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AATA and WCC reach new agreement

ANN ARBOR, MI – The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) and Washtenaw Community College (WCC) have signed an agreement to continue support for students and staff who use AATA buses to travel from the WCC campus.

Under the new agreement, WCC will pay for all trips taken by students and staff with valid identification cards from the main campus bus stop in front of WCC's Occupational Education Building. Beginning with the WCC spring/summer semester on Monday, May 10, students and staff will need to swipe their WCC identification cards through the farebox when they board the bus at the WCC bus stop. WCC will pay the fare for trips leaving campus, but students/staff will be responsible for paying the fare for trips to campus.

"Finding a parking spot at WCC can be a challenge. The WCC administration has been looking for ways to ease the pressure on parking at certain times of the day," said Michael Ford, AATA Chief Executive Officer. "WCC wanted to maintain its commitment to supporting alternative transportation options for students and staff despite a tightening budget. We believe the new agreement accomplishes that."

Semester transit passes currently in use by WCC students and staff will be valid through Monday, May 3. Beginning on May 10, students and staff will need to begin using their new WCC identification cards to board buses at the main campus bus stop.

The latest AATA route, schedule and detour information is available at www.TheRide.org or 734.996.0400.

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