

Will Oakland County help bail out SMART?

By Pat Murphy
staff writer

At least one county commissioner thinks Oakland should take the initiative — and ante up \$500,000, if necessary — to preserve bus service in the metro area beyond March 27, the date mass transit will supposedly be discontinued because of a \$7.7 million deficit.

"We can't let bus service just die," said commissioner Teresa Krause, D-Troy. "Too many people would

suffer." Krause said she intends to lobby her fellow commissioners to support a motion she made in December, pledging \$500,000 from Oakland County to maintain SMART, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

That motion was referred to committee. Krause said she will try to muster support for the move next week when it comes before the county's planning and building committee. The money is symbolic, said

Krause. She wants the county to take the lead in mustering whatever support is necessary to preserve bus service. But kicking in \$500,000 would demonstrate commitment.

Oakland should persuade Macomb and Wayne counties to make a similar commitment. "But we should take the lead," she said. "Nobody else is."

NOT ALL commissioners share Krause's view, although most want bus service to continue.

"Some people think we should let SMART die, and start over," said commissioner Donn L. Wolf, R-Farmington Hills. "I don't necessarily accept that view. But I want to see some facts and figures before we do anything."

Commissioner John G. Pappageorge, R-Troy, said commissioners should think about getting involved. "That doesn't mean we have to bail SMART out. But I think we should see if we can do something."

Unless something is done, and soon, the SMART board of directors said last Friday that buses will stop rolling March 27, although service will continue for about 3,000 elderly and handicapped riders.

SMART has about 35,000 riders in the tri-county daily, including nearly 10,000 in Oakland. Most ride the big buses that travel established routes according to published schedules. But the handicapped and elderly ride

mini-vans that go where passengers request, functioning like taxi cabs.

SMART is almost \$8 million in the red because expenses outstripped revenue, explained Matthew M. Wargau, one of two Oakland County representatives on the SMART board.

But the core problem is the lack of financial support from the suburban areas, said Wargau, who was a deputy administrator of the Urban Mass Transit Authority (UMTA) in Washington, D.C., for two years before moving to southeast Michigan.

METRO DETROIT is one of the few large urban areas that does not have a special tax for mass transit, he said. "In Chicago, the per capita support for mass transit is \$45 per year. In Cleveland, it's \$43. In New York, it's \$48, and in San Francisco it's \$101."

"In Detroit, it's \$13," Wargau said. "And most of that coming from the city of Detroit."

Although he has not seen the specifics of Krause's proposal, Wargau said it might work. "If Oakland kicks in some money — and Macomb and Wayne counties followed suit — it might put us in a position to talk with the state."

The Michigan Department of Transportation already contributes 62 percent of SMART's \$52 million annual budget, said Wargau. The federal government provides 16 percent.

Rider fares provide about 22 percent of SMART's operating expenses, Wargau said.

One idea being discussed at the state level is an increase in Michigan's gasoline tax, with some of the money earmarked for mass transit. But so far, Gov. John Engler has rejected the idea of raising gasoline taxes. He insists that any increase would weaken the state's ability to attract new industry or maintain its economic base.

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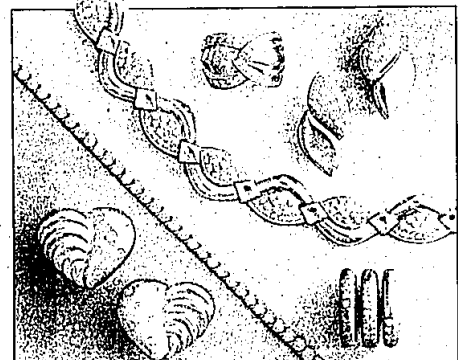
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