

# Millage Service Plan

Services to Begin in April and August 2024



Thank you for taking the time to learn about TheRide's 2024 Millage Service Plan Proposal. Services are expected to go into effect in late April 2024 and late August 2024.

In 2022, the community approved TheRide's 20-year Long Range Plan along with a renewal of the expanded property millage in the City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township for improved services. This millage will fund the first 5-year phase of expanded services in the Long Range Plan.

Improvements in this first phase include an express bus route between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, extended hours of fixed-route bus service, increased fixed-route service frequency on weekends, and expanded FlexRide Late Night and Holiday Service.

We encourage you to provide your comments during this public engagement period. The final plan will be introduced to the public beginning in Spring 2024.

In this presentation, we will walk through the proposed service plan for April and August.



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- 1 بجوار زر عرض نص الحوار (CC) ، انقر على زر السهم الصاعد
- 2 أسفل قسم "ترجمة إلى" الموجود بالقائمة، انقر على اللغة التي ترغب في ترجمة نص الحوار إليها. ثم، انقر على خيار "المزيد" لعرض المزيد من الخيارات المتاحة. بمجرد اختيار اللغة، سيتم إنشاء نص الحوار وترجمته إلى اللغة التي اخترتها

### **How to Comment**

After the presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments, time permitting.

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- Mail a letter to Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority c/o August 2024 Proposed Millage Changes 2700 S. Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104

# Millage Plan Implemented in Two Phases

# Late April 2024

 New limited-stop express bus route between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti along Washtenaw Avenue

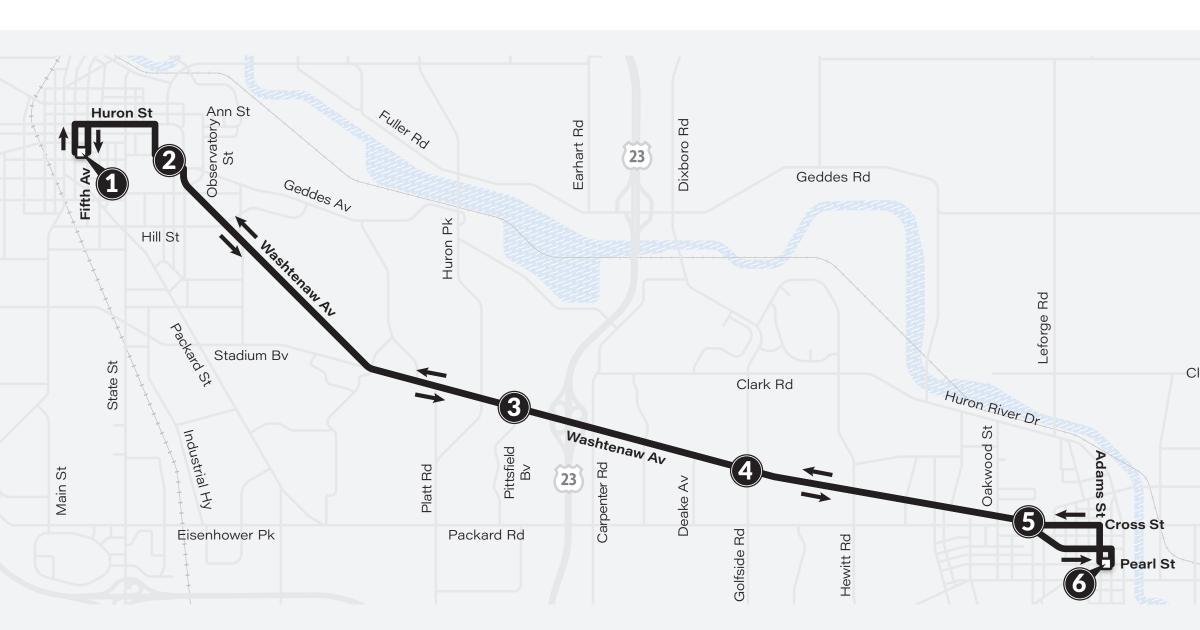
# Late August 2024

- Extended fixed-route hours of service 7 days a week
- Increased fixed-route service frequency on Saturdays and Sundays
- Routing or timing adjustments for fixed routes 4, 6, 24, 43
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# **Washtenaw Express Route**

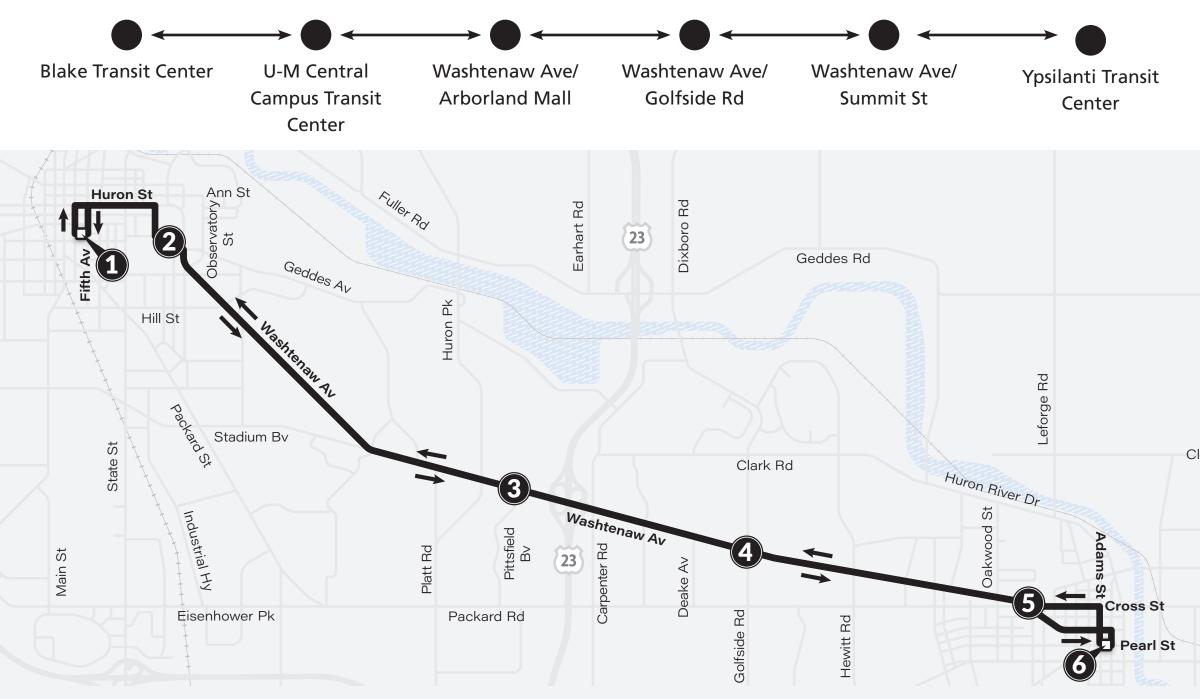
### Scheduled to launch late April of 2024

(pending availability of vehicles and motor coach operators)



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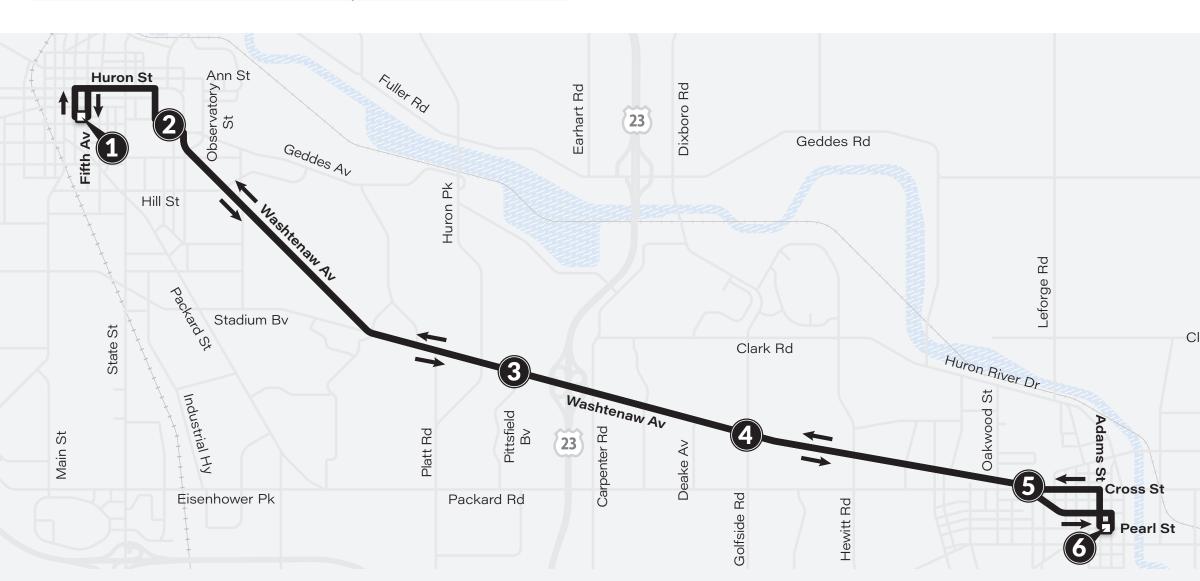
### Stops



# **Washtenaw Express Route**

Schedule		Frequency (minutes)
Weekdays		
To Ann Arbor	6:00 <sup>am</sup> –6:00 <sup>pm</sup>	every 30 min
To Ypsilanti	6:45 <sup>am</sup> –6:15 <sup>pm</sup>	every 30 min

Trips are estimated to run between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in approximately 30–40 minutes, pending further on-street testing.



### **Fixed Routes: Extended Hours of Service**

Scheduled to launch late August of 2024

### Weekdays

### Hours of service extended to 6:00am-12:00am

(approximate first/last trip departure times)

#### **ROUTES WITH NEW HOURS OF SERVICE**

3, 4, 5, 6, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 42, 44, 45, 46, 47 62, 66, 68

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### Saturdays

### Hours of service extended to 7:00am-11:50pm

(approximate first/last trip departure times)

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3, 4, 5, 6 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 66

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### Sundays

### Hours of service extended to 8:00am-9:45pm

(approximate first/last trip departure times)

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# Fixed Routes: Increased Weekend Frequency

Scheduled to launch late August of 2024

# All routes that currently operate on Saturday and Sunday:

- Will operate every 30 minutes before 6:00pm and every 60 minutes after 6:00pm.
- Routes which currently operate every 30 minutes after 6:00pm will continue to do so

# **Fixed Routes: Other Adjustments**

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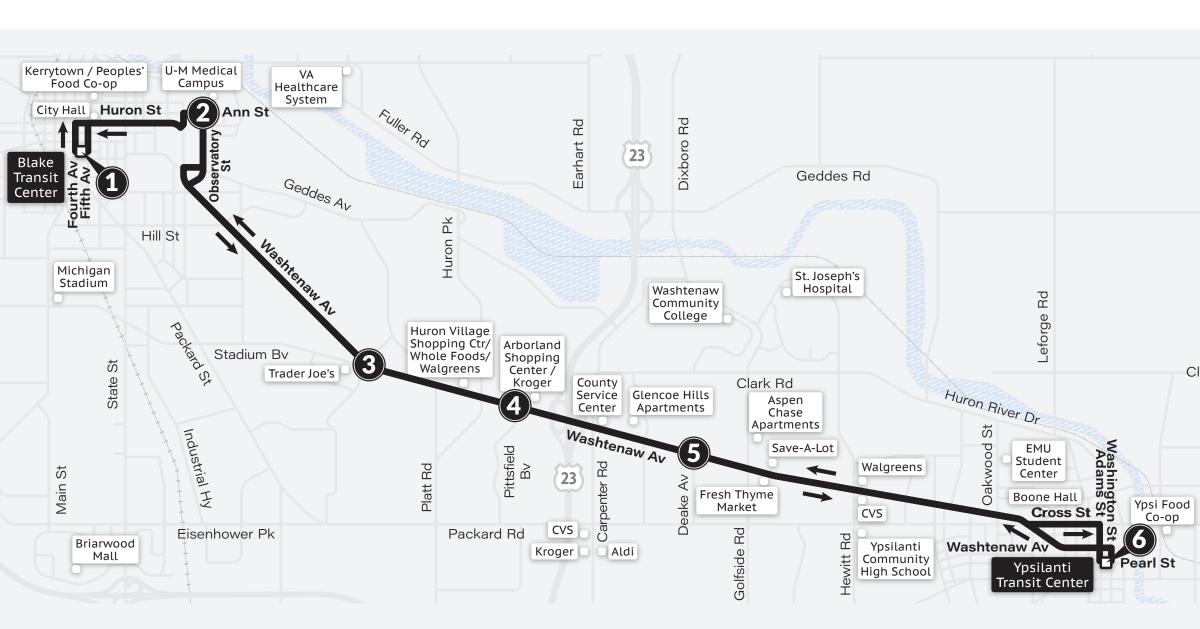
**ROUTING OR SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR ROUTES** 

4, 6, 24, 43

### **Route 4: Washtenaw**

Timings for all local Route 4 trips will be adjusted

Re-timing local trips to more precisely align schedules with current traffic congestion challenges



### **Route 6: Ellsworth**

#### Separated into two branches:

**6A:** Existing routing between **Blake Transit Center and** Ypsilanti Transit Center

- Operate 7 days a week
- Service every 30–60 minutes Service every 30 minutes

**6B:** Existing routing between **BTC and Briarwood Mall** 

- Operate Monday–Friday, 6:00am-6:00pm

6A/6B: Trips will alternate to provide service every 15 mins between BTC and Briarwood Mall

• Will replace Route 24 service in this corridor. Timings for all Route 6 trips will be adjusted





### Route 24: Eisenhower-Golfside

Routing will be shortened to the segment between the Cranbrook Tower area, Briarwood Mall, Washtenaw Community College, and St Joseph's Hospital area.

New routing will operate 7 days a week, with service extended to Washtenaw Community College and Saint Joseph's Hospital on Sundays.

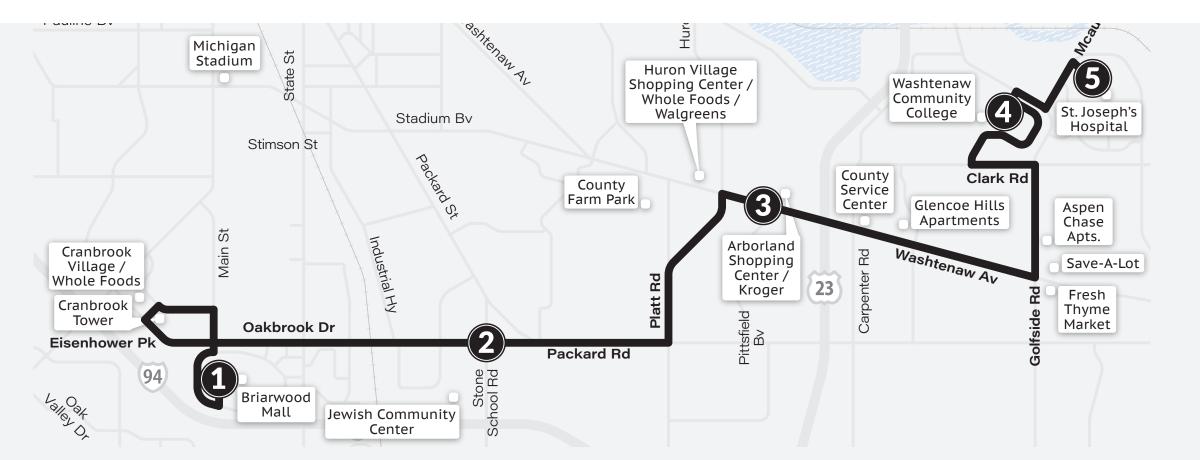
The segment between Briarwood Mall and the Blake Transit Center will be replaced by Route 6B.

 Transfers will be available at Briarwood Mall.

Route number will be changed to 67.

Name will remain as 'Eisenhower—
Golfside'

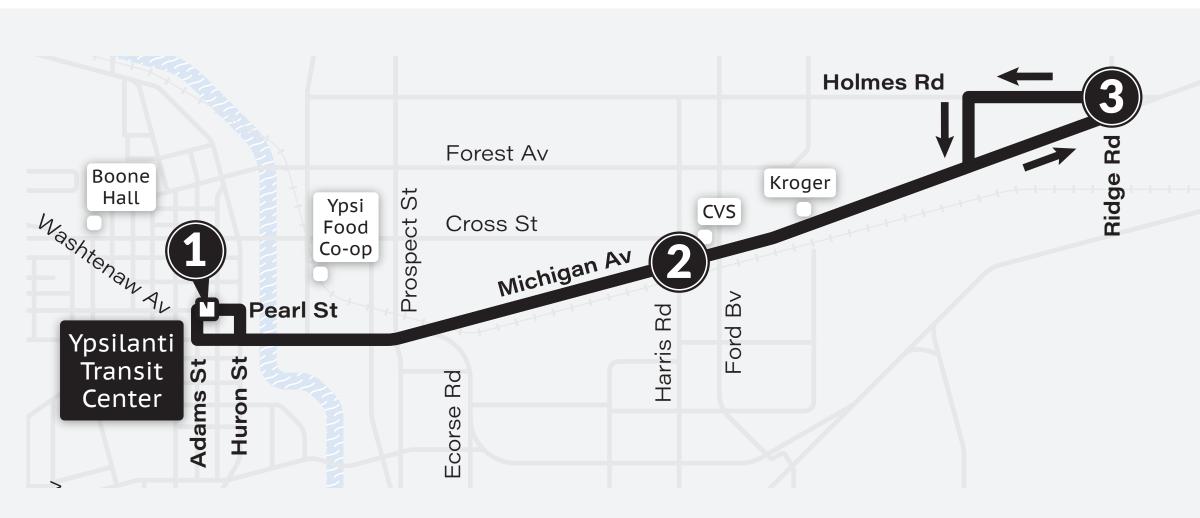
Timings for all Route 24 trips will be adjusted



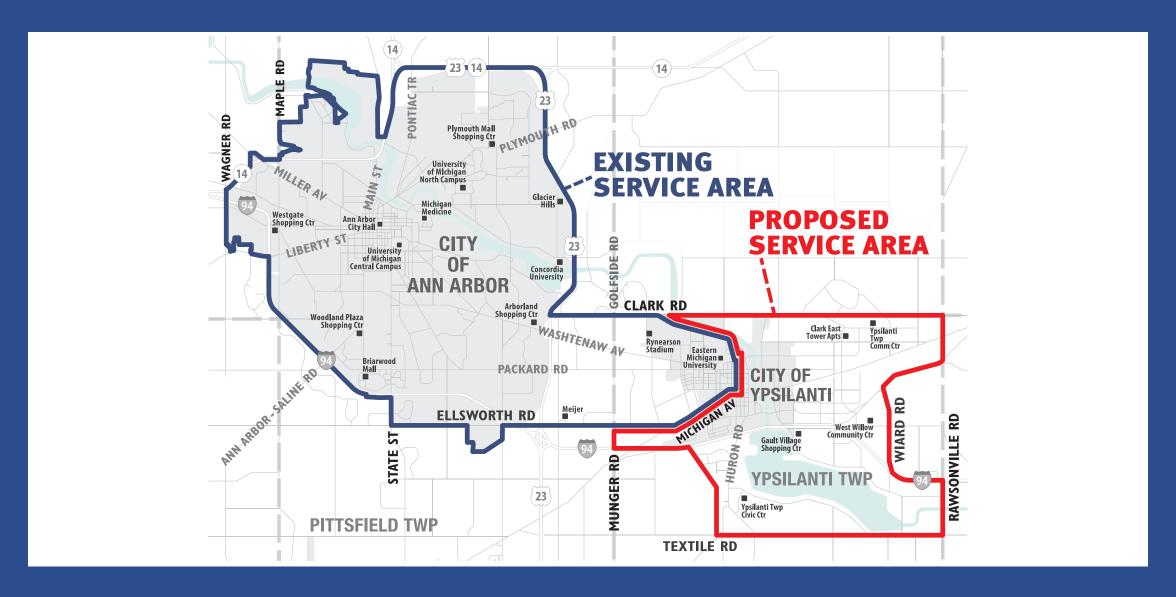
# Route 43: E. Michigan Ave

Direction of the one-way loop on the eastern end of route will reverse to run counter-clockwise

Will allow for installation of amenities at bus stops (concrete leadwalks, benches, etc) along Holmes Rd



# FlexRide Late Night & Holiday Service



- Coverage for all of the City of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti
  Township north of Textile Road to match fixed-route bus
  service area
- Hours of service extended to match new fixed-route hours
- More vehicles added to reduce wait times
- New technologies for trip bookings/routings

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## **Comments & Question**

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# **Meeting Schedule**

November 8th, 2023	12pm–1pm	Virtual Zoom Meeting
November 9th, 2023	7pm–8pm	Virtual Zoom Meeting
November 14th, 2023	2pm–6pm	Ypsilanti District Library—Whittaker
November 15th, 2023	2pm–6pm	Blake Transit Center
November 16th, 2023	2pm–6pm	Ypsilanti Transit Center

Visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/bj.10.1016/">bit.ly/TheRideService2024</a> for more information

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### **Thank You**

A copy of this presentation and a summary chart of changes are available at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/TheRideService2024">bit.ly/TheRideService2024</a>.