

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is leading the BEST: Regional Master Transit Plan?

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan

When will the BEST: Regional Master Transit Plan initiative be completed?

A vision for regional transit will be recommended in the final Regional Master Transit Plan by December of 2015.

What is the study area?

The Regional Master Transit Plan study area includes the four counties of Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Wayne, including the City of Detroit.

The study area covers 4.2 million people and 2,752 square miles.

The study includes a review of existing bus, paratransit, express bus, rapid transit, and rail services of current transit providers:

- Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- The Detroit People Mover (DTC)
- Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)
- Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA), including AirRide express airport service
- M-1 RAIL (under construction)
- Amtrak
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Private Intercity Bus Services
- Private Airport Shuttles and Taxi Services

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How is the BEST: Regional Master Transit Plan initiative being funded?

The study is funded through a grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

What other RTA initiatives are happening at this time?

In addition to the Regional Master Transit Plan, the RTA is completing three corridor studies over the next eight months. They are BEST: Gratiot Avenue, BEST: Woodward Avenue, and BEST: Michigan Avenue.

In combination, these projects will provide the region with the necessary detail to implement a truly regional system.

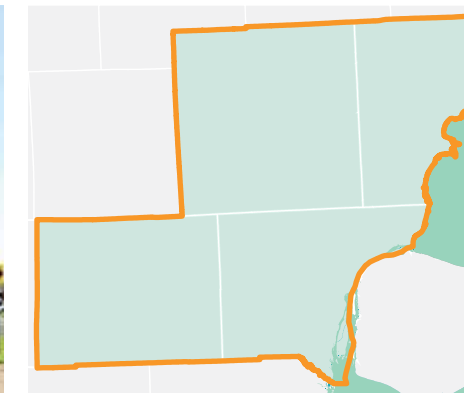
How can I get involved in creating Southeast Michigan's transit future?

Ultimately, what Southeast Michigan's transit future looks like depends on you! Get involved and make sure your voice is heard. There are many ways to join the community conversation:

- Give us a shout, "Hey, RTA!" #HeyRTA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Join the conversation on mySidewalk www.mysidewalk.com/organizations/289457
- Attend one or more of the meetings held in your county or community
- Host a meeting at your business, church, or community organization
- Volunteer at a community event
- Have a conversation with your friends, family, and co-workers. Ask them where they want to go! Let them know how to get involved.
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BUILDING EQUITABLE SUSTAINABLE TRANSIT (BEST): REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN

A REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN, BY SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



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BEST: REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN

IS A PLANNING INITIATIVE LED BY THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN (RTA) TO CREATE A VISION FOR A REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

The Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is updating Southeast Michigan's Regional Master Transit Plan. This plan will be a transit vision for all of us. It will guide how we expand and improve transit in Southeast Michigan over the next twenty years.

The Regional Master Transit Plan will guide the development of a multi-modal transit system in Wayne, Washtenaw, Macomb and Oakland counties. It will examine existing transit service, recommend improvements, and provide a strategy to make the system a reality.

The Regional Master Transit Plan will include the introduction of high-capacity rapid transit along major corridors and recommendations for coordination of services among the current and future transit providers (AAATA, DDOT, DTC, M-1 Rail, and SMART).

The BEST: Regional Master Transit Plan will:

- Evaluate transit options to meet the future mobility needs of southeast Michigan.
- Evaluate what will happen if no changes are made to the current system.
- Plan for and coordinate improved bus transit services within the region.
- Plan for and coordinate new rapid transit lines in regional transportation corridors.
- Ensure transit investments get people where they need and want to go throughout Southeast Michigan.
- Develop a funding strategy to help make these regional transit investments a reality.

BEST: REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN IS OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THREE OTHER RTA BEST INITIATIVES:

BEST: WOODWARD AVENUE

Environmental analysis for Woodward Avenue

BEST: GRATIOT AVENUE

Alternatives & environmental analysis for Gratiot Avenue

BEST: Michigan Avenue

Alternatives & environmental analysis for Michigan Avenue



What is the study Area of the BEST: Regional Master Transit Plan?

The Regional Master Transit Plan will provide a regional transit vision for Southeast Michigan. This includes Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties, and the City of Detroit. The plan will review existing bus, paratransit, express bus, rapid transit, and rail services.

Southeast Michigan

- Four counties
- Five transit providers
AAATA, DDOT, DTC, M-1 Rail, and SMART
- 4.2 million people
- 2,752 square miles

“The Regional Master Transit Plan is the first step towards a sustainable, equitable transit system. It will be a plan for Southeast Michigan, by Southeast Michigan.”

MICHAEL FORD, CEO
REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Hey RTA!

Tell us your vision for regional transit in Southeast Michigan. There are many ways to join the community conversation.

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BEST: REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN TIMELINE

- SPRING 2015
START BEST: REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN
- MAY 2015
THE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION BEGINS and continues throughout the process!
- Examine the State of the Current Transit System
- Assess Regional Transit Needs
- Recommend Future Transit Services
- Identify Funding and Implementation Strategies
- NOVEMBER 2015
PUBLIC DRAFT BEST: REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN
- Public Comment Period
- DECEMBER 2015
FINAL BEST: REGIONAL MASTER TRANSIT PLAN
- Public Education on the BEST: Regional Master Transit Plan
- NOVEMBER 2016
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