



Airport

For Public Review
Summer 2019

Connecting **R** Communities

Supporting the overall vision

Airport service supports the RTA vision by connecting Detroit Metro Airport to major destinations in Southeast Michigan. These services can offer convenient access for people traveling to the airport to travel as well as the nearly 20,000 people who work at the airport. Improving airport service benefits:

- International and domestic travelers visiting the Region
- Local travelers who want more choices
- A workforce that needs access to the airport



How do people use AIRPORT services today?

Airport service, currently provided by SMART and AAATA, includes routes from Ann Arbor and downtown Detroit directly to Detroit Metro Airport terminals.



AAATA — AAATA's AirRide provides frequent, quick, and convenient express bus service connecting Ann Arbor to Detroit Metro Airport. Daily round trips serve downtown Ann Arbor to both Detroit Metro Airport terminals.



SMART — SMART offers three routes that provide service to Detroit Metro Airport. The Michigan FAST route provides high-frequency, limited-stop service from downtown Detroit to Detroit Metro Airport. The route provides service to both airport terminals, seven days a week, including late night and weekends. Additionally, route 280 Middlebelt and 125 Fort street provide local bus services.

Current funding sources

AAATA

4% \$1.7M annually

Currently the region has one direct airport express route from Ann Arbor to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. SMART also provides service to the airport via the Michigan Ave FAST service and two local routes.





Funding needs for near-term priorities



20 YEAR
FUNDING SOURCE NEEDED



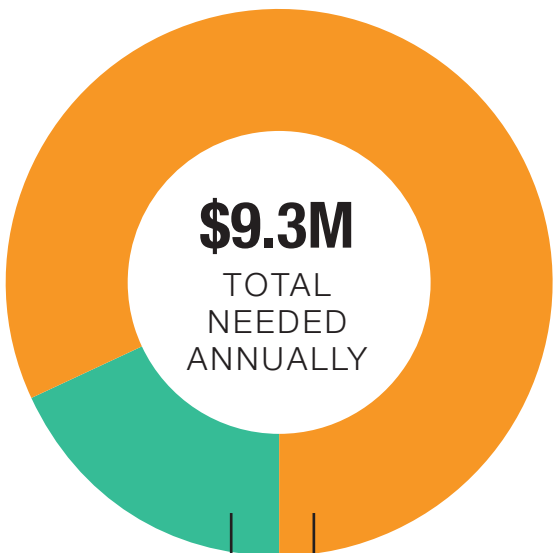
Source: Michigan Flyer (www.michiganflyer.com)

Near-term priorities

- Implementing Airport Express Service that provides direct service to the airport from important centers all over Southeast Michigan, including direct to Downtown Detroit.
- Supporting FAST Service to increase frequency and coverage area.
- Working in partnership with Wayne County Airport Authority to evaluate an intermodal facility that will meet the needs of regional transit and the airport.

Aspirational goals

- Implement light rail (LRT) and bus rapid transit (BRT) to the airport from Downtown Detroit.
- Commuter rail option or shuttle to the airport's Consolidated Car Rental Facility.
- Work in partnership with the Wayne County Airport Authority to plan and construct a future Intermodal hub to better facilitate access to and from the airport.



ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED FOR NEAR-TERM PRIORITIES
\$7.6M/yr

ADDITIONAL FUNDING NEEDED FOR ASPIRATIONAL GOALS
\$24.5M/yr

Cost of LRT to Detroit Metro Airport included in aspirational costs for Rail.