

Ann Arbor City Council
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**LEADING THE WAY:
REGIONAL TRANSIT
COOPERATION**



We Heard Your Concerns

- Benefits

- Cost

How will Ann Arbor Residents benefit:

Proposed Improvements

- ⦿ 10-20-30 minute frequencies key corridors
- ⦿ Earlier & Later service Monday – Friday
- ⦿ Extended hours on Saturdays and Sundays
- ⦿ 1-way loop routes will be changed to 2-way routes
- ⦿ Connecting service to neighboring communities

Proposed Improvements

- ⦿ Key Corridors
= 38% increase
- ⦿ West Ann Arbor
= 117% increase
- ⦿ Connecting Routes to Key Corridors =137%
- ⦿ Plus New Services
 - Flex Services
 - Metro Airport

How Ann Arbor Residents will benefit:

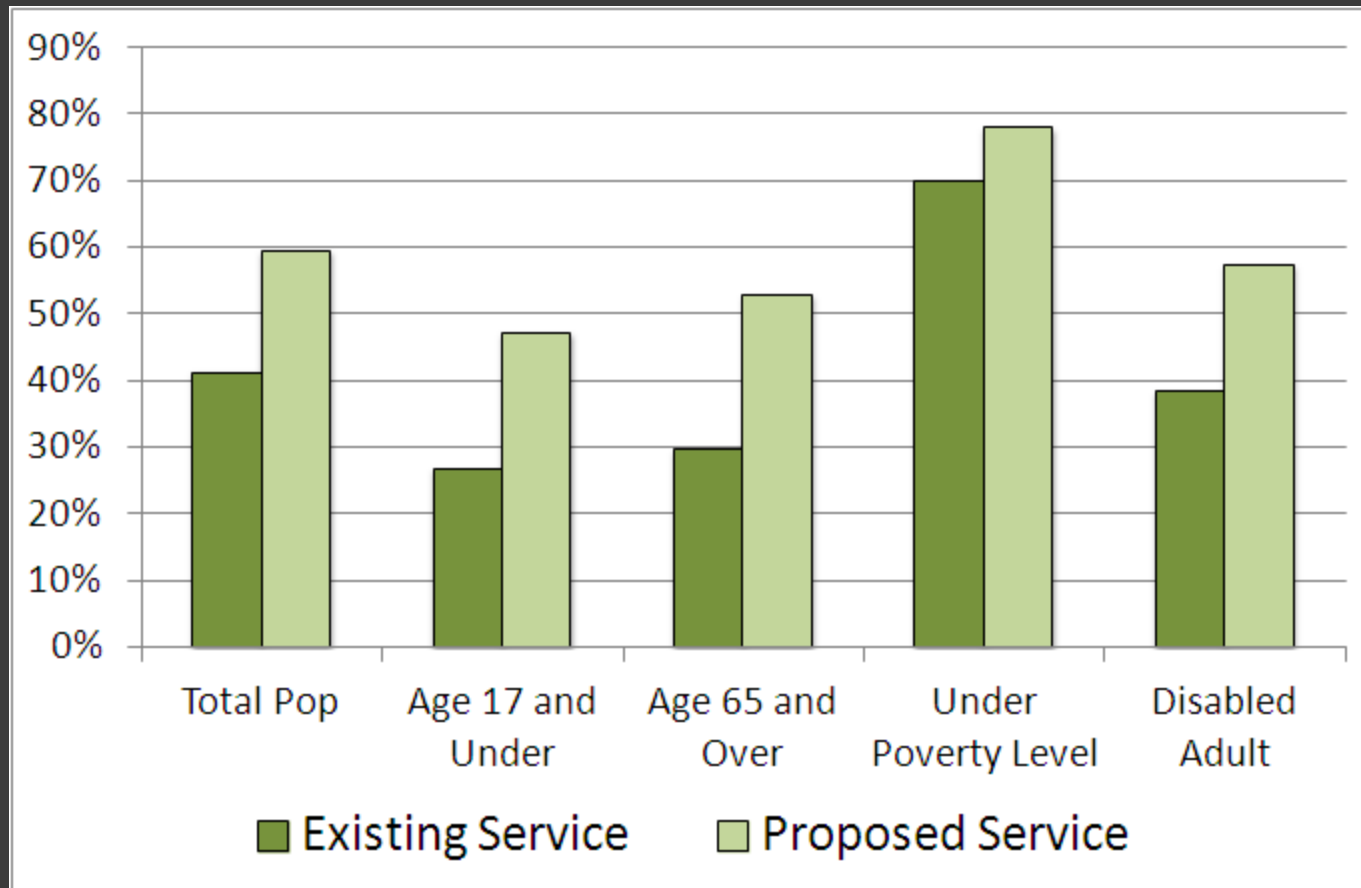
Proposed Improvements

- ⦿ Reducing travel times on busy corridors with **bus priority enhancements**
- ⦿ More bus stops with **shelters**, benches and schedule information
- ⦿ Expanding **Vanpool** service
- ⦿ Additional **Park & Ride** lots to reduce traffic congestion on local streets
- ⦿ High capacity technology on busiest corridors (e.g. **Bus Rapid Transit**)
- ⦿ Connections to greater Southeast Michigan

Faster, More Direct, More Frequent, Longer Hours ^{DC-1}

- ⦿ All residents
- ⦿ Youth
- ⦿ People with a Disability
- ⦿ Seniors
- ⦿ People under the Poverty Level

Percent of Ann Arbor Residents within a 5 Minute Walk of High-Frequency Service



Service Improvement Objectives:

Efficiency

Reliability

Comfort

Convenience

Accessibility

What will it Cost?

- ◎ Funding Options Report

- ◎ Financial Task Force
 - Membership
 - Mission
 - Investment Recommendations

- ◎ 5-Year Service and Funding Plan

Public Transportation Agreement

- ⦿ Defines a Transparent Process to form a future Countywide Authority
- ⦿ Establishes Checks & Balances
- ⦿ Ensures Public Approval requirement
- ⦿ Protects Ann Arbor's current transit service

Public Transportation Agreement:

Nothing happens:

- ⦿ Until the public has commented on the 5-Year Plan
- ⦿ After the u196 requests to incorporate a new authority
- ⦿ Each community, including Ann Arbor, decides whether to participate

Then the Incorporated Countywide Authority would be formed:

- ⦿ The new authority will have no assets
- ⦿ AATA services and assets will remain in the Act 55 authority

If tax payers approve additional funding and ALL conditions of the agreement are met:

- ⦿ The new authority will then operate and coordinate transit services countywide

Public Transportation Agreement

The agreement does NOT:

- ⦿ Create an operational countywide authority
- ⦿ Obligate Ann Arbor to participate
- ⦿ Jeopardize Ann Arbor transit services

The agreement does:

- ⦿ Define a process to develop countywide transit services
- ⦿ Create clear expectations and roles
- ⦿ Define limitations and time limits of the process
- ⦿ Ensure that Ann Arbor transit services and millage will be protected in a countywide system

The Future is up to you!

- You'll ensure that Ann Arbor remains competitive in a global economy
- You'll be promoting regional cooperation
- You'll show that Ann Arbor understands that our needs are regional and local, not one or the other
- We're counting on you to lead the way for a better tomorrow