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Mike, Eva;

Thank you both for taking time to hear our concerns and work with us on the upcoming Ann Arbor Marathon public transportation logistics.

I am writing to recap our discussion so that we are all on the same page come Apr 3, 2016.

With previous Marathons, the main concern for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) has been:

- ✓ not having course marshals at critical locations for AAATA buses to access and exit from the Blake Transit Center (BTC)
- ✓ course marshals unaware that buses are allowed to cross at critical locations
- ✓ having to deploy our staff and exhaust our resources to act as marshals for the marathon

The critical locations AAATA requires for access to the BTC are:

- ✓ Packard and S Fourth Ave
- ✓ S Fourth Ave and E William St
- ✓ S Fourth Ave and E Washington St
- ✓ S Fifth Ave and E Washington St
- ✓ S Fifth Ave and E William St

AAATA buses will access these points starting at starting at approx. 8:10am, buses are scheduled to depart the BTC starting at 8:18am, and then every 15 minutes at :33, :48, :03, and :18 past each hour.

Per our discussion, this year you plan to cone off the intersection of S Fifth Ave and E William for AAATA buses so that they are able to make a right-hand turn onto the north side of E William from S Fifth Ave to access the BTC at S Fourth Ave and E William St. This will give our operation improved access to the BTC.

If there are any concerns that day, our dispatch supervisor can be reached at 734-794-1713.

At the end of the race, we ask that course marshals remove the barricades and cones and open streets back up for access.

Also per your request, please contact Brian Slizewski at 734-794-6410, Ext. 43607 or email at bslizewski@a2gov.org for updated information on the Geddes Rd construction project.

If you need more information from us, please let me know.

With regard,



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