



**Plymouth City Commission Joint Meeting  
With Planning Commission**  
*Moving Together: Western Wayne Co. Public Transit  
Strategy Presentation Meeting Minutes*  
**Monday, March 2, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Plymouth City Hall**

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**PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION / PLANNING COMMISSION - CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Linda Filipczak called the special joint meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The full City Commission was present: Commissioner Kehoe, Commissioner Maguire, Commissioner Horstman, Commissioner Minton, Commissioner Sisolak, Mayor Pro Tem Elliott, and Mayor Filipczak.

The presenters introduced were Adriana Jordan from OHM Advisors and Erin Schlutow from Canton Township.

**MOVING TOGETHER: WESTERN WAYNE CO. PUBLIC TRANSIT STRATEGY PRESENTATION**

Erin Schlutow, Senior Planner for Canton Twp. clarified that this project is not an endorsement of any millage but rather a proactive planning effort. With Public Act 236 prohibiting communities from opting out of regional transit, the consortium of seven Western Wayne County communities wanted to ensure they had input into any future transit implementation rather than having services imposed upon them without community input, as occurred in Oakland County.

Adriana Jordan, Project Manager from OHM presented the comprehensive Moving Together project, a collaborative effort among Canton Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Westland, and Van Buren Township to develop a public transit strategy for Western Wayne County. The study was prompted by the 2025 amendments to PA 236 that removed opt-out provisions and caps on tax levies, meaning the upcoming Wayne County Transit Authority millage will be decided by countywide majority vote. The consortium conducted extensive public engagement including surveys of 935 residents, community pop-ups, and stakeholder meetings to gather input on transit needs and preferences. Key findings showed strong preference for fixed-route transit (49% of survey respondents), with the airport being the most desired destination, followed by connections to larger cities and Ann Arbor. The presentation reviewed SMART's February 2026 plan proposing two new routes serving Plymouth - the Plymouth route and Hagerty route - though concerns were raised about routing that bypasses downtown areas and lacks connections to key destinations like DTW airport and the high school campus. The study will conclude in June 2026 with final recommendations and implementation strategies based on community input.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

- **Patty Pozios (Plymouth Township)** - Questioned SMART's track record, noting low ridership (3.8 passengers per bus) and concerns about empty buses causing road damage while providing minimal transportation benefit
- **Ron Picard (Plymouth resident)** - Presented visual evidence comparing SMART's 2022 promises to Oakland County versus actual implementation, showing significant gaps between proposed and delivered services, expressing concern about paying \$800,000 annually with no guarantee of receiving promised transit services
- **Matt Wilk (Northfield Township)** - Highlighted SMART's \$70 million pension liability, 97% subsidy rate (only 3% revenue from fares), and argued the \$8 million cost to Plymouth residents over 10 years would reduce the city's ability to fund local priorities and improvements
- **Peggy Kramer (Plymouth resident)** - Stated she never received notification about community surveys despite being on city email lists, expressed opposition to additional tax burden alongside other utility rate increases, and argued Plymouth lacks the population density to justify transit service

The meeting concluded with Erin Schlutow reiterating that the planning effort was designed to ensure community preparedness regardless of millage outcome, learning from Oakland County's experience where residents demanded immediate service after passage without adequate planning in place.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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LINDA FILIPCZAK  
MAYOR

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CHRIS PORMAN  
CITY MANAGER