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Detroit-Ann Arbor bus expands late-night, early-morning service[Gift article](#) [Share](#) [Add as a preferred source on Google](#)



The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan is expanding the schedule for the D2A2 bus, which connects Ann Arbor to downtown Detroit. (Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan.)



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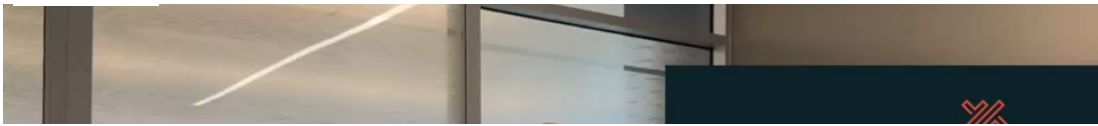
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Commuters between Ann Arbor and Detroit now have more options to get between the two Southeast Michigan cities.

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan announced Wednesday the expansion of its bus service between Detroit and Ann Arbor, the D2A2 Express.

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The service is adding new weekday and weekend pickups and drop-offs in both directions beginning on Sept. 8, in response to increased rider demand.

Riders can now arrive in Detroit as late as 11 p.m. on a weekend and back in Ann Arbor as late as 12:15 a.m. Weekday trips will depart as early as 5:30 a.m. from Detroit and 5:45 a.m. from Ann Arbor.

“D2A2 ridership is up 17% so far this year, and this expansion is a direct response to rider requests,” Ben Stupka, executive director of the RTA, told Crain’s via email. “We regularly seek feedback from our riders, and one thing we’ve consistently heard is that many D2A2 riders use the service to commute to and from work, and there’s long been a need for additional trips that align with shift times outside our original service hours. This expansion directly addresses that.”

The D2A2 bus stops are at Grand Circus Park at 1508 Park Ave. in Detroit and at Liberty Square Garage at 500 E. Washington Street in Ann Arbor.

One-way ticket prices are \$8 at the door, or \$6 if purchased in advance at the D2A2 website. Seniors and people with disabilities, as well as people buying 10 or more tickets, receive a discounted fare.

The expansion comes shortly after **Wayne County opted into** a county-wide transit millage, allowing SMART to **expand its bus services** into municipalities across the county that had previously lacked access.

The 10-year, 1 mill transit tax will result in a \$570 million injection into bus services in Wayne County, and bring an end to a decades-old opt-out system. For the first time, 17 communities in Wayne County will be served by the SMART bus system, including some of the bigger suburban areas.

“Now the work starts. We’ll roll out this expansion in phases, guided by what each community actually needs, and held to the same standards of discipline and

transparency that earned this vote,” SMART CEO Tiffany Gunter said in a statement when the millage was approved. “We’ve spent years building the case that this organization delivers. Now we get the chance to prove it again, for everyone.”

The RTA also **operates the Detroit Air Xpress**, which shuttles travelers from Downtown Detroit to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The organization **took over operations** of the QLine in downtown Detroit in 2024.

In November 2025, the RTA, along with other metro Detroit transit authorities, announced they had **partnered with Transit App**, a mobile application that helps users navigate public transportation. It offers real-time bus and train tracking, trip planning and service alerts.



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