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AATA's New Circulator Route "The Link" Scheduled to Start in August



Long Range Plan

The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study has begun the preparation of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan for Washtenaw County. WATS initiated the process with the compilation of deficiencies for roads, bridges, intersection crashes, non-motorized facilities and transit deficiencies. The bridge deficiency analysis is complete and WATS is currently working on identifying crash, pavement, transit, non-motorized and congestion deficiencies. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments recently completed a draft of the financial forecast that will be used to financially constrain the plan.

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In 2002, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) purchased two new large buses to service the downtown area. Because of the construction and reconfiguration of streets in the area, the new "connector route" service was delayed. Until the new route is initiated, AATA is using the distinctive purple buses on regular service routes. The new service route will be called "The Link" and the buses will begin service exclusively on the connector route, after the Ann Arbor Art Fair, in early August. Service on the route will run from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The fare for a ride on "The Link" will be 25 cents. AATA worked with the University of Michigan, the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce the Ann Arbor Merchants Association as well as members of the public to determine when and where this new route could best be utilized. Because of the coordinated efforts between different agencies, many downtown vendors will be providing tickets for a free ride on "The Link".

The map above shows the route which "The Link" will follow as well as bus stops and parking facilities. For more information about the new downtown connector route contact AATA at 973-6500 or visit their website at www.theride.org

See you on "The Link"

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2003 MDOT Construction Projects



Project Name	Agency	Funding Source	Start Date	Anticipated Completion Date	Cost
M-52 from Old US-12 to Sibley Road - Mill and Resurface.	MDOT	STPF/ MTF	Under Construction	Fall 2003	\$ 1,693,000
M-52 from Sibley Road to Roepke Road - Micro Surfacing with crack preparation	MDOT	MTF	Summer 2003	Fall 2003	\$ 280,000
US-12 from I-94 to the Wash t e n a w / W a y n e County Line - Micro Surfacing with crack preparation.	MDOT	MTF	Under Construction	Fall 2003	\$ 350,000
US-23 from Bemis to M-17 (Washtenaw Ave) - Surface milling with non-structural bituminous overlay	MDOT	NHS/ MTF	Under Construction	July 2003	\$ 1,000,000
US-23 at Plymouth Road - Ramp Improvements and two new loop ramps	MDOT	CMAQ/ MTF	Under Construction	Fall 2003	\$ 6,475,000
Crack Treatment - Various Locations	MDOT	MTF	Under Construction	Fall 2003	\$ 342,000
I-94 at Baker Road - Improve Interchange and two new loop ramps.	MDOT	Local/ State	This project has been deferred by MDOT as a result of its "Fix it First" policy. The construction date for this project is unknown.		\$ 9,095,000

Art Fair is Here !

This years Ann Arbor Art Festival will take place Wednesday, July 16th through Saturday, July 20th. More than 1,000 vendors in four separate art fairs as well as local business owners anticipate the arrival of around 500,000 prospective buyers and tourists. Once again the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) will be providing service to and from the art fairs from one hour before to one hour after the fair, each day. Park and ride lots are available at Briarwood mall and Pioneer High School (southwest corner of Main and Stadium). The service costs \$1.50 for a one way ticket and \$3.00 for a round-trip ticket. Kids 8 and under ride free. Shuttle service will depart from the two park and ride locations every 10-15 minutes. If you would still like to drive downtown, parking structure spaces may be available for \$10.

For more information about AATA visit: www.theride.org

More information about the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair can be found at: www.artfair.org

Click it or Ticket Campaign a Success

On March 10th, 2000, legislation allowing law enforcement officials to pull over motorists for not wearing their safety belts took effect. Working with local agencies, the State police, in conjunction with a national effort, established the Click it or Ticket slogan to go along with its periodic enforcement mobilizations. The first mobilization of 2003 occurred from May 19th to June 1st. Federal grants helped to fund overtime pay for the more than 500 law enforcement agencies involved in Michigan as well as to pay for the costs of the media campaign. The following local law enforcement agencies participated in the May mobilization:



Ann Arbor Police Department
Chelsea Police Department
Milan Police Department
Saline Police Department
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department
University of Michigan Department of Public Safety
Pittsfield Township Police Department
The Ypsilanti Post of the Michigan State Police



Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people under the age of 35. More than 40% of the people who die in traffic crashes are not wearing their seatbelt. The Click it or Ticket media campaign and the May mobilization was designed to do one thing, save lives. Over 21,000 citations were issued Statewide as a result of the mobilization. Full results of the May mobilization as well as other mobilization results and dates can be found on the Michigan State Police website at: www.michigan.gov/msp

SEMCOG Takes Over Rail Study From AATA

When the Lansing to Detroit Regional Commuter Rail Study began, the study's main objective was to establish the feasibility of a commuter rail line between Lansing and Detroit. Preliminary results of the study showed the Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) to be between Ann Arbor and Detroit. The funding source that may be used for operation, required that the study area be changed to the MOS. With this change in service area, the contract was transferred from the Capital Area Transit Authority (CATA) to the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) in July of 2002. As the study progressed, AATA found that study goals, of regional connectivity, which were once unique, also underwent a transformation. This change made AATA take note of the Downtown Detroit Metro Airport Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study (DDMA), a similar study headed by SEMCOG. Once thought of as an "inter-city" rail line, newfound similarities between the DDMA and the former Lansing to Detroit Regional Commuter Rail Study led to the recent decision to combine the two studies. Consistent with their effort to "more efficiently and cost effectively provide transit service for the taxpayers of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County" the AATA board transferred the Ann Arbor to Detroit Rail Study contract to SEMCOG in May.

Did you know?

The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study's website features a new link to the instantly updated Michigan Department of Transportation lane closures page. You can check on lane closures around the entire State. Visit us at www.miwats.org or MDOT at www.mdot.state.mi.us

Summary File 4 data released



The Summary File 4 (SF4) tables for Michigan along with its 778 page technical documentation were released by the US Census Bureau on June 18th, 2003. The SF4 data is the largest and most specific data release of the Census and was developed from the 52-item census long form that was delivered to an average of one in six households. Each of 323 different tables is separated into 336 different population groups. The groups are broken down as follows: 132 race groups, 78 American Indian groups, 39 Hispanic groups and 86 Ancestry groups. There are 213 tables which cover the population characteristics of each specific group and 110 housing characteristics which are available by each group. More information on SF4 and other census data can be found at the US Census website at www.census.gov

Non-motorized Studies Update



The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been working with two consultants and two steering committees comprised of local officials, to examine existing interchanges with the intent to retrofit bicycle and pedestrian amenities within the existing right of ways. Two interchanges in Washtenaw County were chosen as pilot projects to evaluate underpass and overpass configurations. One of the main project goals is to develop construction templates that could be used throughout the State to improve non-motorized transportation through freeway interchanges.

Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. was chosen to evaluate the underpass at Washtenaw Ave (M-17) and US-23 located in Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township. Hamilton Anderson was chosen to evaluate the overpass at Huron St. and I-94 located in Ypsilanti. Each study has had one public meeting to review alternatives and the consultants are now looking at refining the best alternatives for each location.

In developing the alternatives, the consultants had to show that the existing traffic would not be impacted in such a way as to increase vehicle delay times or lower the road's level of service. They also needed to show that the redesign could handle future traffic projections.

Abonmarche Consultants, Inc. will be further developing the alternative to place the non-motorized path on a separate facility on both sides of the Washtenaw Ave. They are also working on a toolbox of signing and lighting techniques available to enhance the safety for all users.

The overpass study at Huron/I-94 has not been narrowed down to one alternative at the present time. Alternatives that are being further developed provide access on both sides of the overpass. It has not yet been determined if these will occur within the right of way, or require a bridge expansion or hanging paths.

For further information check out the WATS web site at www.miwats.org or contact MDOT's Project Manger, Matt Webb at (517)-750-0405 or email him at

Thumbs up!



The following five truck companies will be helping law enforcement agents spot drunk drivers during the June 27th-July 13th "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" mobilization.

Central Transport
E & L Transport
Meijer
Sara Lee Tastee Bakery Group
Spartan Stores

Eastern Michigan University Campus Master Plan



A new Campus Master Plan is being developed for Eastern Michigan University. Four planning consultants will work together on the plan, which will look 20-25 years in the future, they are; Pollack Design Associates, The Campus Studio, Quinn/Evans Architecture and Midwestern Consulting LLC. The schedule of planning has been broken down into four phases:



Phase 1: Inventory and Analysis *March 2003-April 2003*

This Phase recorded results from public involvement hearings and focus groups to establish some goals and concerns with the plan and the University. This Phase also involved specific recording of University facilities and documents.

Phase 2: Master Planning *May 2003– November 2003*

Involves the preparation of plans, as well as workshops with University staff. The planning group will explore transportation, architectural and development aspects and effects of the plan. This phase also involves the development of graphic representation of the plan.



Phase 3: Campus Enhancements *July 2003-November 2003*

Preparation of design options, public involvement hearings and cost/budget development and review

Phase 4: Final Documentation *September 2003-January 2004*

Assembly of final plan and delivery to the Board of Regents, tentatively scheduled for presentation, January 15th, 2004



The next date for public involvement is September 18, 2003. For a project overview, information on the project team, project schedule and project goals, go to the new Eastern Michigan University website at:

www.emich.edu

Free Vanpools offered by U of M



At the University of Michigan, a one year parking pass can cost up to \$1,000. This works out to be between four and five dollars a day for parking in addition to the cost of fuel and other automobile related expenses, such as insurance. Did you know that the University of Michigan offers vanpool service to all of its faculty and staff to and from work at no charge? Currently there are 17 vanpools operating. To encourage the use of this alternative transportation system to and from work, all costs will be paid by the University. The vanpool will pick you up from a designated location and drop you off very close to work. For more information on this free service or to apply for a vanpool visit:

www.parking.umich.edu

Long Range Plan (continued)



Local agencies and WATS will produce proposed improvements to address the identified deficiencies. One of the most important components of the long range planning process is the public involvement portion. Public involvement sessions provide the public with opportunities to participate in the planning and implementation of transportation related improvements throughout the County. Once the improvements have been identified, they will be compiled, compared to the financial budget and prepared for public comment. The documents for the 2030 Plan will be ready for review in October of 2003 with public meetings tentatively schedule for early November. For a preliminary list of the locations for public review of the draft documents see page 6. For upcoming information on public involvement meeting times and schedules, visit our website at: www.miwats.org

New to the Library

Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access Part 2

This guide book serves as a best practices design guide for pedestrian and non-motorized facilities.

-*Federal Highway Administration Publication*
No. FHWA-EP-01-027 September 2001

2000 Census Community Profiles for Southeast

Michigan - Census information for Livingston, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw Counties. Covers population, social, income, labor and housing characteristics for each county.

-*SEMCOG* April 2003

SEMCOG Traffic Safety Manual - This publication establishes the best ways to identify sections and intersections of roadways which have the highest crash frequency and rate, from data collection to analysis to solutions.

-*SEMCOG* Second Edition 1997

City of Ann Arbor, Michigan FY2004-2009 Capital Improvements Plan - A complete report on the plan as it was adopted by the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission and The Ann Arbor City Council.

-*City of Ann Arbor* February 2003

Commuting in Southeast Michigan, 2000 - This report documents county commuting patterns in Southeast Michigan.

-*SEMCOG* June 2003

Land Use Tools and Techniques - This publication discusses techniques for addressing and influencing land use decisions for the purpose of impacting the quality of life for communities in Southeast Michigan. Includes discussion about Land Development, Community Design, Environmental Protection and Transportation.

-*SEMCOG* March 2003

Michigan Metropatterns - This publication addresses the different problems facing different communities. Offers some suggestions as to how to create and restore community prosperity in Michigan.

-*Amerigis Metropolitan Area Research Corporation*
April 2003

Locations for Long Range Plan Review:

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority
City of Ann Arbor and all Ann Arbor District Libraries
Village of Chelsea and Chelsea District Library
Village of Dexter and Dexter District Library
Village of Manchester
Michigan Department of Transportation -
Brighton Transportation Service Center
Northfield Township Library
City of Saline City Hall and District Library
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
Washtenaw County Road Commission
City of Ypsilanti City Hall and Ypsilanti District Libraries
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center
The following Township Offices:

Ann Arbor Township	Dexter Township
Augusta Township	Lima Township
Webster Township	York Township
Sharon Township	Sylvan Township
Pittsfield Township Hall	Scio Township Hall
	Superior Township Hall

2000 Census Southeast Michigan County-County Worker Flow Tables

In the April 2003 edition of "The Vehicle" there was an article about commuting flows in Southeast Michigan. On the following page is a table which lists the county of residence, the county of employment and the total number of workers commuting over county lines between 12 local counties. This data came from the 2000 census. Worker flow data shows which Counties import employees and which Counties export employees. This information is useful in predicting long term regional growth and provides transportation planners incite on which county to county corridors are most likely to become congested or deficient. The data is listed alphabetically by place of residence. A listing of every employee by county of residence and of employees by county of employment can be found at the census website at: www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/journey.html

Historical County-County worker flows can be found at the Bureau of Economic Analysis website at: www.bea.gov

2000 Census Southeast Michigan County-County Worker

County of Employment

	Genesee	Ingham	Jackson	Lenawee	Livingston	Lucas, OH.	Macomb	Monroe	Oakland	St. Clair	Washtenaw	Wayne
Genesee	145,025	889	82	14	4,236	5	1,887	50	20,061	247	1,054	3,006
Ingham	479	111,990	2,348	91	2,718	11	282	55	1,494	14	1,642	969
Jackson	31	2,107	53,388	775	168	36	56	115	311	14	8,223	1,126
Lenawee	14	65	1,330	31,063	113	1,557	54	1,074	504	14	7,008	1,208
Livingston	2,949	1,867	109	98	33,845	34	1,002	82	17,064	26	11,033	10,549
Lucas, OH	15	0	36	583	27	175,374	123	4,456	375	15	867	1,906
Macomb	182	537	23	85	458	41	224,720	235	94,376	2,941	952	56,211
Monroe	0	18	21	817	132	12,654	369	35,202	1,256	44	4,587	12,161
Oakland	6,307	974	152	145	4,484	134	41,935	565	429,030	583	6,723	106,405
St. Clair	298	32	6	52	52	23	17,967	57	4,038	48,324	122	3,522
Washtenaw	324	532	1,044	872	2,250	418	715	1,085	6,864	93	129,808	23,269
Wayne	447	637	241	423	2,469	922	44,064	4,111	124,137	759	25,015	618,405

County of Residence

Annual 3-C / MAR Conference July 22-25th in Washtenaw County

The Annual Planning Conference will kick off Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at the Ypsilanti Automobile Heritage Collection Museum. Hosted by the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS), the Region 2 Planning Commission, and the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission this is one event you do not want to miss! See www.miwats.org for the conference brochure and registration information. For more information please call 734-994-3127, ask for Genevieve Smith.

Too Much Stress & Too Little Time!	A New Angle on Public Involvement	Michigan Council of Local Governments
The next TEA, how will it affect you?	Tour Ypsilanti's Depot Town, a Redevelopment Success!	Cough, Wheeze, Air Quality? What's the problem?
Join us at Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre for a presentation of "Blithe Spirit" - a comedy	Maximizing Land and Infrastructure through Brownfield Redevelopment	Livable Communities Sprawl? Walkable, Bikable communities? This session is a must!
Learn how the Governor's new Land Use Initiative will affect you!	How to Make the Most of your Infrastructure	Transportation Safety and Security
Get the tools you need to Make the Most of Your Region!	Census Data Bonaza! How can you use this information for better planning?	Is Rail Real? A Multimodal Transportation System For Michigan?
Emerging Trends and Transportation Choices	3-C/MAR AWARDS DINNER	Walking Tour of Downtown Ann Arbor
How to get the most out of your consultant!	Environmental Streamlining Basics	Environmental Streamlining Workshop

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