

1. What is the Ypsilanti Transit Center (YTC) Project?

- a. This project includes planning, development, and construction of a new transit center in Ypsilanti for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.

2. When was the existing YTC built?

- a. 1993

3. What are the benefits of this project?

- a. The new YTC facility will allow for increased capacity for buses and passengers, improved passenger flow, the opportunity to consider other transportation modes more holistically, and create better wayfinding and information for customers. The updated and modern facility will offer a comfortable indoor waiting area, a customer service representative, and more passenger amenities. It will help meet the needs of TheRide’s service growth over the next 25 years.
- b. Service enhancements planned in the TheRide 2045, our Long-Range Plan, and supported through the recent millage success means that the Ypsilanti Transit Center is at a critical point for redevelopment to ensure it meets the needs of our system and communities.

4. What is the expected timeline of the new YTC?

- a. Needs Assessment and Feasibility Updates, Preliminary Design: 2023-2024
- b. Environmental Analysis/NEPA: 2023-2025
- c. Project Development and Land Acquisition: 2024-2025
- d. Detailed Design and Engineering: 2025-2026
- e. Construction: 2026-2027
- f. Completion: 2027

It is important to note that these are estimated timelines and subject to change based on a number of variables. It is assumed that the construction will last at least a year.

5. How much will the project cost?

- a. Current cost estimates for the entirety of the project are around \$18.5 million (2021 dollars).

6. Has TheRide secured any funding?

- a. TheRide received \$300,000 in federal funds for the planning stages of the project, secured by U.S. Senator Gary Peters
- b. TheRide received \$7 million in federal funds for the construction of the building, secured by Congresswoman Dingell

7. How will TheRide pay for the remaining costs of the project?

- a. The remaining costs of the project will be covered by a combination of local, state, and federal funds, likely a mix of regular funding received by the authority for state of good repairs and additional competitive grants. TheRide stays abreast of existing grant funding applications as they open for projects, as well as new grant opportunities as they develop.

8. How many passengers per year visit the YTC?

- a. The YTC had approximately 706,000 boardings in 2019 (pre-pandemic).

9. How many trips per year arrive/depart from the YTC?

- a. Based on current schedules, the YTC has about 101,000 bus arrivals and departures per year.

10. How many more passengers/trips are expected with the new YTC?

- a. TheRide projects 150-165% ridership growth system-wide due to the recommended service expansion in TheRide 2045, our recently adopted Long-Range Plan. The ridership growth and increase in number of bus trips specifically at the YTC has not yet been determined.

11. What are the next steps?

- a. TheRide is in the planning stage and working to update the Needs Assessment and Feasibility study from 2018. Work on Preliminary Design and the Environmental Analysis/NEPA will then begin as soon as possible and likely continue through 2025. Project development and land acquisition are tentatively scheduled for 2024-2025. We aim to quickly move into detailed design and engineering from there so that construction can begin in 2026. We are targeting a 2027 opening of the Ypsilanti Transit Center.