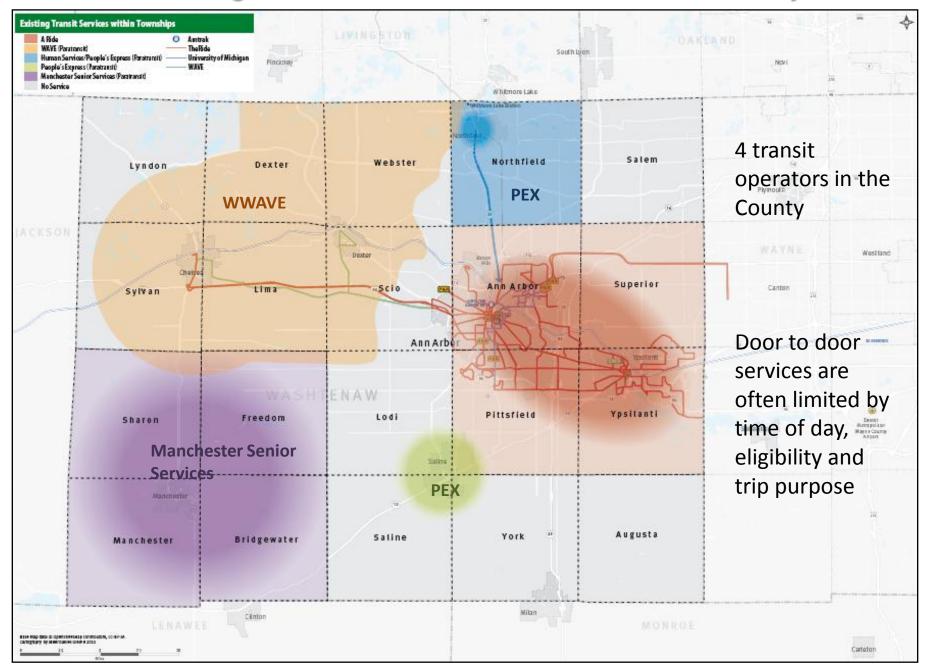


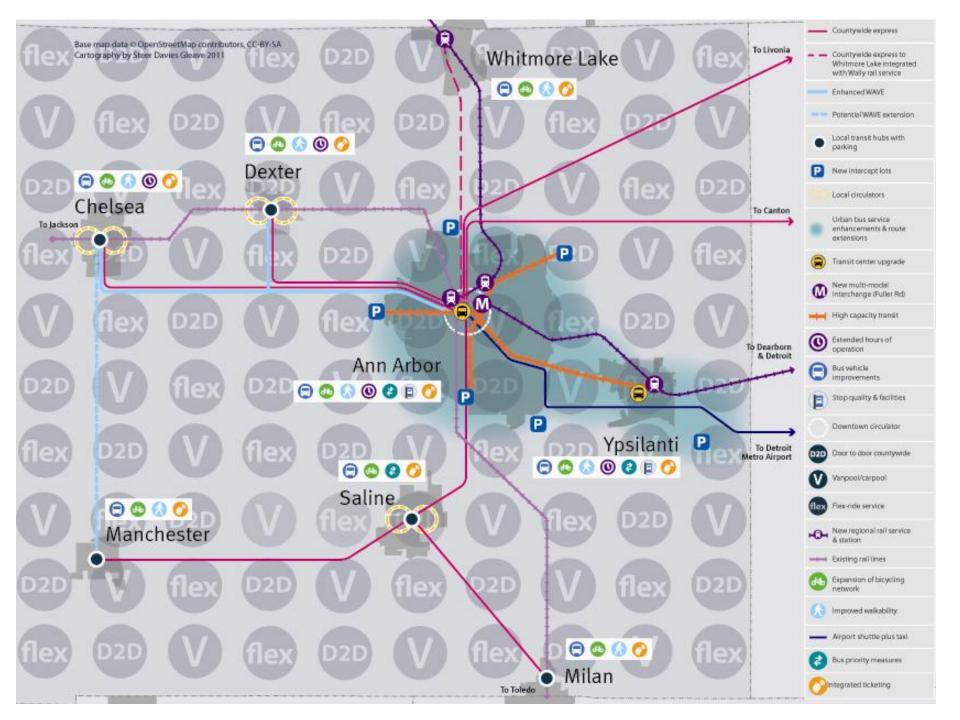
# Governance of the Countywide Authority

A Start to Implementation of the Transit Master Plan



### **Existing Transit Services in Washtenaw County**





# How can all Washtenaw County be represented?

Countywide Governance

## Terms we're using

#### Act 55— current authority organized under City of Ann Arbor

- Limited to City limits + 10 miles
- Fractured service area
- Purchase of Service Agreements

#### Act 196– multijurisdictional authority with options to opt out

- Allows for countywide/regional service
- Representation from throughout the county for cities, villages, and townships
- Used throughout Michigan: Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Traverse City, Metro Detroit, Jackson, Bay City, and many others.

# Act 7— interlocal agreement for communities to appoint representatives for transit districts

## How does Act 196 work?

- Multi-jurisdictional Authority
- Requirements to allow for Opting out
  - Upon incorporation
  - Before renewals in funding
- Powers of the Authority
  - Can provide countywide transit service
  - Can serve adjacent communities through Purchase of Service Agreements
  - Independent taxing authority

## Role of the County Board

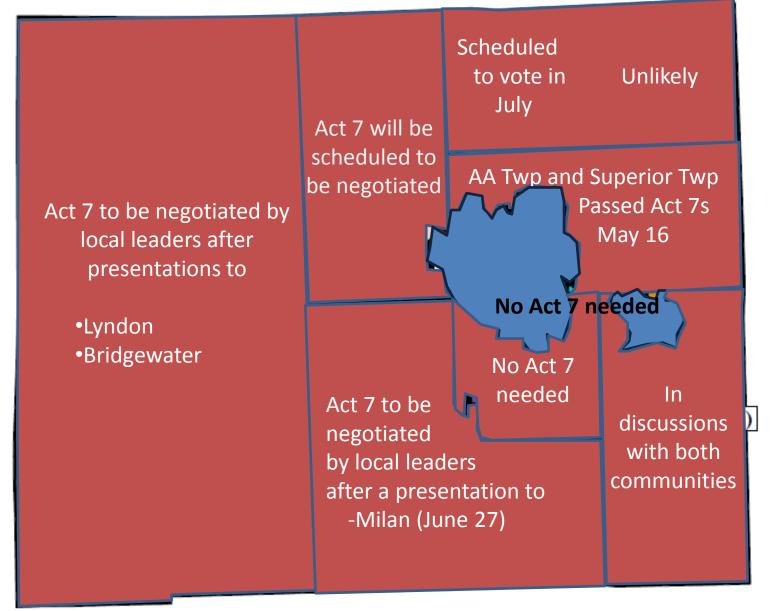
### We would like the County to Incorporate this Authority.

By late fall, we anticipate that we will know which communities will participate and will have draft Articles of Incorporation. At that time, we request that you pass a resolution of approval to incorporate.

## The county DOES NOT

- Put funding on ballot (Countywide Transit Authority would)
- Obligate all communities to stay in the Authority (Act 196 allows opt out of millage and service)

# local participation



## the governance process

#### **AATA**

- (Continue to Operate Services)
- 2. Develop Draft Articles of Incorporation
- 3. Develop Draft Bylaws

#### **Local governments**

NE, West, NM, SM, SE, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Twp

- Develop and approve Act 7 interlocal agreements
- 2. Select representatives

#### **County**

- Approve a resolution to form the Act 196 Authority (Fall 2011)
- 2. at later date Clerk files
  Articles of Incorporation
  (~Spring 2012)

#### U196 Board

**New U196 Board Members** 

- -8 new members from Act 7 agreements
- -7 from existing AATA board
- 1. Develop and Approve Bylaws
- 2. Develop Services Plan
- 3. Agree on Funding source and level
- 4. Vote to incorporate; request filing of Articles

**File Articles of Incorporation** 

Local communities decide to stay in or "opt out"

New Act 196
Authority

## County as Catalyst

- Filing the Articles of Incorporation costs the County nothing
  - This does not require the full faith and credit backing of the county
  - This obligates the County ONLY to filing the Articles of Incorporation, an administrative function
  - Authority will cover any filing fees
- This process provides the local units of government
  - An efficient and expedient approach
  - The most transparent planning process
  - The ability to opt out with full knowledge
  - Participation in funding decisions