## Transportation Authority Millage Proposal

Since 1987, Cass County Public Transportation has reliably supported our aging, disabled, veterans, workers, students, and others - many of them your friends, family members, or neighbors.

Due to increased operating expenses and decreased federal funding, Cass County Transportation Authority (CCTA), which operates Cass County Public Transit and Dowagiac Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART), is proposing a new millage on the **February 27, 2024,** ballot.

## **BENEFITS**

#### **Seniors and Disabled Citizens**

Reduced fare connections to shopping, healthcare, business, and community services that are crucial to maintaining well-being by maximizing independence.

### Veterans

In coordination with Cass County Veterans Affairs, rides to VA and other medical facilities, often free of charge.

## Youth and Young Adults

Reliable, affordable way to school, vocational/technical programs, college, and work, enabling independence & productivity.

## COSTS

\$25 for every \$100,000 in taxable value. In 2023, the average taxable value for a residential parcel in Cass County was \$193,850, so the tax increase for that average-valued residential parcel would have been \$48.46.



# **Please Vote!**

Following is the actual language as it appears on the February 27, 2024, ballot:

"Shall the Cass County Transportation Authority, County of Cass, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .25 mill (\$0.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Cass County Transportation Authority limits (the jurisdictional limits of the County of Cass) for a period of five (5) years, 2024 to 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all public transportation authoritu purposes permitted by law, including providing public transportation services for seniors, disabled persons, and the general public and owning, managing, and maintaining facilities, property, and vehicles to provide such services? The estimate of the revenue the Cass County Transportation Authority will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Cass County Transportation Authority in the first year (2024) is approximately \$617,000."

> Yes No

## **In-Person Voting Options**

#### At your assigned polling place



#### **OR: Early Voting**

All qualified electors have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in the tabulator beginning the second Saturday before the election and ending the Sunday before the election. Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the hours listed below.

Early Voting Site Location: Cass County Road Commission 340 N O'Keefe Street Cassopolis MI 49031.

> Early Voting Hours: Saturday, February 17, 2024 -Sunday, February 25, 2024 8am to 4pm.

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