



## ***AATA seeks input on proposed service changes***

Public input is being sought on fixed-route bus service changes being proposed by the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) to take effect on Sunday, August 24, 2008.

Overall, the proposed changes are designed to add service during morning and afternoon peak hours, and improve on-time performance on routes where this has been a problem, including the 4, 1U and 12U routes. The proposed changes would improve service to the Miller Road Park & Ride lot and add service to the new Skyline High School.

Also proposed are service reductions in lower productivity service midday, evenings, and weekends on Routes 3, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

### **Route 1U - Pontiac-University**

Time would be added to this route to improve on-time performance. On trips to downtown Ann Arbor, the route would turn from Pontiac Trail onto Barton, Plymouth and Maiden Lane, to supplement Route 2. The final evening trip would be eliminated.

### **Route 3 - Huron River**

Evening service would be eliminated. Evening service on the route currently operates only between the Blake Transit Center and Huron High School and only from September through April.

### **Route 4 – Washtenaw**

A number of changes are proposed for Route 4-Washtenaw to improve the reliability and frequency of the route in Ann Arbor without adding to rider's travel time or adding a large number of additional service hours.

#### *Morning peak-period proposed changes:*

- Buses from Arborland to U-M Medical Center would operate year-round
- Buses from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti would not serve the bus stop on East Medical Center Drive. An alternate stop on Observatory would be served.

#### *Afternoon peak-period proposed changes:*

- Buses from UM Medical Center to Arborland would:
  - Operate year-round
  - Operate in service in both directions
  - Serve the bus stop at Ann & Zina Pitcher
  - Operate with one additional bus (3 total)
  - Have time added to the scheduled time to improve on-time performance
- Buses from Ypsilanti to Ann Arbor would not serve the bus stop on East Medical Center Drive. An alternate stop on Observatory would be served.
- Buses which leave Ypsilanti at :15 and :45 minutes after the hour going to Ann Arbor would not pull into Arborland, but would serve a new stop on Washtenaw Avenue.
- Buses leaving downtown Ann Arbor at :18 and :48 after the hour going to Ypsilanti would not serve the bus stop on East Medical Center Drive. An alternate stop on Observatory would be served.
- Buses now leaving downtown Ann Arbor at :03 and :33 would leave at :00 and :30.

#### **Route 4 – Washtenaw Continued**

*Changes for trips from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti at all times:*

- No buses to Ypsilanti would pull into Manchester Road. All buses would serve the bus stop on Washtenaw west of Manchester.
- All buses would turn right from Observatory onto Geddes and left on Geddes to Washtenaw. This will provide for a new bus stop on Washtenaw south of Geddes with a passenger shelter. The stop would replace the existing stop on Washtenaw north of South University Street.

#### **Route 5 - Packard**

The 10:00 p.m. trip leaving the Ypsilanti Transit Center would be eliminated.

#### **Route 7 - South Main-East**

- The 10:18 p.m. trip leaving the Blake Transit Center would end at Pioneer High School.
- The loop now serving Kerrytown would be eliminated.
- A trip from the Blake Transit Center to the Pioneer High Park & Ride Lot would be added at 10:45 p.m.

#### **Route 8 - Pauline**

Frequency of weekday service would be increased to every 15 minutes to replace 12UL service in the Pauline/South Maple/Liberty triangle.

#### **Route 9U - Jackson-University**

The route would be moved away from Maple Village to the Miller Road Park & Ride Lot.

#### **Route 12B - Liberty-Miller**

Weekday trips would serve the Miller Road Park & Ride Lot in the evening on an on-demand basis.

#### **Route 12UL - Liberty-University**

The route would be eliminated and replaced with more frequent service on Route 8.

#### **Route 12UM - Miller-University**

##### *Peak Hour Service*

Service to and from the Miller Road Park & Ride Lot would be increased to every 20 minutes, with trips in the peak direction to operate with limited stops. Service to the new Skyline High School would be added.

##### *Midday Service*

Service would operate every 30 minutes between the Miller Road Park & Ride Lot/Skyline High School and the Blake Transit Center, resulting in service every 15 minutes on Miller Road.

#### **Route 13 - Newport**

Midday service would be eliminated.

#### **Route 14 - Geddes-East Stadium**

Midday service would be eliminated.

#### **Route 15 - Scio Church-West Stadium**

Evening service would be eliminated from May through August. Sunday service would be eliminated.

## **Route 16 - Ann Arbor-Saline Road**

Service would be eliminated on Eisenhower/Northbrook and east of Lohr Road.

Copies of maps and timetables for the proposed changes are available at the AATA web site, [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org), or by contacting AATA by one of the methods listed. Copies are available in alternative formats upon request.

Persons or organizations having questions or wishing to comment on the proposed changes may do so between March 22 and April 21, 2008 by one of the following methods:

1) **By computer:** Comment or ask questions by email to [aatainfo@theride.org](mailto:aatainfo@theride.org) (put "Service Changes" in subject line).

2) **By phone:** Call the service change hotline at 734.677.3934.

3) **By fax:** To 734.973.6338 (put "Service Changes" in subject line).

4) **By mail:** AATA Service Changes, 2700 S. Industrial Hwy., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

### **5) At public information meetings:**

AATA staff will be in attendance to answer questions and discuss the proposed changes. Reasonable accommodation to permit persons with disabilities to participate will be made if requested at least two days in advance.

Meetings will be held:

*Tuesday, March 25, Noon-3 pm*

Blake Transit Center

331 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor

*Thursday, March 27, 4-7 pm*

The Church of the Incarnation, 3257 Lohr Road, Ann Arbor

*Tuesday, April 1, 4-7 pm*

Ann Arbor Community Center, Upper Room, 625 N. Main St., Ann Arbor

*Thursday, April 3, 4-7 pm*

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor

*Thursday, April 10, 4-7 pm*

Ypsilanti Transit Center, 220 Pearl, Ypsilanti

*Tuesday, April 15, 4-7 pm*

Michigan League Conference Room 2 Ground Level, 911 N. University,  
Ann Arbor

*Wednesday, April 16, 4-7 pm*

University of Michigan Hospital, Mott/UH/Towsley Connector Link (The Triangle)

A copy of all written comments and a summary of verbal comments will be provided to the AATA Board of Directors before a decision is made on adopting the proposed changes.