

# VOTE NO MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> ON THE 31% BUS TAX INCREASE... AGAIN!

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Attention voters in

✓ Grand Rapids ✓ East Grand Rapids ✓ Walker ✓ Wyoming ✓ Kentwood ✓ Grandville

You are being asked for a property tax increase of 31% for The Rapid's bus system on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

That's a \$26 million tax increase – A \$190 tax increase per household.

Voters said NO to this tax increase in 2009, but the politicians didn't get the message!

## Fast Facts on The Rapid bus system:

- ✓ The average Rapid bus operates 90% empty
- ✓ The Rapid *loses* \$4.31 for each and every rider that uses the system
- ✓ The Rapid just spent over \$30 million on a new garage so that their buses could be stored indoors
- ✓ The Rapid spent \$250,000 on a piece of art for their headquarters
- ✓ The Rapid is giving their employees raises while most other government entities are cutting back
- ✓ The Director of The Rapid is one of the highest paid government employees in the county
- ✓ The proposed Rapid Silver Line would clog up Division Avenue during rush hour by closing one lane so that *only* the Rapid Silver Line could use it
- ✓ The Rapid Silver Line would actually run slower than the bus that currently runs the same route
- ✓ Voters already said NO to the Rapid Silver Line in 2009 – but the politicians at The Rapid didn't get the message!



**The Rapid needs to do a better job of spending the money it already has  
before asking for more!**

## ***VOTE NO TUESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>!***



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