



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

MARY SHEFFIELD
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, Legislative Policy Division
FROM: Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council
THRU: Public Health & Safety Standing Committee
DATE: May 20, 2024
RE: Resolution in Support of Boosting State Investment in Public Transit

Detroit People's Platform - Transit Justice Team, Detroit Disability Power, Transportation Riders United, and Warriors on Wheels, is seeking a resolution that speaks to supporting a boost in state investment in public transit.

This is in response to the governor's proposed budget that fails to increase funding for bus operations in the state's Local Bus Operating (LBO) fund. The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) along with every other transit agency in the State of Michigan relies on this fund for operations - which has experienced critical shortages nationwide.

Cuts to LBO funding imperils DDOT's progress and ability to support transit expansions proposed in DDOT Reimagined... by forcing agencies to cut bus service schedules or routes altogether. Also, it threatens the sustainability of increasing wages and benefits especially as DDOT drivers and mechanics are due to negotiate contracts with the administration.

Council President is requesting that you review and draft an appropriate resolution. Please see the attached draft.