

Ann Arbor City Council Work Session Regional Transportation

1. **Amtrak and MDOT** –The recent acquisition and ongoing improvement of the Wolverine Line, Overview accelerated rail service including increased speeds and new double decker rail cars.
 - Midwest Regional Rail Initiative: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/passengerrail/mwrrri/>
 - Chicago to Detroit Line: <http://greatlakesrail.org/>
 - MDOT State Rail Plan: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-11056-242455--,00.html>
2. **SEMCOG** – Ann Arbor to Detroit – Project update including progress towards commuter service, commuter rail cars, track work, stations, static display and possible event trains
 - Ann Arbor to Detroit: <http://www.semcog.org/AADD.aspx>
 - Ann Arbor to Detroit video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFtxB4RjgwM&feature=player_embedded
3. **The Ride** - Local transit enhancements including the Urban Core Expansion and Ann Arbor Connector
 - A. Urban Core Transit
 - Progress is in the direction suggested by the City Council Nov 2012 Urban Core Resolution
 - a. Service
 - Discussion of needs being addressed.
 - b. Governance
 - New Authority communities and POSA communities.
 - c. Funding
 - AAATA Staff will provide details.
 - <http://www.theride.org/AboutUs/MovingYouForward>
 - B. Ann Arbor Connector
 - Progress report. Alternatives Analysis, movement towards definition of technology, alignment and upcoming project public meeting. Partnership with City, DDA, AAATA and UM.
 - Ann Arbor Connector : <http://www.aaconnector.com/>
4. **RTA** – Introduction of RTA members (5- 10 minutes)
 - A. Regional Transportation Authority
 - Address efforts to ensure that RTA is Washtenaw -friendly
 - B. Master Agreement
 - Prudent measures have been taken to

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protect local funding and role in the process

C. Issues of Regional Significance

Cooperation for the identification / development of needed regional services (e.g. AirRide, comprehensive fare strategy). AAATA remains responsible for the local transit system.

- Southeast Michigan Regional Transit Authority: <http://www.semcog.org/RTA.aspx>

5. Q & A and general discussion.