



# U-M STUDENT GUIDE: AATA's MRIDE PROGRAM



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## MRIDE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority  
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Blake Transit Center  
331 S. Fourth Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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734.973.6500

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734.663.3888 (thru 9/30/04)  
734.528.5432 (starting 10/1/04)

TDD (hearing impaired)  
734.973.6997

RideShare  
877.971.POOL

University of Michigan  
Parking & Transportation  
734.764.3427  
[www.transportation.umich.edu](http://www.transportation.umich.edu)

# AATA's MRIDE PROGRAM: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

***Public transit and specialized transportation services in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area***

## What is AATA?

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA), a not-for-profit unit of government, operates the local public transit bus system called TheRide. TheRide serves the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and nearby Pittsfield, Ypsilanti and Superior townships with 25 routes. AATA also provides other transportation services for the general public, people with disabilities, senior citizens and commuters (see back cover).

## What is the MRide Program?

The University of Michigan has signed a contract with AATA to allow all active U-M students, faculty and staff to ride on all AATA regular fixed-route buses without paying a fare any time or day the buses are in service. To board the buses without paying a fare, you must show a valid yellow or white Mcard to the driver. Yellow and white Mcards are only valid on AATA fixed-route buses, not other AATA services.

***Unlimited access to AATA fixed-route service with your yellow or white Mcard***

***Two downtown transit centers, 25 routes and more than 1,500 bus stops***

## How does the bus system work?

The AATA operates two transit centers: the Blake Transit Center (BTC) in downtown Ann Arbor on Fourth Ave. between William and Liberty, and the Ypsilanti Transit Center (YTC) located on Pearl at Adams. Most Ann Arbor routes originate at the BTC (at 15 minutes after and 15 minutes before each hour) to coordinate transfers. If you need to transfer to another bus, ask your driver to hold that connecting bus. More than 1,500 bus stops are conveniently located for easy boarding. AATA will stop to pick up or drop off passengers only at designated AATA bus stop signs or shelters. Also, all AATA buses are equipped with front racks that can accommodate two bicycles, so bring your bike along on the trip (it's free!).

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***Seven days a week, except on major holidays -- starting and ending times vary by route***

## When do the buses operate?

AATA transit service runs from 6 am-11:30 pm Monday-Friday and 7:30 am-7 pm on Saturday and Sunday. However, some routes begin or end service slightly outside of these time windows, so check the route schedules for more detailed information. Use AATA's Night Ride service when buses are not operating (see Page 12).

## How do I get help to plan my trips?

If you have any questions, can't figure out how to get where you're going or have never been on a bus before and want help, please call AATA Customer Information at 734.996.0400, or visit [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org). If you're on the bus and need help, ask the driver. Maps and route schedules are available at the web site and in the RideGuide publication available on AATA buses, at the Blake and Ypsilanti Transit Centers, AATA's main office, the Michigan Union, Pierpont Commons, at least 40 other U-M campus locations and more than 200 additional community locations.

***For assistance, call 996.0400, visit the AATA web site at [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org), pick up a Ride Guide, or ask your driver***

***C.C. Little Building, Michigan Union, Mott & Women's Hospitals entrance & Pierpont Commons are major transfer points between AATA and U-M services***

## Where do AATA and University of Michigan bus routes connect?

If you need to use both AATA and U-M buses to make your trip, you can make connections at the Michigan Union, the C.C Little Building, U-M Hospital/Taubman Center, the Mott & Women's Hospitals entrance, Kresge Medical/ Couzens Hall, on Bonisteel by Pierpont Commons and at the Green Road Park & Ride Lot. Visit the U-M transportation web site at [www.transportation.umich.edu](http://www.transportation.umich.edu) for U-M bus route information.

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## How can I get to campus from my off-campus location?

Thirteen AATA routes directly serve the U-M campus. Use the AATA system map on Pages 6 and 7 of this guide to locate where you live and the route(s) serving that location. You will be able to go directly to your campus destination on most routes; others may require a transfer at the Blake Transit Center.

*Getting to campus is easy with thirteen direct AATA routes*

*For routes serving off-campus shopping, dining & theaters, see Pages 8 & 9*

## How can I go to off-campus locations for shopping, dining & theaters?

Use the listings on Pages 8 and 9 of this guide to find your destination and the route(s) you need to take to get there. If you will be staying at your destination (within the city limits of Ann Arbor) until after bus service stops, call for a Night Ride taxi for your return trip.

## What routes serve U-M campus locations?

Use the listing on Page 11 of this guide to find your campus destination and the route(s) you need to take to get there. Also visit [www.transportation.umich.edu](http://www.transportation.umich.edu).

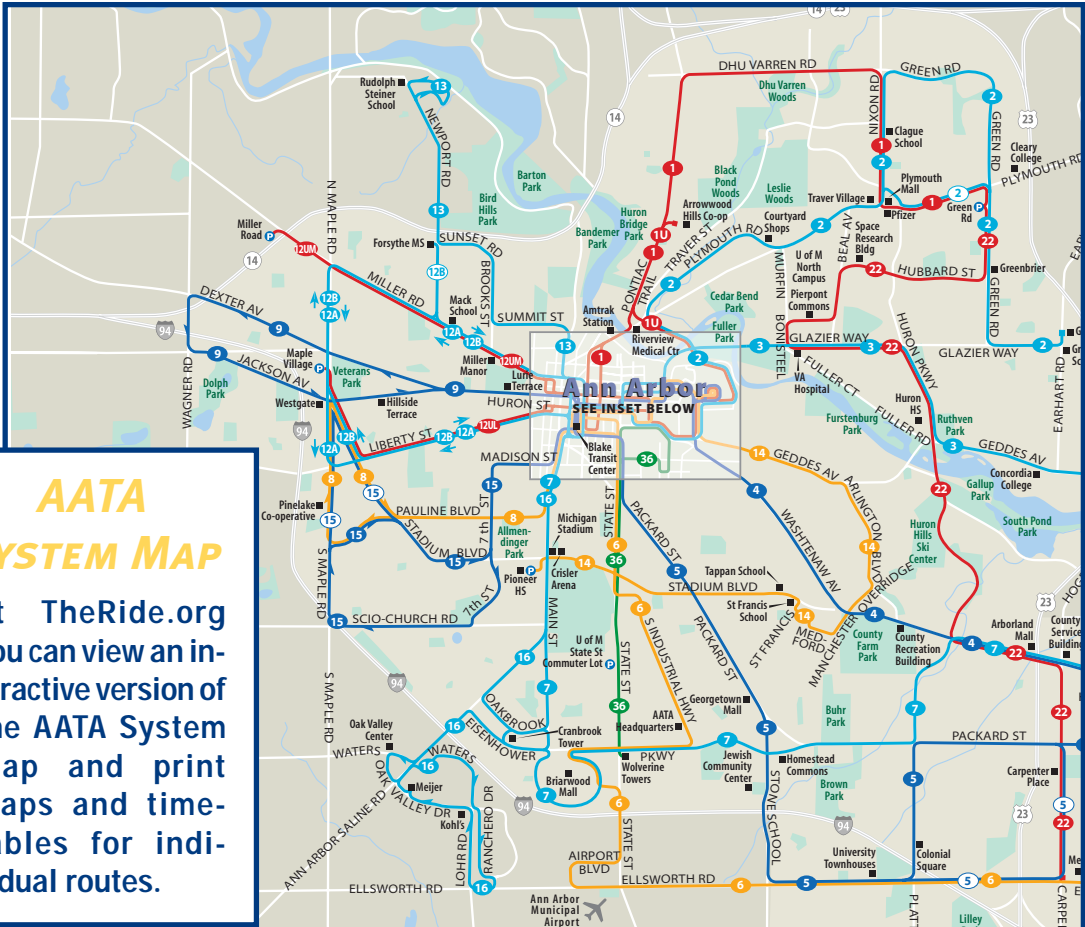
*For AATA routes serving campus destinations, see Page 11*

*Park FREE and ride TheRide from an AATA Park & Ride Lot*

## What if I live outside the bus service area?

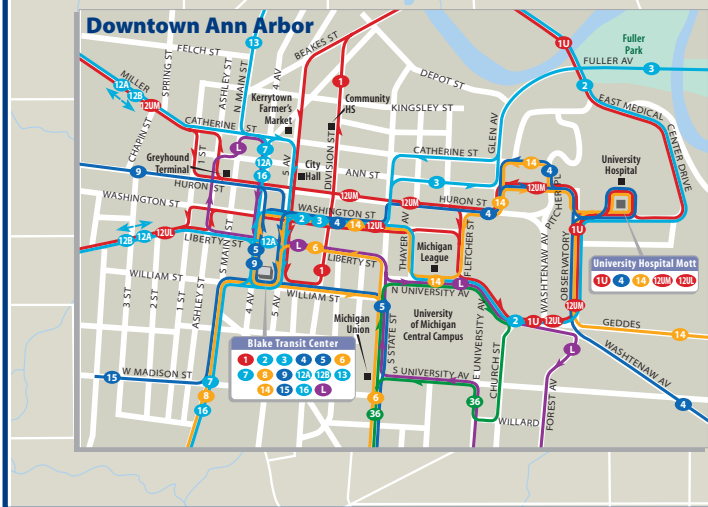
Commuting from outside the AATA bus service area to campus is made easier with five convenient Park & Ride Lots. Park free at any of these lots, then show your valid yellow or white Mcard when boarding the bus:

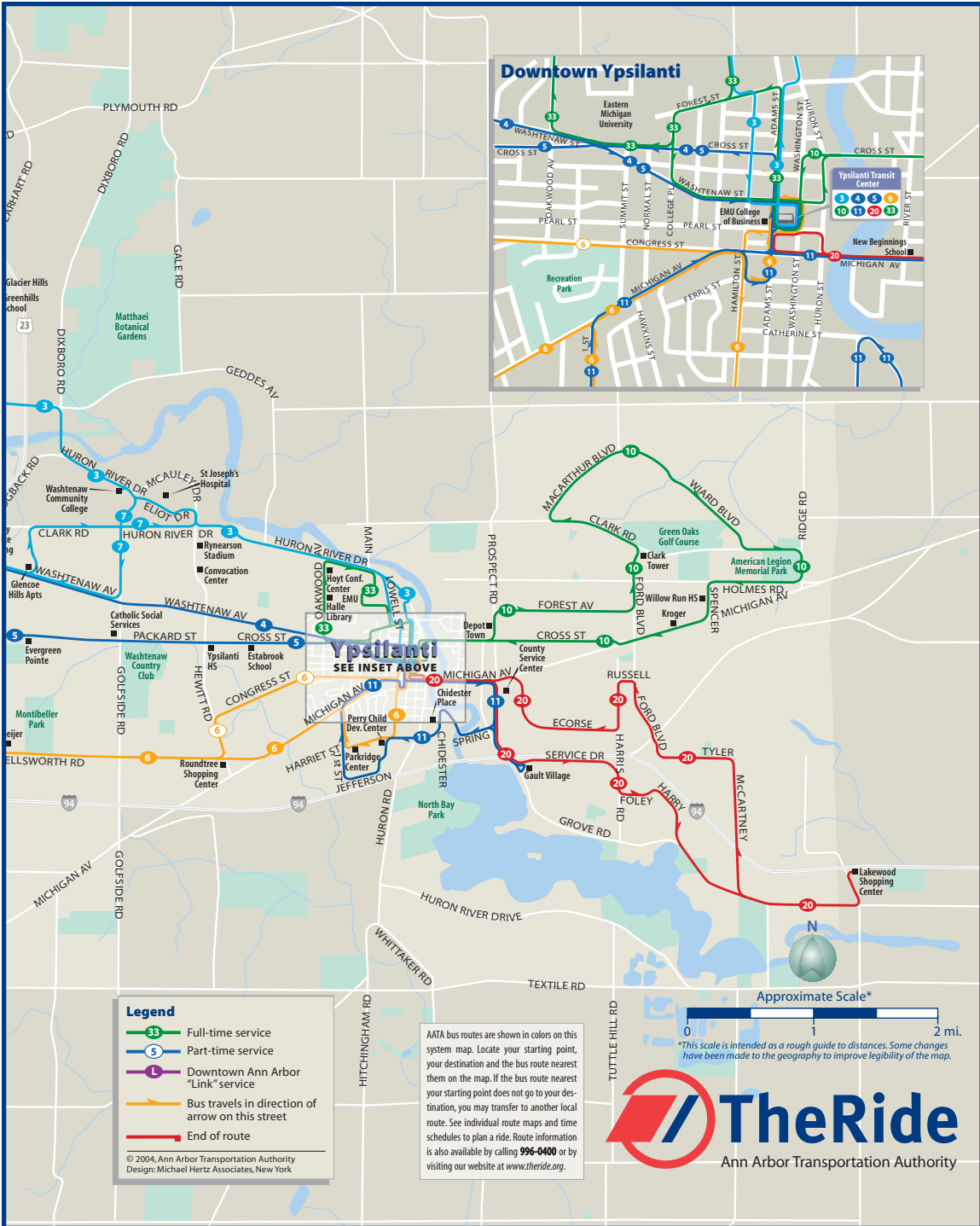
- Green Road Park & Ride - Served by routes 1, 2, 22
- Maple Village Park & Ride - Served by routes 12A, 12B, 12U Liberty
- Miller Road Park & Ride - Served by route 12U Miller
- Pioneer High School Park & Ride - Served by routes 7, 14, 16
- State Street Park & Ride - Served by route 36



**AATA**  
**SYSTEM MAP**

At [TheRide.org](http://TheRide.org) you can view an interactive version of the AATA System Map and print maps and time-tables for individual routes.

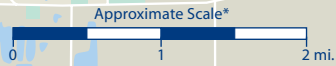




- Legend**
- 33 Full-time service
  - 5 Part-time service
  - L Downtown Ann Arbor "Link" service
  - Bus travels in direction of arrow on this street
  - End of route

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AATA bus routes are shown in colors on this system map. Locate your starting point, your destination and the bus route nearest them on the map. If the bus route nearest your starting point does not go to your destination, you may transfer to another local route. See individual route maps and time schedules to plan a ride. Route information is also available by calling 996-0400 or by visiting our website at [www.theride.org](http://www.theride.org).



\*This scale is intended as a rough guide to distances. Some changes have been made to the geography to improve legibility of the map.



# AATA COMMON DESTINATIONS

Active U-M students, faculty and staff can ride without paying a fare by showing their valid yellow or white Mcards. Regular fare is \$1 per trip.

The following is a list of many of the places you can go on AATA fixed-route buses:

## Shopping Centers

**Arborland Mall** (includes Bed, Bath & Beyond, Border's Books and Music, Circuit City, DSW Shoe Warehouse, Hiller's Market, Marshalls, Old Navy, Petco, Toys R Us) *Routes 4, 7, 22*

**Briarwood Mall** (which has more than 130 stores) *Routes 6, 7*

**Carpenter Road shopping district** (includes Home Depot, HomeGoods, JoAnn Fabrics, Kroger, Lowe's, Meijer, Pier One, Target) *Routes 5, 6, 22*

**Cranbrook Village** (includes ABC Warehouse, Mervyn's) *Routes 7, 16*

**Huron Village Plaza** (Barnes & Noble Book Sellers, Whole Foods) *Routes 4, 7, 22*

**Kerrytown market district** (includes Ann Arbor Farmer's Market) *Routes 1, 7, 12, 13, 16, Link*

**Lohr Road/Oak Valley shopping areas** (includes Best Buy, CompUSA, Kohl's, Linens 'n Things, Meijer, MC Sports, Target) *Route 16*

**Maple Village** (includes KMart, Secretary of State, Village Theater, Radio Shack) *Routes 12A, 12B, 12U*

**Plymouth Mall/Traver Village centers** (includes Kinko's, Kroger, Merchant of Vino, Pet Supplies Plus) *Routes 1, 2*

**Roundtree Center** (includes Walmart, Busch's, Big Lots) *Route 6*

**Westgate** (Kroger, TJ Maxx) *Routes 8, 9, 12, 15*

## Grocery Stores

**Arbor Farms Natural Foods** *Routes 8, 12A, 12B, 12UL, 15*

**Busch's (Ellsworth)** *Route 6*

**Busch's (Green Rd.)** *Routes 2, 22*

**Busch's (Main St.)** *Routes 7, 16*

**Farmer Jack (Washtenaw)** *Routes 4, 7*

**Farmer's Market (AA)** *Routes 1, 12, 13, Link*

**Hiller's Market** *Routes 4, 7, 22*

**Kroger (E. Michigan)** *Route 10*

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Kroger (Packard)	<i>Route 5</i>	The Earle	<i>Routes 12, Link</i>
Kroger (Plymouth Rd.)	<i>Routes 1, 2</i>	Gratzi	<i>Route: Link</i>
Kroger (S. Industrial)	<i>Routes 6, 14</i>	Joe's Crab Shack	<i>Route 16</i>
Kroger (S. Maple)	<i>Routes 8, 15</i>	Olive Garden	<i>Routes 7, 6, 36</i>
Meijer (AA-Saline Rd.)	<i>Route 16</i>	Outback Steakhouse	<i>Route 16</i>
Meijer (Carpenter Rd.)	<i>Routes 5, 6, 22</i>	Panera Cafe	<i>Routes 4, 7, 16</i>
People's Food Co-op	<i>Routes 7, 12A, 13, 16, Link</i>	Real Seafood Co.	<i>Route: Link</i>
Trader Joe's	<i>Routes 4, 14</i>	Red Robin	<i>Routes 5, 6, 22</i>
Whole Foods Market	<i>Routes 4, 7, 22</i>	TGI Friday's	<i>Route 16</i>
		Zingerman's	<i>Routes 1, 7, 12, 13, 16, Link</i>
		Zingerman's Roadhouse	<i>Routes 8, 9, 12, 15</i>

## Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy (multiple locations)	<i>Routes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14 15, 22, 36</i>
Rite Aid Pharmacy (multiple locations)	<i>Routes 1, 2, 5, 8, 15</i>
Walgreen	<i>Routes 4, 7, 22</i>

## Dining

Arbor Brewing Co.	<i>Routes 2, 3, 4, 12U, 14</i>
Applebee's	<i>Routes 1, 2, 5, 16, 22</i>
Chili's	<i>Routes 4, 7, 22</i>

## Theaters

The Ark	<i>Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 15, 16, Link</i>
Michigan Theater	<i>Routes 2, 3, 4, 6, 14, Link</i>
Performance Network	<i>Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12B, 13, 14, 16, Link</i>
State Theater	<i>Routes 6, Link</i>
Showcase Cinema	<i>Route 6</i>
Village Theater	<i>Routes 12A, 12B, 12U</i>

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## **Apartments**

Arbor Village	<i>Routes 4, 14</i>	Park Place Apartments	<i>Routes 8, 15</i>
Briar Cove	<i>Routes 7, 16</i>	Pine Valley Apartments	<i>Route 5</i>
Broadview Apartments	<i>Route 2</i>	Signature Villas	<i>Routes 7, 16</i>
Brookside Apartments	<i>Route 2</i>	Spruce Knob Apartments	<i>Route 5</i>
Geddes Lake Co-op	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>	Traver Knoll Apartments	<i>Route 2</i>
Georgetown Townhomes	<i>Routes 5, 6</i>	Traver Ridge Apartments	<i>Routes 1, 2</i>
Glencoe Hills Apartments	<i>Routes 4, 7</i>	Village Green of Ann Arbor	<i>Route 3</i>
Golfside Apartments	<i>Route 7</i>	Village Park of Ann Arbor	<i>Route 2</i>
Golfside Lake Apartments	<i>Route 7</i>	Westwood Apartments	<i>Routes 12A, 12B, 12U</i>
Greenbrier Apartments	<i>Routes 1, 2, 22</i>	Willowtree Apartments	<i>Route 2</i>
Greenway Park Apartments	<i>Routes 4, 7</i>	Windemere Park Apartments	<i>Route 2</i>
Hidden Valley Club Apartments	<i>Route 36</i>	Woodbury Gardens	<i>Route 6</i>
Homestead Commons	<i>Routes 5, 7</i>	Woodland Meadows	<i>Routes 7, 16</i>
Huron Tower Apartments	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>		
International Village Apts.	<i>Route 7</i>		
Island Drive Apartments	<i>Routes 1U, 2</i>		
Jackson West Apartments	<i>Route 9</i>		
Lake Village of Ann Arbor	<i>Route 7</i>		
Meadowbrook Village	<i>Route 16</i>		
Medical Center Court	<i>Routes 1, 2, 3</i>		
Mill Creek Townhouses	<i>Route 5</i>		
Mulberry Row Apartments	<i>Route 7</i>		
Parc Pointe Apartments	<i>Route 2</i>		

## **Campus Locations**

Alice Lloyd Hall	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 12U, 14</i>
Baits Houses	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>
Betsey Barbour House	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36, Link</i>
Bursley Hall	<i>Routes 2, 3, 22</i>
Business School	<i>Route 36</i>
C.C. Little Building	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 12U, Link</i>
Central Campus	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12U, 14, 36, Link</i>
College of Engineering	<i>Routes 2, 22</i>
College of Pharmacy	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 12U, 36</i>

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## Campus Locations

Couzens Hall	<i>Routes 4, 14, 12U</i>	Northwood V	<i>Route 22</i>
Crisler Arena	<i>Routes 7, 14, 16</i>	Oxford Houses	<i>Route 14</i>
Division of Kinesiology	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 12U, 14, 36, Link</i>	Pierpont Commons	<i>Route 22</i>
East Quad	<i>Routes 36, Link</i>	Rackham School of Graduate Studies	<i>Routes 4, 12U, 14</i>
Fletcher Hall	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36</i>	School of Art & Design	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>
Ford School of Public Policy	<i>Routes 36, Link</i>	School of Dentistry	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 12U, 14, 36, Link</i>
Helen Newberry Hall	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36, Link</i>	School of Education	<i>Routes 36, Link</i>
Institute for Social Research	<i>Routes 1, 5, 6</i>	School of Information	<i>Routes 36, Link</i>
Law Quad	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36, Link</i>	School of Music	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>
LSA Building	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36, Link</i>	School of Natural Resources & Environment	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 12U, 14, 36, Link</i>
Mary Markley Hall	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 4, 12U, 14</i>	School of Nursing	<i>Route 3</i>
Martha Cook Residence Hall	<i>Routes 36, Link</i>	School of Public Health	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 4, 12U, 14</i>
Med-Inn	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 4, 12U, 14</i>	School of Social Work	<i>Routes 36, Link</i>
Medical School	<i>Routes 2, 3, 4, 14</i>	South Quad	<i>Routes 4, 6, 36</i>
Michigan League	<i>Routes 2, 12U, 14, 36, Link</i>	Stockwell Hall	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 4, 12U, 14</i>
Michigan Stadium	<i>Routes 7, 14, 16</i>	Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>
Michigan Union	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36, Link</i>	Taubman Health Care	<i>Routes 1U, 2</i>
Mosher-Jordan Hall	<i>Routes 1U, 2, 4, 12U, 14</i>	Varsity Tennis Center	<i>Route 36</i>
Mott Children's Hospital	<i>Routes 4, 14</i>	West Quad	<i>Routes 5, 6, 36, Link</i>
North Campus	<i>Routes 3, 22</i>	Wolverine Tower	<i>Routes 6, 7, 36</i>
North Ingalls Building	<i>Route 3</i>	Yost Ice Arena	<i>Routes 6, 36</i>
Northwood I-IV	<i>Routes 2, 22</i>		

## OTHER AATA SERVICES\*

\* Mcards are not valid for these services.

### **Night Ride**

AATA contracts with a local taxi company to provide nightly shared-ride taxi service (within the Ann Arbor city limits) when AATA fixed-route transit service is not in service. Operates nightly from 11pm-6am. Fare is \$3 per person. Call 734.663.3888 (through September 30, 2004) to request trips. Starting October 1, call 734.528.5432.

### **Holiday Ride**

A shared-ride taxi service which operates within the city limits of Ann Arbor on holidays when AATA fixed-route buses are not in service. Fare is \$3 per person. To request trips, now through Sept. 30, 2004, call 734.663.3888; beginning Oct. 1, 2004, call 734.528.5432.

### **A-Ride**

Door-to-door service in small buses and sedans for individuals who can't use AATA fixed-route bus service due to a disability. Rider must have an ADA eligibility card to use this service (contact AATA for details). Fare is \$2 per one-way trip. Call 973-6500 for more information.

### **Football Ride**

AATA operates shuttles from 17 hotel and parking locations to Michigan Stadium on U-M home-game Saturdays. Fare is \$2 each way. Call 734.973.6500 for details.

### **RideShare**

AATA offers free carpool-vanpool matching services for commuters traveling into or within Washtenaw County. Call 877.971.POOL for details or a free, no-obligation list of potential poolers.

734.996.0400  
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