

EXPANDING TRANSIT SERVICES IN EMMET COUNTY

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NOW is the time to contact Emmet County Commissioners

Please call or email your County Commissioner and tell him or her that you are interested in having expanded transit services in Emmet county.

WHEN TO CALL

Now! The sooner the better; plan to make your contact before June 12, the next Commission meeting. Commissioners are telling us that they are not hearing support from constituents.

WHAT TO SAY

Be positive! Acknowledge that they have a lot to work on, but you want them to continue to include public transit in their priority issues.

Tell them that you would like Emmet County to have a comprehensive public transit service that serves everyone and has more hours and routes of service than currently available (Perhaps more like Charlevoix County's system).

If you have a story of how better transit could help you, other members of your family or household, your customers, or your employees – Tell that story!

Let them know if you would be willing to pay a bit more in property taxes (it is estimated that an increase of .3 mils or \$25 for the typical Emmet County homeowner would be sufficient for expanded service).

Ask others in your household to call, too, or let the Commissioner know you are speaking for others who share your position.

Thank him or her for their work on this issue.

WHO TO CALL

To identify your commissioner:

<http://www.emmetcounty.org/officials-departments/board-of-commissioners/district-map/>

DISTRICT 1 – TONI DRIER Phone: 231-420-6832 tdrier@emmetcounty.org

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DISTRICT 4 – BILL SHORTER Phone: 347-7478 bshorter@emmetcounty.org

DISTRICT 5 - JONATHAN SCHEEL Phone: 231-342-9025 jsheel@emmetcounty.org

DISTRICT 6 – JOHN STAKOE Phone: 622-8205 jestakoe@emmetcounty.org

DISTRICT 7 – BETSY WHITE Phone: 231-590-6870 bwhite@emmetcounty.org

IF you have a little more time, also contact your **Township/Village/City officials** with the same message. While this is a County issue, we've heard from some County Commissioners that they want to hear that Township Boards are supportive, too. You can find your local officials at:

<http://www.emmetcounty.org/community-resources/township-local-municipalities/>

Presented by Friends Enhancing Emmet Transit (FEET) Background and details about the issue is available at www.emmettransit.org or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/EmmetFEET/