

# Setting up a Countywide Framework: 4-Party Agreement

- 4-Party Agreement:
  - AATA      --County      --Ypsilanti      --Ann Arbor
  - (other municipalities have already gone through Act 7 Process)
- Sets up a framework for incorporating a countywide authority
  - Allows u196 Board, local governments, and County to follow transparent process
  - Provides for dedicated millages to transfer to new authority in order to maintain existing services
  - Creates forum for coordinated regional discussion and planning
  - Establishes clear roles and period for official opt-outs

# 4-Party Agreement: Roles and Responsibilities

- **u196 Board** will complete and publish a 5-Year Transit Improvement Program
- **u196 Board** will request County to file Articles of Incorporation
- **County** will file Articles of Incorporation, creating a new authority
  - New Authority with geographic area of County
  - Any municipality may opt out. Certified letters are required by law to be sent to every municipality.
  - County would **not** take on liabilities, provide Full Faith and Credit, or make request for funding
  - County can appoint a liaison to attend Transit Authority meetings
- **If and when countywide funding is established**
  - Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti would transfer their existing millages to new Authority to maintain services
  - AATA would transfer assets, obligations and operations (et al) to new Authority

# Roadmap to Countywide Transit

