

Voters in Delta County will decide on Aug. 4, 2026, whether to authorize a countywide transit millage.

What is the Millage Request?

Voters will be asked whether to authorize a new countywide millage of up to 0.689 mills for eight years, 2026 through 2033, to fund Delta Area Transit Authority (DATA) services. If authorized, the millage would replace the existing city and township transit millages with a single shared rate that funds service for all of Delta County.

How Much Would the Millage Cost A Homeowner?

The cost of 0.689 mills for a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 is \$68.90 per year. The millage is applied to the home's taxable value, which is 50 percent of the market value. A mill is \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable value.

Is This A New Millage?

Yes. The proposal would authorize a new countywide millage of 0.689 mills. Currently, DATA is funded through a patchwork of local millages: 0.6 mills in Escanaba and Gladstone, and 0.5 mills in seven participating townships (Bay de Noc, Bark River, Brompton, Ensign, Ford River, Masonville and Rapid River). Seven other Delta County townships (Wells, Garden, Nahma, Maple Ridge, Baldwin, Cornell and Fairbanks) currently have no DATA service because no local transit millage funding is in place there. If the countywide millage is authorized, it would replace the existing city and township transit millages with a single shared rate that funds service for all of Delta County.

What Would the Millage Fund?

If authorized by Delta County voters, the millage would:

- Provide countywide coverage, including access to DATA services in the seven townships that currently have none.
- Expand service hours, including evenings and Saturdays.
- Replace the existing city and township millages with a single, countywide rate.

This would open eligibility for additional state and federal transit funding, which requires a local match and will bring approximately \$1 in outside funding for every \$1 raised locally.



Current DATA Services

Service to two cities and seven townships in Delta County, funded by a patchwork of local millages.

Service hours:

- Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed Saturday and Sunday
- Limited state and federal funding to public transportation in Delta County

DATA Services if Voters Approve the Millage

Service to all of Delta County, funded by a single countywide millage of .0689 mills.

Expanded Service hours:

- Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday, 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Eligibility for additional state and federal transit funding of approximately \$1 in outside funding for every \$1 raised locally.



Learn More

Scan the QR code for more information, including how public transit affects Delta County, what has changed since the previous millage proposal and how DATA is funded.

