

## Transportation Task Force Mtg, April 14, 2011

### Transportation Equity Network Annual Conference

- Attended by Joel Batterman (UofM), Arquette Darden (Southwestern Church of God) Pat Hammer (Birmingham Unitarian), Cindy Reese (Greater Southern) and Michael Tasse, MOSES Organizer – heard presentations from both of LaHood’s undersecretaries, Peter Rogoff and John Porcari
- Both Cindy and Pat attended workshop by David Rusk on Sustainable Communities
  - Main takeaway from the workshop: Detroit/Metro Detroit must concentrate on the inner-ring suburbs and show them that mass transit benefits the entire community.
  - Must concentrate on those inner-ring suburbs’ elected officials (mayors, city council, state representatives) in order to push for regional transit and buy in from [Oakland] County Executive
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### American Institute of Architects MetroDetroit Transportation Symposium

- Attended by Pat Hammer, John Hammer (Birmingham Unitarian) and Michael Tasse
- Conversation went from regional planning to directly figuring out targets necessary for establishing a Regional Transit Authority for the region and the importance of inner-ring suburbs (Livonia, Ferndale, Royal Oak...)

### Next Action: Bus Riding and Petition Signing “S.O.S. – SAVE OUR SEATS!”

- Media Event: *Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 3pm*
  - Of the several routes we will be canvassing throughout the day, we will choose one route for press coverage at a given time and a given stop.
  - Details for routes will be based on the routes that will lose funding, be altered and cut before in the next month.
  - Pat Hammer will draft flyers for event
  - Cindy Reese will contact churches along the routes we decide next week we will be canvassing/riding/collecting signatures
  - Michael Tasse will draft the petition
- “S.O.S. – SAVE OUR SEATS!”

### Oakland County Conversations with Current Opt-Out Communities

- MOSES will be organizing those that attended the Woodward Light Rail Public Forums to meet with municipalities in the metro-Detroit area
  - Goal is to establish a relationship, understand their self-interest and understand their current position (opt-in or opt-out of the SMART bus system)
- Richard “Murph” Murphy (Michigan Suburbs Alliance) will be assisting us in contacting such municipalities

### Concerning LaHood Meeting, June 10, 2011

- We set a location! St. James Church on Woodard just north of 8mile in Ferndale.
- Suggested moderator: Perhaps Rev. Dulin- though there has been no contact with him yet.
- We need to make sure the following are in attendance:
  - Three county executives,
  - Mayor Bing,

- Snyder's Administration,
- Mayors of municipalities in the suburbs of Detroit
- Candice Miller – republican congresswoman of Macomb County
- Labor
- Clergy
- ACCESS
- WA3 – Woodward Avenue Action Association

### **Ohio Coverage of our Detroit LaHood Event, Our Transportation Task Force Work**

- Roger Shope of OHERN, the Ohio Higher Education Rail Network, has given us the opportunity to express our lack of a Regional Transit Authority, our current struggle to get past political roadblocks and the things we're doing to make change on the popular Bowling Green University Radio Talk Show.
- Date: TBA
- This is a great opportunity to spread the word of our June 10<sup>th</sup> Ray LaHood meeting and our work as the MOSES Transportation Task Force
- Roger and his Ohio counterparts see Detroit's success with regional transit as a necessary crux between creating transportation infrastructure in the Midwest from Illinois to Michigan to Indiana and Ohio!

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