WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority ("RTA") was initiated in 2012 with the goal to manage and secure transportation resources, significantly enhance mobility options, improve quality of life for residents, and increase economic viability for the region.

WHEREAS, the RTA's vision is to create a region with sufficient and secure funding to support enhanced public transportation options that will ensure accessibility, satisfy the integrated mobility needs of the community, and promote livable, healthy, and sustainable growth.

WHEREAS, as stated by the late Oakland County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson, and confirmed by the current RTA website program map, the RTA plan will not provide any discernable benefit for the City of the Village of Clarkston or its residents.

WHEREAS, the City supports the concept and decision of the communities, that derive a direct benefit for the core area flexible mobility, and their choice to select the opt-in option and assessing only the communities that opt-in.

WHEREAS, under 2011 PA 258, HB 5229, Section 7 (2) “A proposal for a tax shall not be placed on the ballot unless the proposal is adopted by a resolution of the governing body of each local government participating in the joint endeavor.” This section should remain, without amendment in the Act, as it protects and offers equality for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the RTA 20-year proposal did not pass by the voters in 2016 at 1.2 mills and, therefore, the City strongly opposes the RTA ballot proposal being placed repetitively on a County-wide ballot, possibly at a higher rate, while continuing to exclude the City and its residents with equitable direct services or a repetitive service at a higher tax rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs the Clerk to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following: Oakland County Executive Coulter, the elected County Commissioner Representatives, the Governor, State Senator, State Representative, State Transportation Committee, Northern Oakland County Communities, Michigan Townships Association, SEMCOG Executive Director, SEMCOG Township representative and Executive Director of the RTA, for the purposes of requesting the State and County to allow the City of the Village of Clarkston the ability to opt-out of the RTA plan, or alternatively, to allow the residents of the City the right to vote on an opt-in or opt-out option.

Yes:

Absent:

No:

RESOLUTION IS / IS NOT ADOPTED.

Jennifer Speagle, Clerk,
City of the Village of Clarkston