



Resolution 2011-08

Supporting Regional Transit Authority's Phase One Plan for Transit

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2007, the Middleton Common Council adopted Resolution 2007-38, Supporting State Legislation That Enables The Creation Of A Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, in November 2009 the Dane County Board of Supervisors created the Dane County Regional Transit Authority (DCRTA) pursuant to Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middleton is one of the communities located within the DCRTA's service area, which is coterminous with the Federally-defined Madison Metropolitan Planning Area boundary; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the DCRTA is to focus on a comprehensive transportation system involving public and private transit companies, coordinate specialized transportation services, and seek federal aids; and

WHEREAS, the DCRTA's Board of Directors unanimously committed to abide by results of an official referendum within the RTA service area before exercising its statutory authority to enact up to a half-cent sales tax to fund transit-related services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed existing plans and operations and has prepared a Draft Phase One Plan for Transit in close consultation with transportation providers, municipalities, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Phase One Plan outlines a framework for investing in bus and shared-ride taxi services, elderly & disabled services, and system modernization over the next three years with funding from a one-quarter-cent increase in the sales tax (to 5.75%); and

WHEREAS, the DCRTA Board of Directors conducted a public hearing on the Draft Plan for Transit on February 9, 2011.

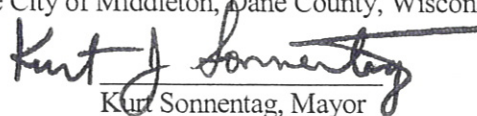
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Middleton, by way of this resolution, expresses its support for the DCRTA's Phase One Draft Plan for Transit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City feels it is appropriate for the DCRTA to conduct an April 5 referendum on the plan with funding through a ¼ percent sales tax; and

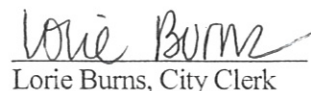
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City expects that the DCRTA will also schedule a referendum for any future proposal to increase the sales tax for any transit purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City requests that the Wisconsin Legislature not take any action that would usurp the statutory authority of the Dane County Regional Transit Authority to enact a sales tax increase of up to ½ percent.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, this 15 day of February, 2011.


Kurt Sonnentag, Mayor

Attest:


Lorie Burns, City Clerk

VOTE: Ayes: 7 Noes: 1