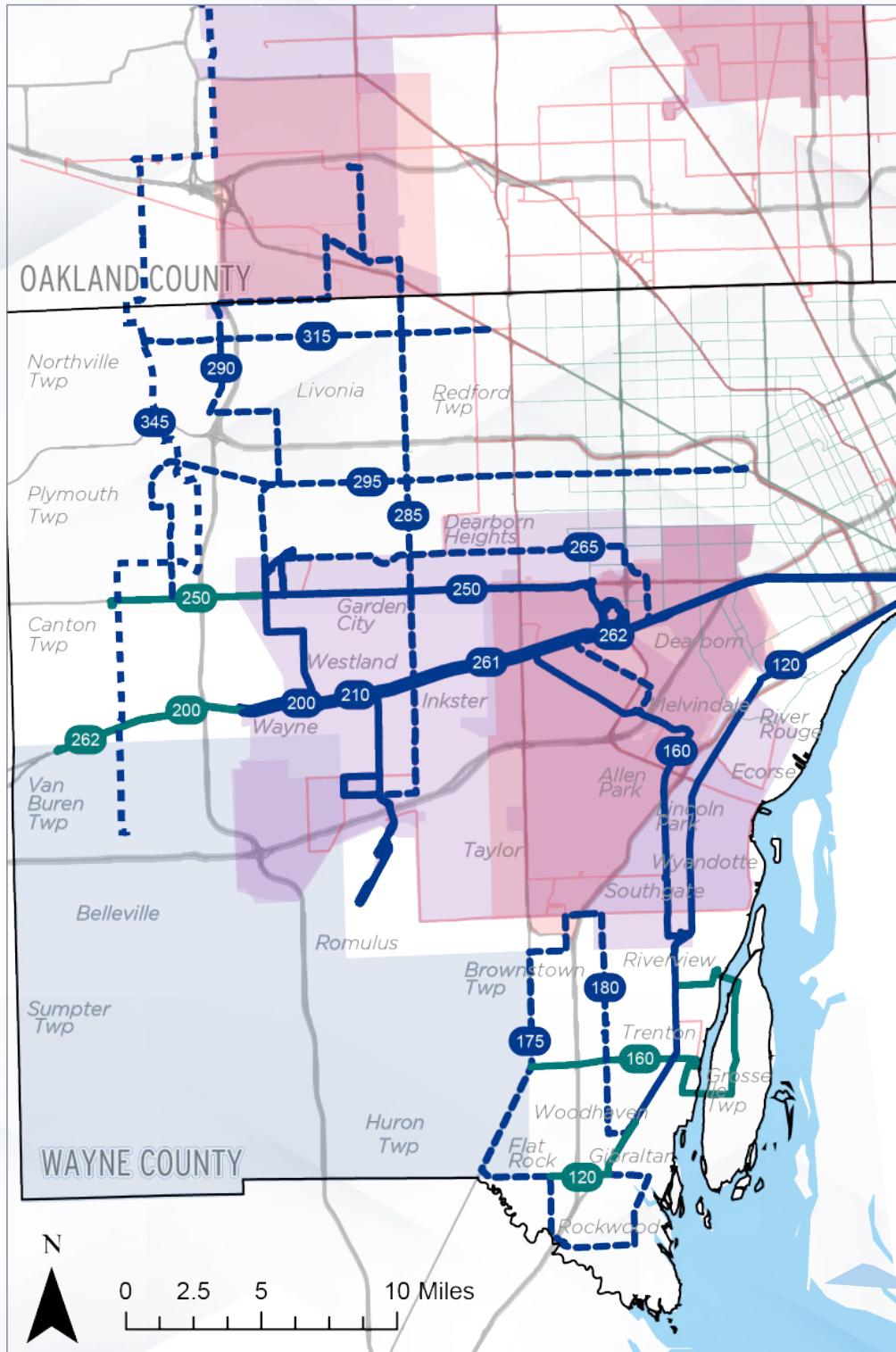
- New Bus Route
- Existing Route to be Extended
- Route Extension
- Areas Suitable for On-Demand Service

### EXISTING SERVICE & PLANNED SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS\*\*

- SMART Service
- Planned Service
- DDOT Service
- SMART Flex Zones
- Planned Flex Zones

\*Service concepts are illustrative. Final services would be shaped through future public input if funding is approved.

\*\*Planned service improvements reflect recommendations from the 2025 SMARTer Mobility Study.



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Wayne County Voters will decide on the transit millage on **August 4, 2026**. If approved, new and expanded service would be rolled out in phases based on community input.

2026 TIMELINE



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