



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 S. HURON
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Anne Brown	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Nicole Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Present		

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Edmonds asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

V. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to approve the agenda as submitted.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

VI. CLOSED SESSION – (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Closed Session to discuss pending litigation - (*OMA 15.268(e)*)

Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Council Member Anne Brown, to adjourn to closed session.

On a roll call, the vote to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

VII. INTRODUCTIONS –

None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS –

- RTA Presentation – Update on Michigan Avenue Corridor Rail Option

Travis Gonyou and Jeromie Winsor, Regional Transit Authority (RTA), provided a presentation. **(See Attached)**

Mayor Edmonds asked what the estimated fare would be for rail travel. Mr. Winsor responded there has not been an analysis for cost per fare and most rail systems have a zone based fare, meaning the longer the trip the higher the cost. Mr. Winsor said if people are relying on the rail for everyday commute the goal is a reasonable monthly ask.

Council Member Murdock asked if RTA is going to operate the train. Mr. Winsor responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated Amtrak was originally supposed to operate the train. Mr. Winsor responded RTA would be responsible but might contract with an outside agency to staff the rail system. Mr. Murdock asked if funding would be provided for a station platform in Ypsilanti. Mr. Winsor replied investing in rail stations has been examined. Mr. Winsor added RTA has determined cost but has not finalized funding. Travis Gonyou stated the RTA is also working on a 10 to 20 year Master Plan vision of transit across a four county region and can further address infrastructure.

City Manager Lange stated the RTA system would be completed after the Wolverine Train Stop in Depot Town. Mr. Lange added what the City accomplishes will complement RTA's is plan. Mr. Gonyou added he wants to continue the conversation with local governments in order to provide regional transit in Southeastern Michigan.

Mayor Edmonds stated there are many buses traveling on Washtenaw and asked if a dedicated bus lane would be a better solution. Mr. Winsor responded dedicated bus lanes were examined but there were right-of-way constraints and greater costs but there are other strategies being developed to speed up bus travel.

Mayor Edmonds stated a public transit to the airport is important to economic development and asked how one can be developed. Mr. Gonyou stated he will be able to respond to that question on May 31st through the Master Planning process and he understands the airport is a huge economic development driving force. Mr. Gonyou stated the RTA wants as much public input as possible and asked Council if they know of any community associations interested to forward their information to the RTA.

- AAATA Service Lines

Deborah Freer, AAATA Community Outreach Coordinator, provided a presentation on new bus lines. **(See Attached)**

Council Member Anne Brown asked if a covered shelter will be placed at the Ridge Road stop. Ms. Freer responded she is not certain, but a two year plan has been developed for improving bus stops. Ms. Freer explained there are benchmarks to decide which stops need improvements and bus stops picked for improvements have 50 or more boarding per day. Mayor Edmonds asked if vulnerability of users, such as at a senior center is considered for bus stop improvements. Ms. Freer responded population vulnerability is considered, but boarding amounts is still the deciding factor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what the frequency of routes 43, 44, and 45 is. Ms. Freer responded buses will arrive every 30 minutes and weekends and evenings will run every 60 minutes.

Mayor Edmonds stated the bus stop on Leforge and Huron River Drive is a safety issue and asked if the platform is going to be moved. Ms. Freer responded she believes the platform has been moved.

Mayor Edmonds asked if bus routes would be changed given the reconfiguration of Ypsilanti Community Schools. Ms. Freer replied then the AAATA will definitely examine how best to service the different scenarios.

Larry Krieg, AAATA Board Member, stated he and Gillian Gainsley represent the eastern part of Washtenaw County on the board and he is very excited about the additional services. Mr. Krieg assured there is interest in making improvements to the service including a route to the airport. Mr. Krieg stated AAATA does a disservice to people living on the eastern side of the County by the amount of time it takes to get to the job centers in Ann Arbor. Mr. Krieg said he has been thinking beyond the five year plan to decrease the travel time to those centers.

Mayor Edmonds asked when the last time the AAATA examined the possibility of a dedicated bus lane. Mr. Krieg responded the right-of-way is a constraint on certain sections of Washtenaw which makes increasing the capacity of Washtenaw a problem.

Council Member Murdock asked what improvements are going to be made to the Pearl St. Transit Station. Mr. Krieg responded there have been structural improvements but discussions about relocating have been delayed other improvements.

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat stated a proposal will be brought to the next meeting for AAATA to buy out a couple of spaces on North Washington which will help to increase capacity at the Ypsilanti Transit Station.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the businesses operating near those spots have been spoken to. Ms. Ernat responded staff will address those concerns.

Mr. Lange said Mr. Krieg has been a big supporter of the rail and a huge help to the City. Mr. Lange said at the last RTA meeting in Dearborn Eli Cooper said if the Wolverine Line does not receive a tremendous amount of ridership there is a possibility of a shuttle between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Ronald Wilson stated the negative health effects of smoking are well documented. He stated the bus depot and the EMU College of Business have numerous individuals standing outside and smoking. He asked that City Council enforce the ordinance and protect the citizens of Ypsilanti.
2. Scott Fisher, 512 Madison, stated a child who lives across the street from him was attacked by a pit bull. He said the son of the owner of the pit bull then pointed a rifle at him. He said the police informed him the serial numbers had been filed off of the weapon but did not have a gage to fire the weapon. He said the individual also allowed another pit bull out of the home to attack the father of the child who fired a gun at the dog. He said because of this he and others involved in the incident feel threatened in the neighborhood.

Council Member Anne Brown asked how many dogs were involved. Mr. Fisher responded two. He added the fact one of the dogs was released to attack the child's father was not in the police report. He said the dog was allowed to be taken away by the owner and he is uncertain if the dog was taken to the pound. He said the dog owners have been told several times to control their animals and if the police aren't going to find a solution someone else will.

Mayor Edmonds asked Mr. Fisher's address. Mr. Fisher responded 512 Madison.

3. Terrence Tubbs, 515 Madison, stated he and Tanesha Williams have a complaint against the Police Department because of how his family was treated.

Tanesha Williams stated her child was severely bitten and circulated photos of the wounds.

Mr. Tubbs stated when the police arrived at the scene they treated him very poorly. He said the police do not treat different races the same.

Ms. Williams stated she called the police and were not treated like victims and the police report does not have their version of the story. She said no one came to the hospital to ask her for information and the police report is based on her neighbor's point-of-view which is incorrect.

Mr. Tubbs said the dog that bit his son was put in the backyard and the owner showed no remorse. He said the teenage son of the dog's owner allowed the second pit bull to attack him. He said he fired a shot at the dog striking the animal in the shoulder. He said he has a CCW and fired at the animal to protect himself. He said the police officer took the weapon for evidence, but the dog was allowed to return to the owner's house. He said he has never witnessed a an owner allowed to keep a dog after it attacked someone. He said the teenage son had a rifle and another type of gun with the serial number field off. He said the police forcefully placed him in the back of the police car as well as the teenage son, however, the teenage son was released. He said the report does not include that a gun was pointed at him.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Mr. Tubbs was given a copy of the report. Mr. Tubbs responded in the affirmative. Ms. Anne Brown asked if Mr. Tubbs filled out a police report. Ms. Williams responded no. She said her child is scared to return home because of the dogs. She stated she is uncertain where the dog is now and said the dog did not have up-to-date shots or papers. She said the dog is going to be quarantined for the next ten days but they do not know what will happen after that.

Mr. Tubbs stated it is unknown if the dog has rabies but if it does his son will need to go through a series of shots.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Mr. Tubbs or Ms. Williams have filled out a police complaint form. Mr. Tubbs responded he went to the police department to fill out a police report and when he did the police told him he needed to wait for the Lieutenant. He said he was given a complaint form today which he will fill out and return.

Council Member Nicole Brown asked if when he denied a compliant form. Mr. Tubbs responded in the affirmative. Ms. Nicole Brown responded that is not how the complaint process is supposed to operate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she heard three dogs were involved. Mr. Fisher responded the incident only involved two dogs. Ms. Richardson stated she had spoken with someone who claimed a third dog was present. Mr. Tubbs responded he has never seen a third dog.

Council Member Nicole Brown asked if the dog Mr. Tubbs shot at is still at the owner's home. Mr. Tubbs responded in the affirmative. Ms. Williams stated the

owner was allowed to keep that dog even after it tried to attack Mr. Tubbs. Ms. Williams stated the police did not want to hear their story and spoke to her as if she was "trash". She said the Police before searching her home stated they were going to "tear this f----- house apart". She said she told the officer she was not aware of where Mr. Tubbs put the weapon.

Mr. Fisher stated when the officers had Mr. Tubbs on the ground he was holding an infant and the officer grabbed and twisted his arm.

Mr. Tubbs stated their neighbor was tending the wounds of their child and the police cared more about the weapon fired at the dog.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if they called the police first. Ms. Williams said she called the police because her child's legs were injured. Mayor Edmonds stated Ms. Williams called 911. Ms. Williams responded in the affirmative because she was trying to get help for her son. Mayor Edmonds asked who responded. Mr. Fisher responded the fire department. He added the fire department witnessed the neighbor pointing a gun at him and informed the police. Mayor Edmonds asked if an ambulance ever arrived. Ms. Williams responded eventually and said a neighbor bandaged her. Mr. Tubbs added the police report said the paramedics were bandaging his son which is false. Mayor Edmonds stated she is very sorry this happened and thankful they provided their side to Council and Council will examine this very carefully.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she is deeply sorry they had this experience with an Ypsilanti Police Officer. She stated she instructed the City Manager that the dogs at the residence should be collected by animal control and asked if that had happened. She said the dogs have not had their shots and are prone to attacks and the City Ordinance requires dogs have their shots. She stated before this individual returns home the City Manager needs to contact the Police Chief and have those dogs removed.

Council Member Nicole Brown asked where the dog was taken if not by the police. Mr. Lange responded the Police insisted the owner take the dog himself because they did not want to be bit themselves. Mr. Lange added the police followed the individual to ensure the dog was taken. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the dog should not have been returned to the owner to take anywhere and said animal control should have been called.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated if the Mayor Pro-Tem called the City Manager this morning about the two dogs he should know where the dog is. Mr. Lange responded the dog should be in the shelter. Ms. Nicole Brown responded the City Manager should know for certain where the dog is.

Mayor Edmonds stated the status of the second dog is still unknown. Mr. Fisher said he was just at home and saw the neighbor put the dog in the car and the police department did not follow him to the shelter.

Council Member Anne Brown asked Mr. Tubbs to file a police report.

Mayor Edmonds asked if Mr. Tubbs and Mr. Williams had a complaint form. Ms. Williams responded she had a citizen complaint form.

Mr. Tubbs asked if Council had ever witnessed a person caught in possession of a firearm with the serial number filed off allowed to leave police custody. Mr.

Fisher added the person also pointed the weapon at people. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded no.

Mr. Tubbs stated the officer informed him the person who pointed a gun at him would be arrested because he was on parole but later he was told he was released him because he had been discharged from parole.

Mayor Edmonds stated there are a lot of things unaccounted that Council will be investigating. She urged all who spoke to fill out a complaint form to document the experience in detail.

Council Member Anne Brown stated it was indicated that a man came out with what looked like a shotgun. Mr. Fisher responded it was a rifle. Ms. Anne Brown stated there was also a second gun. Mr. Fisher responded in the affirmative and said he told the officers that a gun was pointed at him and when the officer returned he had a BB gun. He said a firefighter said he saw a rifle. Mr. Tubbs stated he assumed the individual thought the dog was shot with a BB gun because he went inside to get a real gun and he would have shot him if there were not children present. Mr. Fisher said he was behind Mr. Tubbs and the dog was released as Mr. Tubbs had his back to the door and when he heard the dog coming he turned around and fired.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked why there are whited out sections of the report. She said the report reads "while I detained the blank..." Council Member Robb responded the individual could be a minor. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the individual's name is in the report. She asked what the officer was calling the individual that needed to be blanked out.

Mayor Edmonds asked that Mr. Tubbs leave his contact information.

Ms. Williams stated she does not feel safe in her home and was surprised by how the matter was handled by the police. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what can be done so they can feel safe returning to their home. City Attorney Barr stated he can contact the police tonight but not a lot can be done until the morning.

Mayor Edmonds stated the report she read stated the rifle was confiscated by the police. Ms. Williams responded there could be more guns in that house and her child is traumatized and does not want to be around anymore dogs.

Mr. Fisher stated these dogs have been allowed to roam freely through the neighborhood. Ms. Williams added the Humane Society has documentation of that fact. Mr. Fisher stated two days before the child was bitten the dog warden showed up to the neighbor's house but the dogs were locked inside.

Council Member Vogt stated he is very distressed to see this happened to anyone let alone a small child. He said Council will make sure a full appropriate investigation and if something was done illegally with a gun there is nothing stopping action from being taken tomorrow. He said there are several avenues to take police, dog warden, and speaking with an attorney about possibly filing a restraining order.

Mayor Edmonds suggested calling Southeastern Michigan Legal Services. Ms. Williams responded she has been speaking with someone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she would like Council to consider passing an ordinance banning pit bulls in the City. Ms. Richardson said she has witnessed a person needing to protect a child from a pit bull. Council Member Robb replied he believes the State of Michigan past legislation forbidding any ordinance banning a specific dog breed. Ms. Richardson replied she is ready to take on the state when there are children in the City being mauled.

4. Odeena Brown, 512 Madison, stated she cared for the child's that was bitten and took pictures of his wounds. Ms. Brown said she witnessed the interaction between Mr. Tubbs and the neighbor and has never seen anything like this. Ms. Brown said she feels there was an injustice committed against the child and his family and she had an issue the police never called animal control. Ms. Brown said after the child was taken to the hospital she and others were taunted by the neighbors with the remaining dog and again the police needed to be called. Ms. Brown said while on the phone with the police Mr. Fisher informed the dog owner if the dog enters there yard he would kill the dog. Ms. Brown said she took pictures of the person while he was taunting them. Ms. Brown said when the police returned they only told the individual to take the dog in the house. Ms. Brown said the dog is being trained to be a weapon.
5. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, stated these people are here requesting the assistance of Council and he wants to make sure the police report reads Mr. Fisher and Mr. Tubbs were assaulted with a gun. Mr. Tooson said he understands this situation was not handled correctly but he hopes to have the chance to explain how it should have happened. Mr. Tooson thanked Council Member Nicole Brown and the rest of Council for having the "no parking" signs on Washington removed. Mr. Tooson said he has always been an advocate for the police but he does not see the benefit of an officer going to the FBI Academy. Mr. Tooson stated that money would be better served to hire additional officers. Mr. Tooson said this will only assist in an officer leaving the City for a new position. Mr. Tooson said the garage at 954 Monroe is very close to falling over and would have already been torn down if it were in another section of the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated 954 Monroe has been vacant for a number of years. Ms. Richardson added she is concerned when six police officers leave the department at once and shocked to learn a command officer wants to attend the FBI Academy for ten weeks while the Department is already down officers. Ms. Richardson said funds are being spent on training while she is told the Department doesn't have enough funds for community policing. Ms. Richardson said community policing was effective and would have been more apt with race relations. Ms. Richardson said she spoke with the City Manager to tell him the City cannot afford to pay for the FBI Academy and added the officer is currently searching for employment as a Chief.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated one of the things the Joint Task Force has been discussing is increased training for officers. Ms. Nicole Brown stated it does not make sense to spend that money on one officer when the goal is to train all officers on how better to interact with the community. Ms. Nicole Brown added Council is told there is not enough funding available to provide officers with more training and now the City is being asked to spend money on training for one officer.

6. Elda Brown Tooson, 107 Middle Dr., asked if Council is aware of who was responsible for the "no parking" signs on Washington.

Mr. Lange responded the Department of Public Works physically puts up the signs and when Council directed the signs to be removed it was done immediately. Ms. Tooson stated the citizens want to know if signs will be put up throughout the City without the knowledge of City Council or the City Manager. Ms. Tooson said when the signs were brought to the attention of City no one was aware. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she was never provided an answer to who was responsible. Mr. Lange said police officer claimed there were faded signs and he was unable to write tickets because those signs were faded. Mr. Lange stated the officer informed the Department of Public Services who replaced the signs. Mr. Lange said he has been unable to produce a traffic control order authorizing the signs so they were immediately removed. Ms. Tooson stated when Google Earth was examined no signs were present and to the recollection of the community the signs were never there. Ms. Tooson said the public is led to believe that the signs were placed on Washington as a result of an untruth. Council Member Nicole Brown stated on April 4th, the night before the Council meeting, the City Manager said he was the one who signed the order at a meeting. Mr. Lange responded he said he did not sign the order at that meeting which is why he was surprised because it required his authorization. Ms. Tooson said it is obvious that something happened in Ypsilanti that shouldn't have happened without the proper approval. Ms. Tooson said she was ashamed this happened on Washington St. was not done in a proper manner.

7. Darius Simpson, 900 Oakwood, stated Ms. Tooson is calling for accountability and asked if tickets were written as a result of the signs on Washington. He asked why an officer is allowed to request signs which ultimately punished citizens. He suggested Mr. Tubbs, Mr. Fisher, and Ms. Williams when the police are unable to help they should go to the community for a resolution. He said Chief DeGiusti says there is not funding for training and it is strange that funding is available to send an officer to the FBI Academy.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated the tickets were already refunded.

8. D'Real Graham, 3018 Roundtree Blvd, gave condolences to the family affected by the dog bite and the community is here to support them. He asked for the status of the passage of a resolution replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day.

X. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

— Stated Human Relations Commission is currently reviewing the Indigenous Peoples Day resolution and has made little progress. She said Council is in support of the resolution but have not had a report from the Commission

— Council Member Murdock stated he believes the Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution was on the last agenda but he is uncertain if it was approved.

Human Relations Commissioner Symanns stated the Commission is working on that resolution and it will be on the April 25th agenda. Ms. Symanns stated the Commission is reviewing two draft resolutions for final approval.

Council Member Anne Brown stated Ms. Williams and Mr. Tubbs have been asked to submit a formal complaint and to file a police report regarding that incident. Ms. Anne Brown requested a written and verbal report from the City Manager regarding this issue.

Council Member Robb asked City Attorney Barr what the definition of "brandishing" is and if this incident would constitute brandishing. Mr. Barr responded in regard to this incident, there are a number of factors, one being the ability of the police to arrest someone for a crime committed while they were not present. Mr. Barr said whether there was a crime and whether that crime was a misdemeanor, or a felony is the question. Mr. Barr stated "brandishing" is using an object to intimidate another person. Mr. Barr stated from the police report the individual had an inoperable gun and if used to intimidate would meet the legal definition of brandishing. Mr. Barr said cases like this are fact driven and there are questions regarding this incident that need to be resolved.

Commissioner Anne Brown asked if the individual was on parole shouldn't he have been taken into custody. Mr. Barr responded that is a fact question, and someone said the individual's parole had expired.

Council Member Murdock stated the Police Chief informed Council that all of the Ypsilanti Police Officers were wearing body cameras so there should be recordings of the incident. Council Member Robb added Council needs to understand what the officer was doing and saying when "tearing the house apart".

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated whenever dealing with the police always ask for the officers name, their badge number, or some type of identification.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING –

Resolution accepting the offer to purchase city-owned land located at 311 S. Grove Street.

A. Resolution No. 2016-078, approving sell of property located at 311 S. Grove

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, a certain parcel of land is located in the City of Ypsilanti, commonly known as "the Maus Parcel," without a parcel number, and legally described as:

"Said Parcel being a part of Factory Street Right-of-Way (Now to be known as Spring Street) of Hunter's Addition to the City of Ypsilanti Subdivision as recorded in Liber 5, of deeds, pages 166 and 167, Washtenaw County Records, State of Michigan being more particularly described as Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Spring Street and the East Line of Grove Street for a Place of Beginning; Thence proceeding Northwesterly 20.50 feet to the New Right-of-Way Line of Spring Street 94 feet wide. Thence Northwesterly along said Right-of-Way 96.60 feet to a point; thence Southeasterly 46.38 feet to a point; thence West 100 feet to the Place of Beginning. Contains 3,287.15 Square feet."

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of said land; and

WHEREAS, there are no structures or improvements located on said parcel; and

WHEREAS, Ayad Jacksi, a married man, owns a parcel of land that lies adjacent to said "Maus Parcel"; and

WHEREAS, Mr Jacksi has delivered an Offer to Purchase the "Maus Parcel" from the City for \$2500 and have deposited \$500 of this amount with the City Planner; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in conveying whatever interest it may have in the "Maus Parcel" in order that it be privately owned and taxable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute and accept the attached Offer to Purchase Real Estate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to complete the sale with Mr Jacksi and the City Manager is authorized to sign any and all documents to close and complete the transaction.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

City Planner Bonnie Wessler stated this is the culmination of many years of effort by Mr. Jacksi, the manager and proprietor of Complete Auto. Ms. Wessler said in 2012 the process of rezoning began so he would be able to use the property for auto sales as well as major auto repair. Ms. Wessler said it has been a very slow process finding a way to split this right-of-way parcel, how to survey it, and how to sell it. Ms. Wessler said it is a very small piece of land and plans have been made for the adjacent former right-of-way continuing the current right-of-way to the east. Ms. Wessler explained Mr. Jacksi does plan to use this land for his business.

Mayor Edmonds stated she attended a Planning Commission Meeting years ago in which half of the people in attendance were giving support to Mr. Jacksi and the service he provides. Ms. Wessler stated to this date Mr. Jacksi owns the only auto repair that she hears people speak highly of and willing to come to a public meeting to support him. Ms. Edmonds stated she will be strongly supporting this because of the degree of the public support.

B. Open public hearing

None

C. Resolution NO. 2016-079, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to accept an offer to purchase city owned land (311 S. Grove), be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Robb stated this purchase was based off of the purchaser doing something with the property which has not happened since 2012. Mr. Robb said if Council does not approve this resolution Mr. Jacksi will need to reapply to the Planning Commission and asked what the City's safeguard is to ensure something is done with the property. Mr. Robb said at one point former Planner Teresa Gilotti

suggested Council not approve this. He asked what guarantees the City that something will be done with the property. Mayor Edmonds responded what is the consequence if nothing happens with the property. Mr. Robb stated he is always looking to safeguard the City and this does not provide asafegaurd. Ms. Wessler responded no more so than any other private property sale. Mr. Robb agreed and said the sale of this property is to facilitate an action. Ms. Edmonds stated one of the top goals developed by Council was to sell City owned property. Mr. Robb responded Council is also supposed to do things in an efficiently and properly.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-079 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Richardson) VOTE: Carried

XII. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2016-080

1. Resolution No. 2016-081, approving Ordinance No. 1262 (940-0) to provide for the issuance and sale of water supply and sewage disposal system revenue refunding bonds.

THAT AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO PAY THE COST OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE REFUNDING BONDS AND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF EQUAL STANDING OF THE SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND FOR THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND THE SYSTEM be approved on Second and Final Reading.

2. Resolution No. 2016-082, approving Ordinance No. 1263 to amend the Ypsilanti City Code, Chapter 10, "Amusements and Entertainments" to remove those provisions relating to licensing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 "AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS" TO REMOVE THOSE PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

3. Resolution No. 2016-083, approving Ordinance No. 1264 to amend Ypsilanti City Code, Chapter 14 "Animals" to remove those provisions which are no longer enforced due to the lack of a city Animal Control Officer.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 14 "ANIMALS" TO REMOVE THOSE PROVISIONS WHICH ARE NO LONGER ENFORCED DUE TO THE LACK OF A CITY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

4. Resolution No. 2016-084, approving Ordinance No. 1265 to amend Ypsilanti City Code, Chapter 1 "General Provisions", Section 1-14, "Enforcement Authority for Code" to remove the inclusion of an Animal Control Officer.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS", SECTION 1-14 "ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR CODE" TO REMOVE THE INCLUSION OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

5. Resolution No. 2016-085, approving Ordinance No. 1266 to amend Ypsilanti City Code, Chapter 70, "Municipal Civil Infractions", Article I, "In General", Section 70-2, "Authorized City Official" to remove the inclusion of an Animal Control Officer.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 70 "MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS", ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL", SECTION 70-2 "AUTHORIZED CITY OFFICIAL" TO REMOVE THE INCLUSION OF AN ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER " be approved on Second and Final Reading.

6. Resolution No. 2016-086, approving Ordinance No. 1268 to amend Ypsilanti City Code, Chapter 38, "Emergency Services", Article II, "Alarm Systems", Section 38-40, "False Alarms Charges" to simplify language in light of the fee schedule adopted by City Council.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 38 "EMERGENCY SERVICES," ARTICLE II "ALARM SYSTEMS," SECTION 38-40 "FALSE ALARMS CHARGES" TO SIMPLIFY LANGUAGE IN LIGHT OF THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

7. Resolution No. 2016-087, approving Ordinance No. 1269 to amend Ypsilanti City Code, Chapter 86, "Solid Waste", Article II, "Collection and Disposal", Division 1 "Generally", Sections 86-33 and 86-34 to correct references and make language consistent with other provisions in the code.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Ypsilanti City Code Chapter 86 "Solid Waste", Article II "Collection And Disposal", Division 1 "Generally", Sections 86-33 and 86-34 to correct references and

make language consistent with other provisions in the code” be approved on Second and Final Reading.

8. Resolution No. 2016-088, approving minutes of April 5, 2016.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of April 5, 2016 be approved.

9. Resolution No. 2016-089, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Briana Mason (reappointment) 1000 Huron St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Planning Commission	5/1/2019
Vince Chmielewski (reappointment) 2348 Draper Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197	SmartZone LDFA	6/30/2019

10. Resolution No. 2016-090, approving contract between the City of Ypsilanti and Oakland County for CLEMIS service for the police and fire departments for 5 years.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the certain contract between the City of Ypsilanti and Oakland County for CLEMIS service for the police and fire departments for 5 years, is approved, and Ralph A. Lange, City Manager, is authorized to sign for the City of Ypsilanti, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt
SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-080, Consent Agenda, was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2016-091, authorizing final approval for the creation of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) in the City of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti is a qualified local unit of government and wishes to create a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) for the Southwest Gateway Area; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2015 City Council passed a resolution indicating that an NEZ is consistent with the City's master plan; that the city has a housing inspection ordinance which covers the requirements of the NEZ legislation; and the City's goals, objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement and development of housing for all persons, regardless of income level living within the proposed NEZ; and

WHEREAS, written notice was given to the City Assessor and the governing body of each taxing unit that levies property taxes within the proposed NEZ area as required by the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act; and

WHEREAS, City Council held a public hearing on the proposed NEZ on February 16, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council approves and authorizes the creation of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone, pursuant to the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act (MCL 207.771 et seq), the "Act," within the City of Ypsilanti with the district boundaries as described.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson
SECONDED BY: Council Member Murdock

Mayor Edmonds asked why Chidester is not being included in the NEZ. Community Development Director Joe Meyers responded because an NEZ cannot be larger than 15% of the City, larger than 10% of homesteaded properties in the City, and it must be contiguous. Mr. Meyers added this is why only the Southside and the Historical Southside were included. Ms. Edmonds said she sees Chidester St. as a part of the Southside and said it is not a part of any other neighborhood. Ms. Edmonds said there are particular issues on Chidester in which investment needs to be encouraged. Economic Development Director Beth Ernat agreed and said if the initial NEZ is successful it can be rebound to include Chidester St but for the reasons stated the NEZ is limited by size and area. Mr. Meyers said if the NEZ is over the 10% of homesteaded properties threshold it must be approved by the County Board of Commissioners.

Council Member Robb asked if the City would need to wait to change the boundaries until the 12 to 17 years expire. Mr. Meyers responded the district cannot be changed for the length of the NEZ and said he would not phrase it as changing boundaries instead he would say creating a separate NEZ district.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-091 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2016-092, amending the City's Property Disposition Policy.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S PROPERTY DISPOSITION POLICY

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti is interested in conveying its excess City-owned property to private owners to encourage homeownership; and

WHEREAS, to further this interest, the City Council for the City of Ypsilanti has approved the City Property Disposition Policy by adopting Resolution No. 2015-273; and

"WHEREAS, City Council seeks to amend the Property Disposition Policy to set the sale price of residential property a minimum of \$1,000 per property in order to better achieve the goal of increasing taxable parcels within the City; and

WHEREAS, this Policy provides that City Council will annually consider a resolution, after a public hearing, to approve the sale of residential land and authorize the City Manager to enter into purchase agreements, quit claim deeds, leases, or other contracts and documents to effectuate their conveyance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that The Property Disposition Policy is amended to create the sale price of City-owned residential property to be a minimum of \$1,000.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

Mr. Meyers stated the initial policy states these properties would be sold for what the Assessor values the property and values ran from \$14,000 through \$45,000. Mr. Meyers said this is why Council is being asked to approve an amendment providing a sale price of a minimum of \$1,000.

Council Member Murdock stated if this is approved staff would have the authority to sell the residential lots listed. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative and clarified for the 25 lots Council has approved. Mr. Murdock asked if staff will need to seek Council approval for the sale of commercial lots. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the City will be receiving more vacant lots as a result of foreclosure. Ms. Ernat responded the County Treasurer has foreclosed upon several properties however will not share the list with the City until July. Ms. Ernat stated she has requested the list on several occasions and has been denied. Ms. Edmonds said it is her understanding that is an ongoing challenge with the County Treasurer's Office. Ms. Edmonds asked the City Attorney to look into that. Ms. Ernat said by right the City should be able to acquire that list. Mr. Barr asked if information or action is being requested. Council Member Murdock stated Council wants the list. Ms. Ernat said through communication with the County Treasurer's Office at least two parcels acquired the County is seeking to demolish. Ms. Edmonds said to inform the County that it is City Council specifically requesting the list.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-092 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Ms. Ernat stated another area of concern is trying to figure out how the assessor is valuing these properties. Ms. Ernat said there are vacant properties on the Southside being valued at \$45,000 and said when she sought to bring this action forward she never expected this to be an issue. Ms. Ernat added this is one of the reasons staff is requesting this amendment and said it is concerning and a barrier to development. Mayor Edmonds recommended the City acquire the information from the County first and then address the assessing issue. Ms. Ernat stated staff is actively investigating why the valuations are so high but she wanted Council to know the reason why staff is back stepping. Ms. Edmonds asked if the County plays a role in assessing properties. Ms. Ernat responded the City assesses all the properties in the corporate limit. Mr. Meyers added the County sets the value for the City and the City sets the value for the parcels in the City.

3. Resolution No. 2016-093, approving Water Street Debt millage ballot language.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan (the "City") has refunded in two series most of the previously issued 2006 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds to finance and refinance the costs relating to land acquisition, environmental work and public infrastructure in an area of the downtown referred to as the Water Street Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A (Taxable) (the "Bonds") are currently outstanding in the principal amount of \$8,240,000 payable on November 1 from 2016 through 2031; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently paying the debt service on the Bonds from its general fund and other sources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to seek voter approval to pledge the City's unlimited tax full faith and credit for payment of the Bonds and to allow a millage to be levied to pay the debt service on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the simple average annual millage rate required to retire the Bonds is 2.3 mills (\$2.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and

WHEREAS, the City's road millage, which will be levied at a rate of 2.3064 mills in 2016, is set to expire in 2017, which is when the proposed millage for the Water Street Debt would begin to be levied;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, as follows:

1. **The following proposal be submitted to the qualified electors of the City at the election to be held August 2, 2016:**

WATER STREET DEBT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Ypsilanti be authorized to pledge its unlimited tax full faith and credit for payment of its Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A (Taxable), which are outstanding in the principal amount of \$8,240,000 payable through 2031, which were issued for the purpose of financing and refinancing capital improvement costs relating to the Water Street Redevelopment Project? The estimated millage to be levied in 2017 is 2.30 mills (\$2.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 2.3 mills (\$2.30 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause the above proposal to be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on August 2, 2016.

3. The canvass and determination of votes of said question shall be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the Charter of the City of Ypsilanti.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

Council Member Murdock asked if an explanation would be provided for the ballot. Mr. Barr responded that has not yet been prepared. Mr. Murdock asked if that needs to be approved by Council. Mr. Barr responded he is uncertain but the Attorney's Office has reviewed this resolution with bond counsel.

Mayor Edmonds stated on the top of page three the resolution states "the estimated millage rate in 2017 is 2.3 mils..." and said the millage rate begins in 2017 but is not applied in only 2017. Ms. Edmonds asked if the resolution should read between 2017 and an end date. Mr. Barr responded it does not and said this language has been approved by the bond counsel.

Council Member Murdock stated he would like the explanation to include language that the Water Street Millage would be replacing the expiring millage. Mr. Barr responded the Attorney's Office attempted to include that in the resolution.

Council Member Murdock stated this is the last piece to solve the Water Street Debt. Mr. Murdock said by refinancing the debt, paying down part of the principal, and requesting the state to forgive the Community Development Block Grant debt it reduced the debt by approximately \$9.5 million over the next 15 years. Mr. Murdock stated this would reduce the annual payments from \$1.7 million to approximately \$950,000 and if the voters approve the millage it will lower the payment by \$700,000 which would be manageable. Mr. Murdock said that would allow the City to focus on other needs and allow the City to move on.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if Mr. Murdock is volunteering to organize the "Move on Ypsi" group. Mr. Murdock responded the Mayor Pro-Tem is uncontested in the August Primary and said he would allow her to organize that group. Council Member Vogt stated he has some thoughts on that process.

Council Member Vogt stated if the City is able to sell sufficient properties those proceeds could further pay down the debt. Mr. Vogt added the sale of properties is the secondary final piece to the Water Street Debt solution.

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Mayor Edmonds asked opinions on the viability of the proposal. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if it would have a better chance on the November Ballot. Ms. Edmonds responded she was told a large presidential election makes it more difficult to pass. Council Member Murdock responded most of the new voters voting in the presidential election, with no relationship to Ypsilanti, will not have information on the Water Street Debt. Mr. Murdock said it will be difficult attempting to get the public to support this proposal and all candidates up for election this August should make the Water Street millage part of their campaign.

Mayor Edmonds asked the election schedule for 2017. Deputy Clerk Hellenga responded 2017 is an off year there are no scheduled elections. Council Member Murdock added postponing the ballot proposal would also delay when the City would begin acquiring revenue from the millage.

Mr. Lange stated if the proposal is defeated in August it would allow the City time to find an additional revenue stream to submit this year.

Council Member Anne Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt, to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended.

Mayor Edmonds asked who will lead the Move on Ypsi Committee. Council Member Vogt responded he is not willing to organize the committee but he has been trying to recruit people to speak with voters about the millage. Mr. Vogt encouraged Council to recruit people to do whatever they are willing to do to help pass this millage. Mr. Vogt said it will still take coordination which can be done by a small committee but everyone needs to do something to help recruit. Mr. Vogt stated he and Council Member Anne Brown will be holding at least a couple of public forums in Ward 2 to discuss this issue. Mr. Vogt volunteered to assist any other Council Member with public forums. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if Mr. Vogt was aware of anyone invested enough in Water Street to volunteer. Mr. Vogt responded John Weiss from the Friends of the Rutherford Pool agreed to do whatever he can do to help.

Council Member Anne Brown suggesting requesting other elected officials such as County Commissioner Ronnie Peterson and State Representative Dave Rutledge to speak about the ballot proposal. Mayor Edmonds stated she has been corresponding with Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo because she has had questions from Township residents about the millage. Ms. Anne Brown asked if she is willing to speak for the millage and suggested EMU representatives would be willing to endorse the millage. Council Member Robb stated EMU employees are public employees. Ms. Edmonds responded they can endorse a proposal not a candidate. Council Member Vogt asked Council to write down their thoughts and submit them to him.

Council Member Murdock stated he has spoken with residents, some who have opposed Council efforts in the past, and when explained the issue is usually accepted. Mr. Murdock said what he hasn't found was a person to run a campaign and a way to finance it. Mr. Murdock stated a consistent message needs to be developed and in his opinion the message should not be negative.

Mr. Lange passed out an information letter regarding the Water Street Debt Millage and asked for input from Council. Council Member Murdock stated the City should have information on the website. Mr. Lange agreed. Mayor Edmonds asked for a deadline for feedback on the information sheet. Mr. Lange responded a week. Mr. Murdock said beyond the information sheet there should be a postcard with a slogan of why the millage needs to be passed. Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage added Mr. Lange and Pat McGow view the numbers differently and are attempting to reconcile that before the final draft of the information sheet.

Council Member Murdock stated he was recently asked what is different between this proposal and past proposals. Mr. Murdock said he responded by saying the millage rate is half of what was proposed before and an income tax is not included. Mr. Murdock said the reason why it is lower and without an

income tax is the steps already taken to reduce the debt. Mr. Murdock added the City has done what it could to reduce the number significantly.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is speaking to the Chamber Policy Committee about the millage in May and other bodies who she will continue to educate as many as possible about the millage. Council Member Murdock stated he has spoken with the Chamber who informed him that he would allow the City time to discuss it, however, Tom Harrison of the Chamber does not appear to be particularly supportive of it.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-093 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

XIV. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Council Member Murdock stated the next meeting is April 20th and Council needs to have a Special Session regarding transportation in order to identify projects for funding.

Mayor Edmonds asked when this session would need to be held. Mr. Murdock responded fairly quickly but he would need to discuss this with DPS Director Stan Kirton. Ms. Edmonds asked Mr. Murdock to inform her of a key decision point and when the meeting needs to be held.

- C. Urban County - None
- D. Freight House - None
- E. Parks and Recreation - None
- F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
- G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force – None
- I. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Richardson

— Stated 954 Monroe because it has become a safety hazard.

— Stated Harriet Street is open.

Mayor Edmonds asked if it was fully open. Ms. Richardson replied cars were driving all the way to the light.

— Asked if someone from the Black Lives Matter Movement been appointed to the Joint Task Force.

Mayor Edmonds asked if appointments need to be made to the Task Force or the Human Relations Commission. Council Member Murdock responded the Human Relations Commission has two vacancies and possibly three. Ms. Edmonds stated she has had several applicants interested in that Commission. Ms. Richardson stated both bodies should have representation from the Black Lives Matter Movement. Ms. Richardson said when she suggested a Task Force be

formed she wanted it to include members of the Black Lives Matter Movement because the victim need to be involved in finding a suitable resolution. Ms. Richardson said this appointment needs to be done before the next meeting and added the Task Force is comprised of three Council Members, three HRC Commissioners, and should include three members of the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would support adding three other members to the Task Force but asked if there needs to be formal action. Mr. Barr said if the Task Force was not created formally it does not require action. Ms. Richardson stated she thought the Task Force was created by resolution. Mayor Edmonds asked if the resolution was from the floor. Council Member Robb stated if it was from the floor it would be in the minutes. Mr. Barr stated if the Task Force was created by resolution an amendment to the rules would require a resolution.

Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Nicole Brown's opinion. Council Member Nicole Brown responded she does not have an issue with Black Lives Matter Movement being part of the Task Force but she has continuously invited them to the table and they do not reciprocate. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said there is a difference between being invited to a meeting and being a member of the Task Force. Ms. Nicole Brown says she has no issue offering a seat. Council Member Robb stated the way the meeting is run is very open and participation is allowed from the floor. Ms. Richardson said they should be officially invited to join the Task Force. Ms. Nicole Brown said they first have to be invited to the table in order to invite them to join the Task Force.

Council Member Murdock asked if a Black Lives Matter representative formally applied to a Board or Commission. Council Member Nicole Brown responded no. Mr. Murdock responded then they are not interested. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson replied that it does not necessarily mean they are not interested.

Mayor Edmonds asked if someone would like to make a motion to add three Non-HRC and Non-Council seats to the Task Force City residents to the Task Force.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Anne Brown to add three members of the Black Lives Matter Movement be invited to become members of Task Force on Police-Community Relations and Black Lives Matter.

Council Member Nicole Brown asked if the Black Lives Matter representatives be appointed to the Human Relations Commission and then the Task Force. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded there are already three members of the Task Force appointed from the HRC. Ms. Richardson said she would like to see membership of the Black Lives Matter Movement apply to the HRC. Council Member Anne Brown stated no members of the Black Lives Matter Movement have attended Task Force Meetings and said they have identified themselves as Radical Washtenaw (RAW). Mayor Richardson stated she is not aware of any members of the Black Lives matter Movement but it should be made public that the Task Force is looking for membership from that group.

Council Member Murdock said three members of the Black Lives Matter Movement could be appointed if they are interested. Mr. Murdock said than it would be up to the Human Relations Commission to make appointments to the Task Force.

Mayor Edmonds asked for clarification of what organization should be included in the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded the idea of the Task Force was in response to an incident involving Black Lives Matter. Ms. Richardson said during a meeting she suggested forming a task force and was willing to be a member. Ms. Richardson said Council Member Nicole Brown asked to represent Ward 1 and she yielded the position to her.

Council Member Vogt stated he thinks it is a bad idea to allow a special interest group to appoint people to a board that is supposed to be representative of the entire City. Mr. Vogt said he is not opposed to any of the people or organizations suggested but all appointments should be vetted through the normal appointment process. Mr. Vogt said this is a complicated multifaceted problem that needs to be dealt with by people who can appreciate all different points-of-views. Mr. Vogt said if more seats are added to the Task Force those individuals must follow the normal process.

Council Member Murdock stated the Human Relations Commission has longevity and deals with multiple issues. Mr. Murdock stated there is a process and there are vacancies on the HRC and if there are people from these groups that wish to be a member of that Commission they should apply. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she is not opposed to recommending someone to the HRC but this Task Force is for one purpose and should include the representation from the group that is the focus. Ms. Richardson asked why they are not at the table. Council Member Robb responded because they do not want to. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked for this discussion to be concluded until a future meeting in which she will have a resolution prepared.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson withdrew her motion.
Council Member Anne Brown withdrew her second.**

- Stated she was on the fourth floor of City Hall and saw an intern sitting and not doing anything. Ms. Richardson said if the City is paying this individual they should be doing work. Ms. Richardson said she spoke with other people on the fourth floor who agreed the intern did very little. Ms. Richardson said the intern needs to be given work to do.

Ms. Savage said the intern is constantly working. Ms. Richardson responded he was not working when she saw him. Ms. Savage assured Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson that the intern has work to do. Ms. Richardson said other staff members on the fourth floor have complained. Ms. Savage said that could be subjective.

Robb

- Asked for dates Council has available for the City Manager's evaluation.

Council decided on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30 a.m.

Murdock

- Stated he received an email from County Commissioner Ronnie Peterson for City Officials to join him for a community forum to discuss the proposed Eastside Recreation Center, Border to Border Trail, and adjoining Water Street Projects. He said the email stated Commissioner Peterson will be joined by Parks and Recreation Director Robert Tetens, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, and Ypsilanti City Officials. He said the meeting will be held Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at Bona Sera in Ypsilanti.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Economic Development Director Beth Ernat has been approached about this meeting. Ms. Ernat responded she received an email this morning for Commissioner Peterson's assistant asking for her to please be there. Ms. Ernat said she is not sure what the City would be walking into and should decide if City Officials should attend. Council Member Murdock stated Council could get the perspective of Mr. Tetens, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the County Board. Mayor Edmonds volunteered to call Mr. Tetens if someone else would reach out to Mr. Peterson. Mr. Murdock volunteered. Ms. Edmonds said this meeting seems somewhat inappropriate.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Nominations:

SmartZone LDFA

Phil Tepley – (reappointment)

Upcoming Budget Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 10th
- Tuesday, May 17th
- Thursday, May 19th

**All meetings will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

None

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS –

May 3, 2016 - Special Election:

AV Ballots are now available daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for pick-up (for mail, please allow 2-3 days for U.S. mail delivery)

Last day to register for this election is April 4, 2016

Last day to receive AV ballot by mail – April 30, 2016

Last day to obtain an AV ballot in person – May 2, 2016 up to 4:00 p.m.

The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. for electors who wish to vote in person in the Clerk's Office.

****April 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for partisan and non-partisan nominating petitions.**

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XXI. ADJOURNMENT –

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anne Brown to adjourn to Closed Session.

On a roll call, the vote to adjourn the meeting to Closed Session was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Resolution No. 2016-094, adjourning the Council meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or two (2) members of Council.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 10:45 p.m.



Michigan Avenue Corridor Study

Ypsilanti City Council
Tuesday, April 19, 2016



RTA

**REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

RTA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM MAP

Map Legend

BEST Bus Rapid Transit

- Woodward Line:** Pontiac to Downtown
- Gratiot Line:** Mt. Clemens to Downtown
- Michigan Line:** DTW Airport to Downtown
- Washtenaw Line:** Blake Transit Center to Ypsilanti Transit Center

BEST Commuter Rail

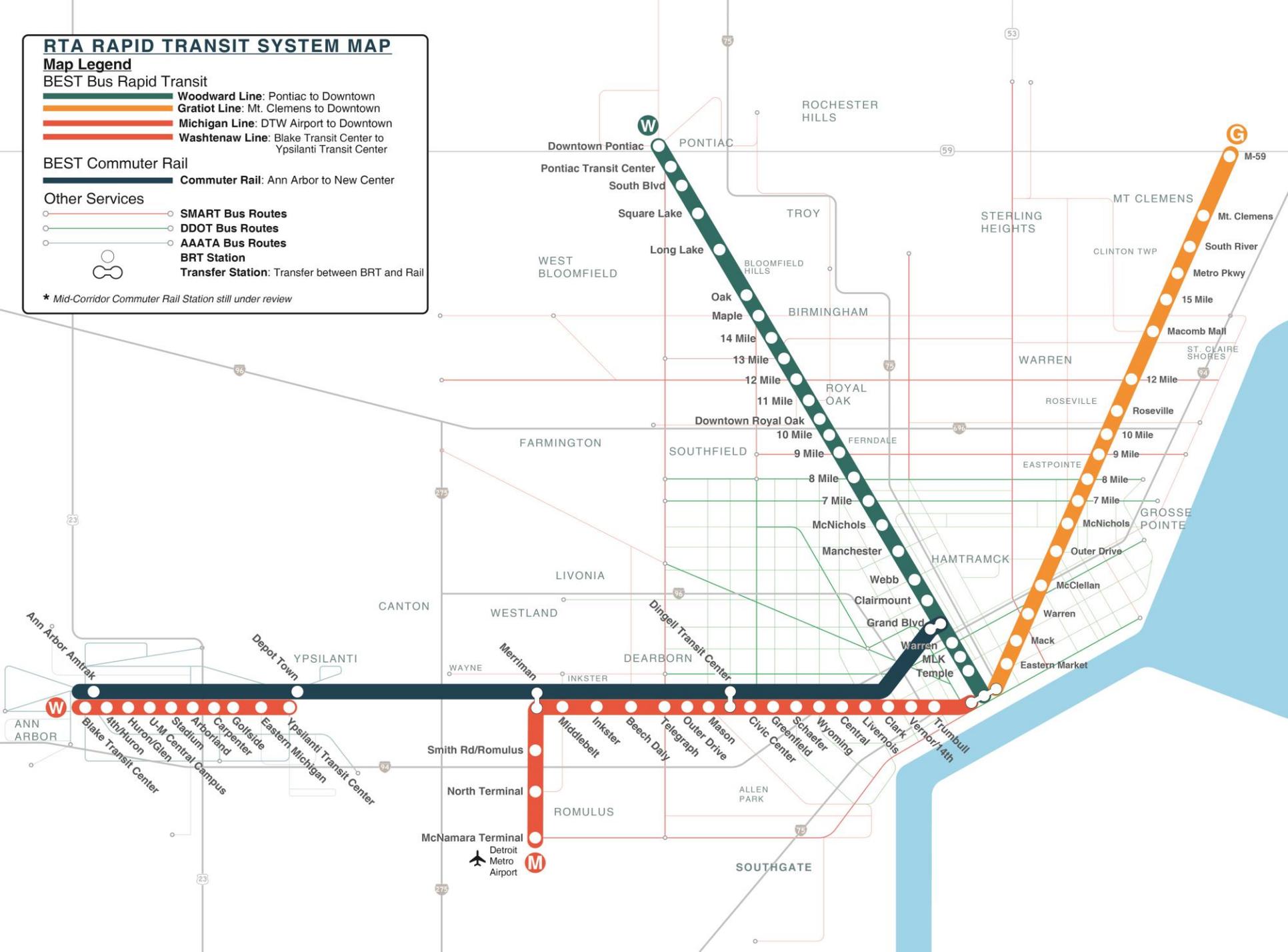
- Commuter Rail:** Ann Arbor to New Center

Other Services

- SMART Bus Routes
- DDOT Bus Routes
- AAATA Bus Routes

- BRT Station
- Transfer Station: Transfer between BRT and Rail

* Mid-Corridor Commuter Rail Station still under review



Michigan Avenue LPA Overview



Regional Rail

Recommended Characteristics

- 8 Round Trips (in addition to Amtrak)
- Existing Amtrak Stations, plus Ypsilanti and Western Wayne Co.
- Consideration of Southwest Detroit station (Michigan / Clark)

Regional Rail Service Map



Conceptual: Regional Rail (at Dearborn)



Conceptual: Regional Rail (at Ypsilanti)



Conceptual: Regional Rail Schedule

		Train No.	Amtk 2	102	Amtk 4	104	Amtk 6	106	Amtk 8	108	110	112	Amtk 10	114	Amtk 12	116
WESTBOUND	Detroit / New Center	4:43	5:55	7:15	7:45	10:29	12:00	14:13	15:00	16:00	17:00	17:35	19:00	20:03	23:00	
	Dearborn / Dingell	4:57	6:11	7:26	8:01	10:40	12:16	14:24	15:16	16:16	17:16	17:46	19:16	20:14	23:16	
	Merriman Road		6:18		8:08		12:23		15:23	16:23	17:23		19:23		23:23	
	Ypsilanti		6:31		8:21		12:36		15:36	16:36	17:36		19:36		23:36	
	Ann Arbor	5:27	6:40	7:56	8:30	11:10	12:45	14:54	15:45	16:45	17:45	18:16	19:45	20:44	23:45	

		Train No.	101	103	Amtk 3	105	Amtk 5	107	Amtk 7	109	Amtk 9	111	113	115	Amtk 11	Amtk 13
EASTBOUND	Ann Arbor	6:00	7:00	7:39	10:00	11:04	13:15	14:22	16:00	17:01	17:15	19:00	21:05	23:02	0:04	
	Ypsilanti	6:14	7:14		10:14		13:29		16:14		17:29	19:14	21:19			
	Merriman Road	6:21	7:21		10:21		13:36		16:21		17:36	19:21	21:26			
	Dearborn / Dingell	6:35	7:35	8:04	10:35	11:29	13:50	14:47	16:35	17:26	17:50	19:35	21:40	23:27	0:29	
	Detroit / New Center	6:44	7:44	8:19	10:44	11:44	13:59	15:02	16:44	17:41	17:59	19:44	21:49	23:42	0:44	

Draft – currently under consideration

Regional Rail

Refinement Objectives

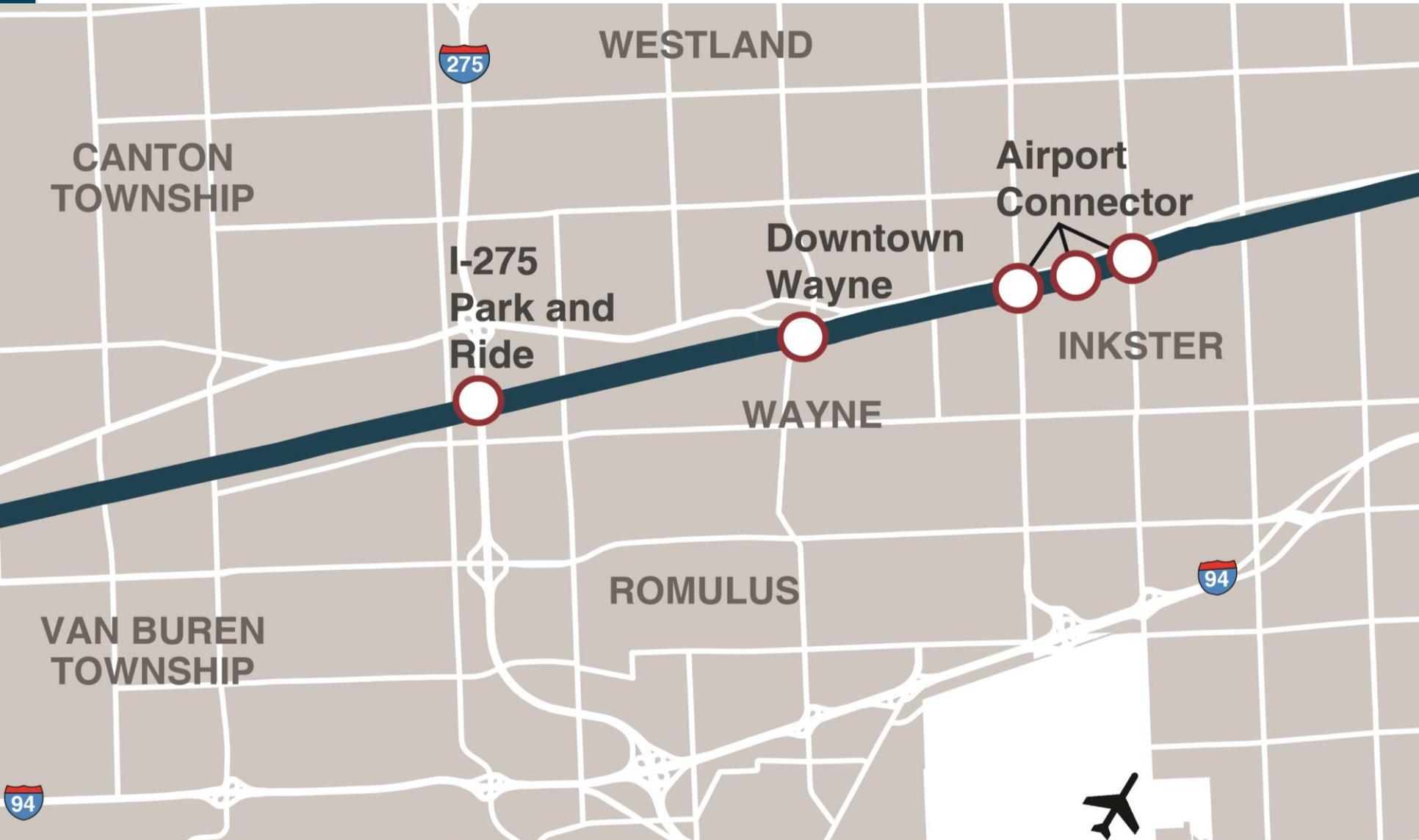
Current Phase

- Consider siting and costs of layover and maintenance facilities
- Determine preferred station location in Western Wayne County
- Ensure adequate Park and Ride Facilities
- Explore local/state cost sharing for project elements

Ongoing (beyond current phase)

- Coordinate with ongoing Amtrak station studies in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Detroit
- Ensure feeder service & station accessibility
- Optimize potential service schedule for commuting

Rail Station Candidates in Western Wayne Co.



Washtenaw Ave BRT

Recommended Characteristics

- Frequencies at:
 - 10 – 15 minutes (peak)
 - 15 – 20 minutes(off-peak)
- Mixed-traffic operations from Ypsilanti Transit Center to Blake Transit Center
- Coordinated schedule with existing AAATA Route 4
- Full BRT stations (level boarding, off-board fares)

Washtenaw Ave BRT Service Map



BRT Concept: Ann Arbor (Huron / 5th)



Washtenaw Ave BRT

Refinement Objectives

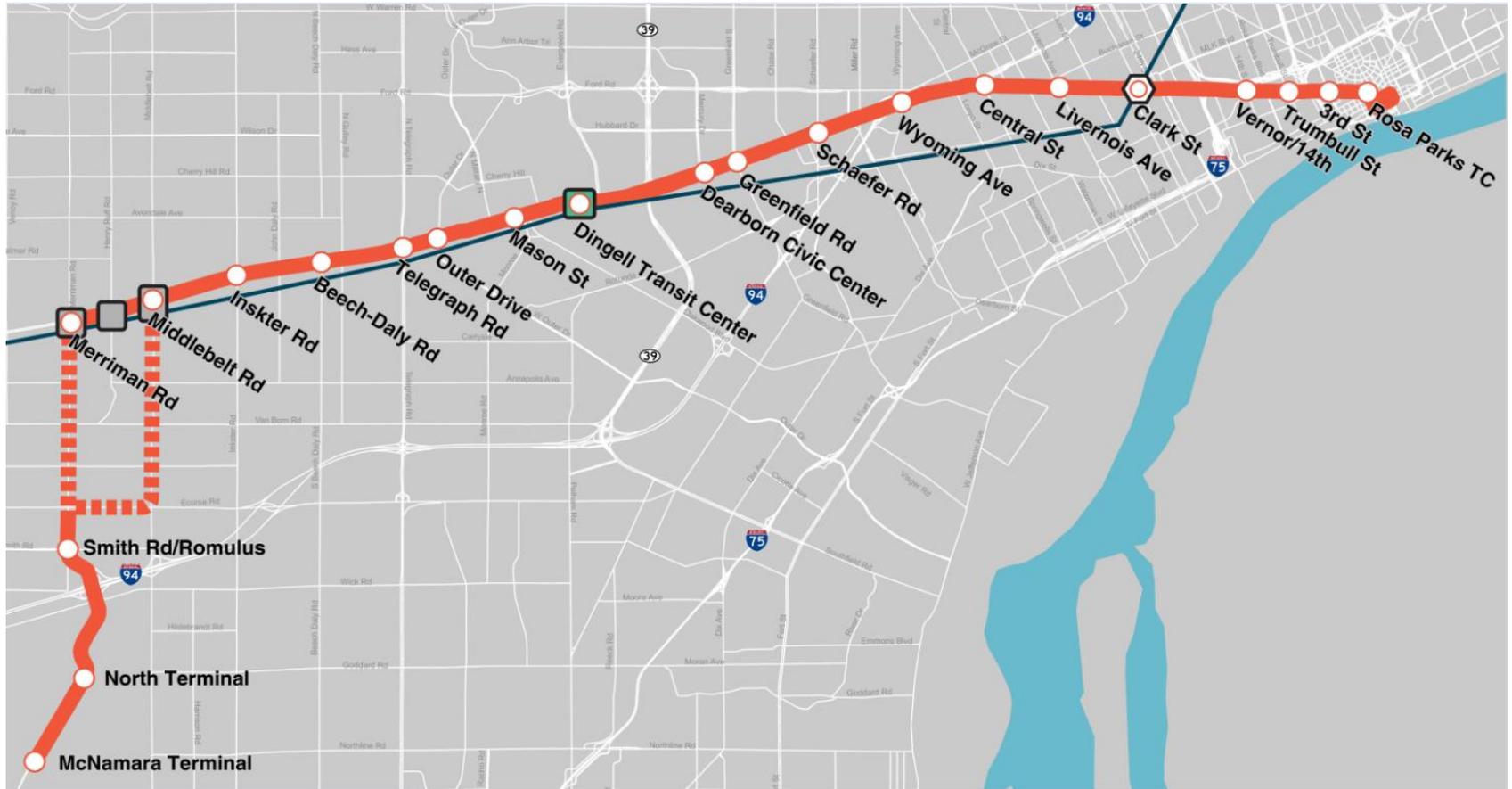
Current Phase

- Suggest locations / characteristics of Park and Ride lots
- Examine potential use of queue jump lanes

Ongoing (beyond current phase)

- Refine downtown Ann Arbor alignment (coordination with Connector)
- Consider Depot Town rail connection

Michigan Ave BRT Service Map



BEST: Michigan Avenue
BRT: Downtown Detroit to DTW Airport

LEGEND	Michigan Ave BRT Alignment	Existing Rail Station
Commuter Rail Alignment	Western Wayne Co. Rail Station	Potential Future Rail Station
BRT Station Locations		

RTA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

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BRT Concept: Corktown (Michigan / 14th / Vernor)



BRT Concept: East Dearborn (at Schaefer)



Next Steps

April Determine Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
Document in LPA Report

May RTA Adoption of LPA
Integration into Regional Master Transit Plan

June Release of Regional Master Transit Plan

November Funding Initiative to 4-County Region



OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



MAY 2016

SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

Our Progress So Far

- May 2014 – Voters approve transportation improvement millage
- August 2014 – Phase I of 5YTIP service improvements
- August 2015 – Phase II of 5YTIP service improvements



***GET
READY!***

MAY 1ST
Coming Soon!

What's Happening on May 1, 2016?

- Some routes stay the same
- Routes with new numbers and/or names
- New Ann Arbor area routes
- New Ypsilanti area routes
- New service to Scio Twp.
- New service in Pittsfield Twp.

ROUTES WITH SAME NUMBERS / NAMES

- 3 Huron River (see Rt. 3 map later)
- 4 Washtenaw
- 5 Packard
- 6 Ellsworth
- 46 Huron-Textile
- 67 Platt-Michigan Ave

ROUTES WITH NEW NUMBERS OR NAMES

Old Route	New Route
17	21 Amtrak - Depot 
1	22 Pontiac – Dhu Varren
2	23 Plymouth
7	24 S. Main - East 
16	25 Ann Arbor – Saline Rd 
8	28 Pauline
13	33 Newport
33	41 EMU COB Shuttle
609	60 Dexter – U-M

Old Route	New Route
36	62 State – U-M
1U	63 Pontiac – U-M
14	64 Geddes – E. Stadium 
2C	65 U-M – Downtown – Green
22	66 Carpenter – Huron Pkwy
710	91 ExpressRide: Chelsea
711	92 ExpressRide: Canton
787	98 AirRide

NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM – The method :

Between Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti

Numbered 3 - 6

Ann Arbor Local routes

Numbered 21 - 33

Ypsilanti Local routes

Numbered 41 - 47

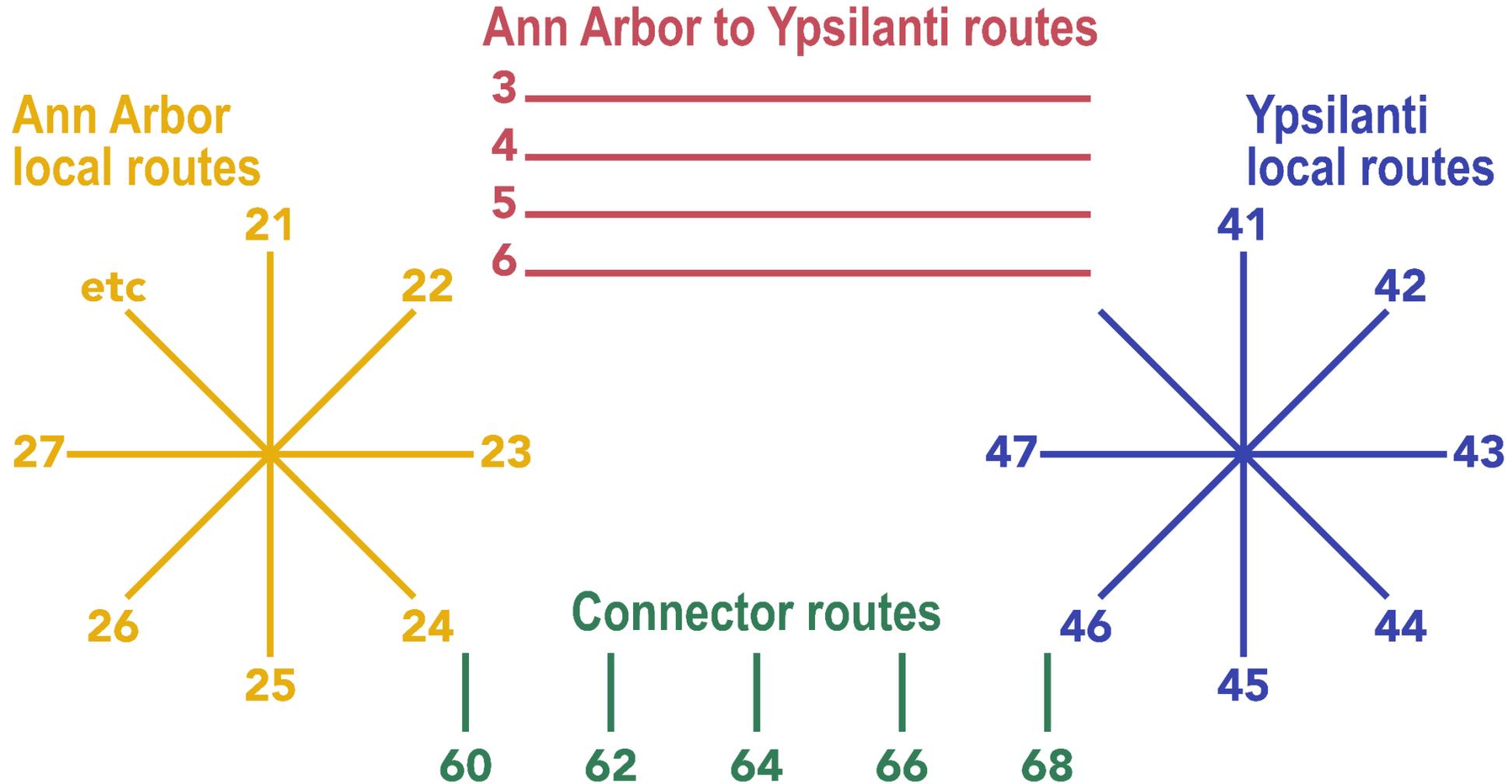
Connector/Crosstown Routes

Numbered 60 - 68

Express Routes

Numbered 91 - 98

NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM



NEW YPSILANTI AREA ROUTES



Ypsilanti Area

Replace routes
10, 11, and 20
with six new routes



ROUTE

10

Ypsilanti – Northeast

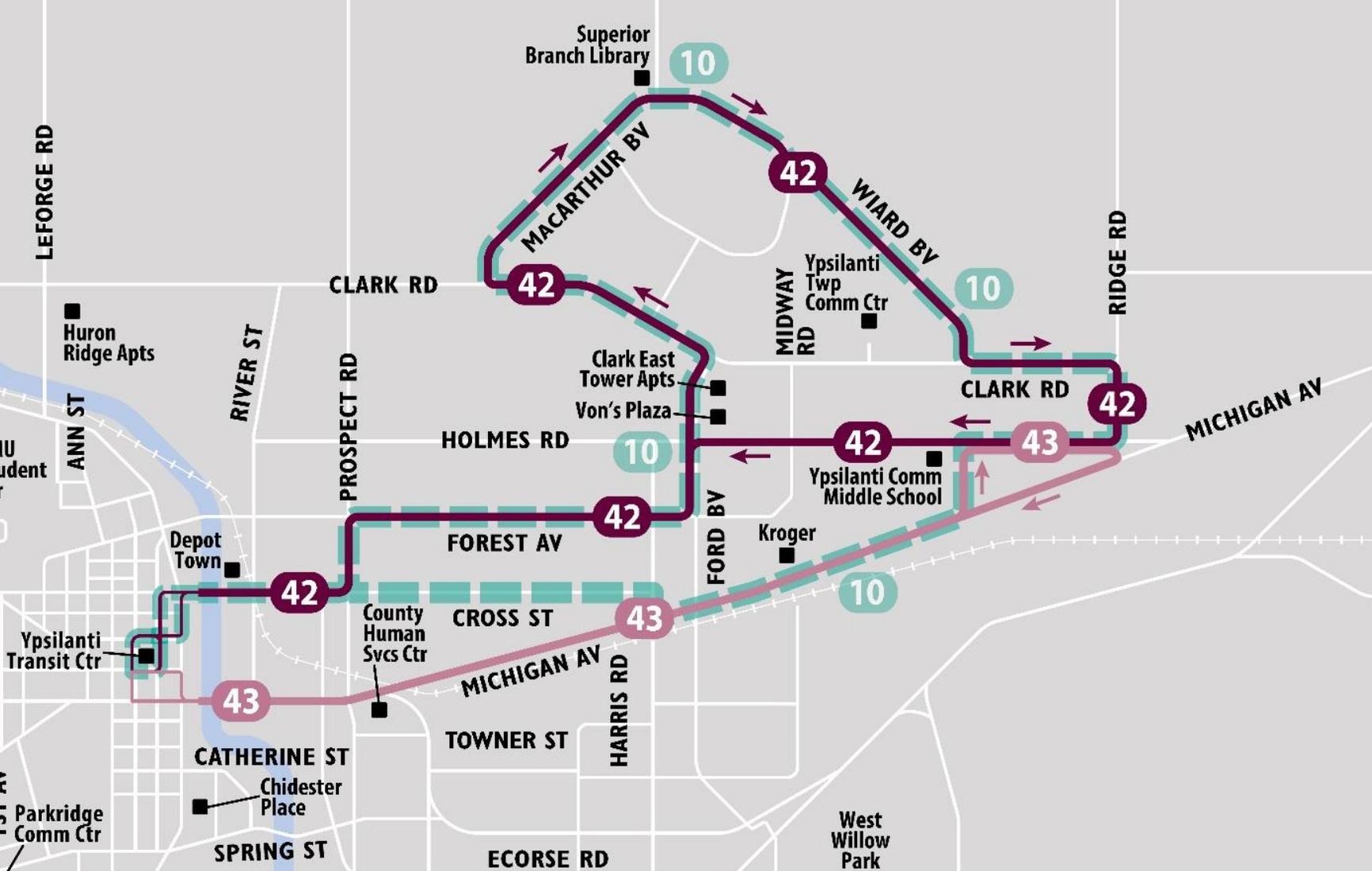
will be replaced by...

42

Forest –
MacArthur

43

E. Michigan Ave



Route 42

- Direct service in both directions on Forest Ave & Cross St; loop route through MacArthur Blvd neighborhood
- Similar to route 10 until Holmes Rd
 - Will no longer serve Michigan Ave or Cross St east of Prospect Rd

Route 43

- Direct service in both directions on Michigan Ave
- Better service to Kroger

YPSILANTI

ROUTE

20

Ypsilanti: Grove -
Ecorse

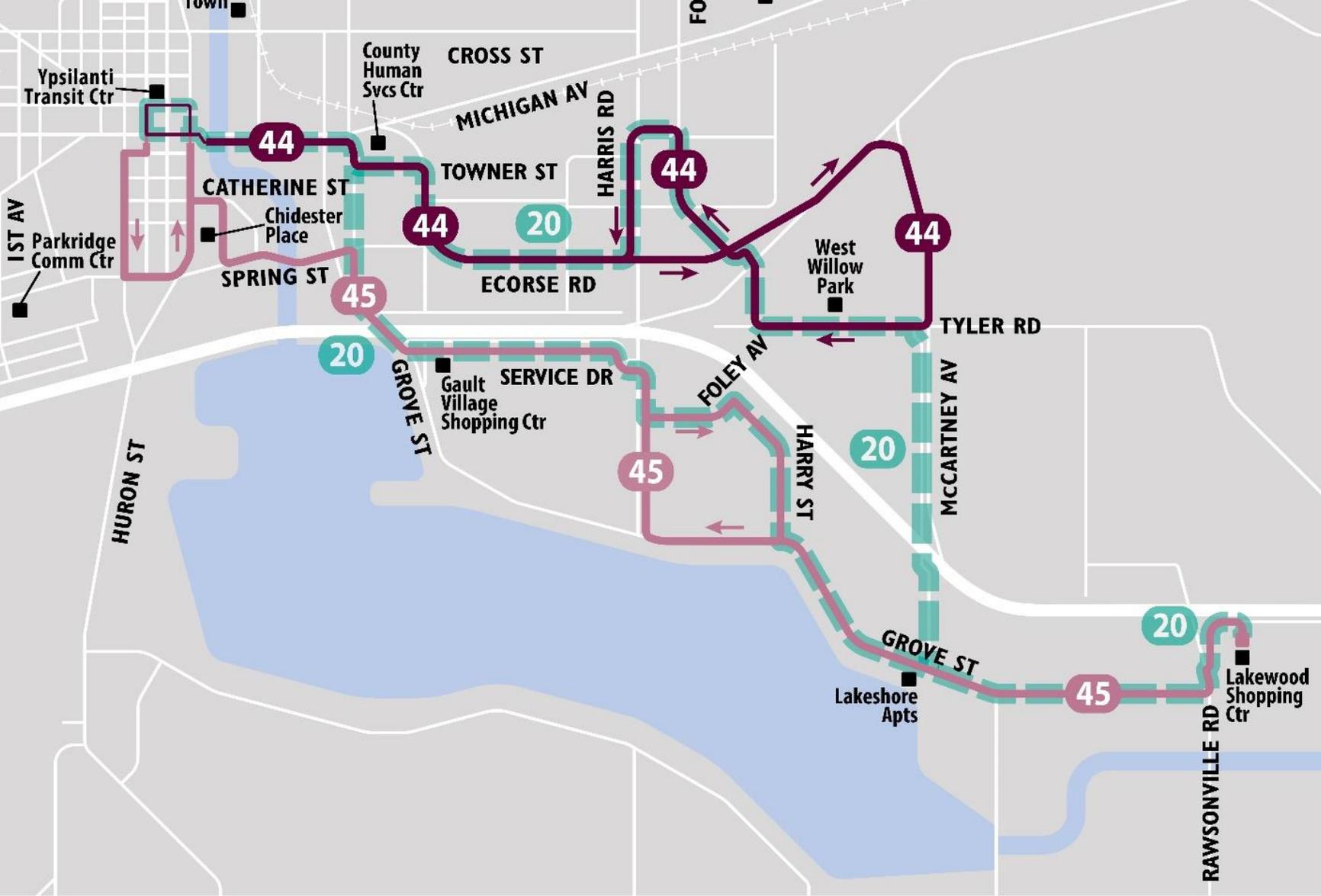
will be replaced by...

44

Ecorse – Tyler

45

Grove



Route 44

- Direct service in both directions on Towner St & Ecorse Rd; loop route through West Willow neighborhood
- Better service to County Human Services Center

Route 45

- Direct service in both directions to Gault Village and on Grove Rd
- Better service to Chidester Place

YPSILANTI

ROUTE

11

Ypsilanti - South

will be replaced by...

43

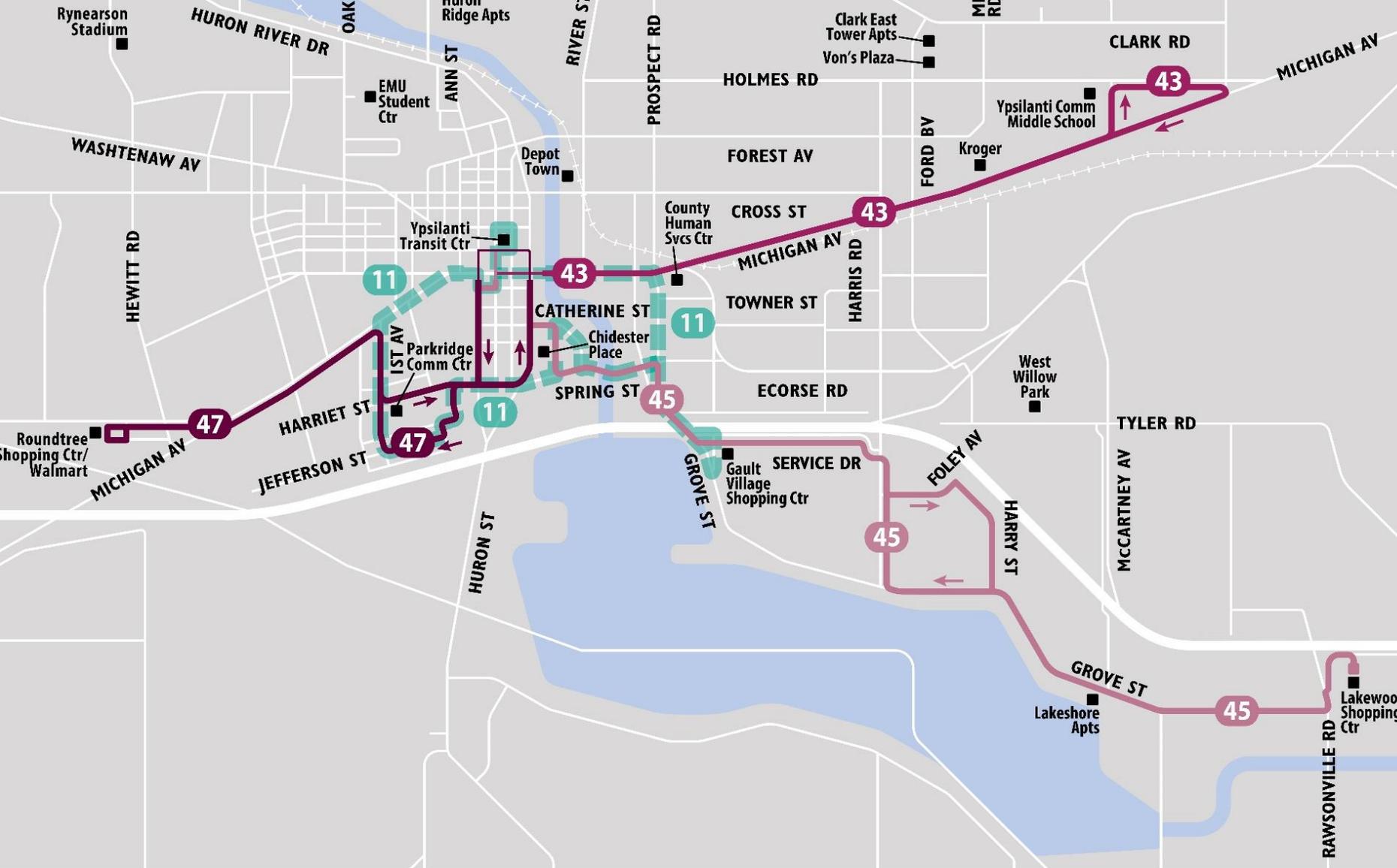
E. Michigan Ave

45

Grove

47

Harriet –
W. Michigan Ave



Routes 43 & 45

Route 47

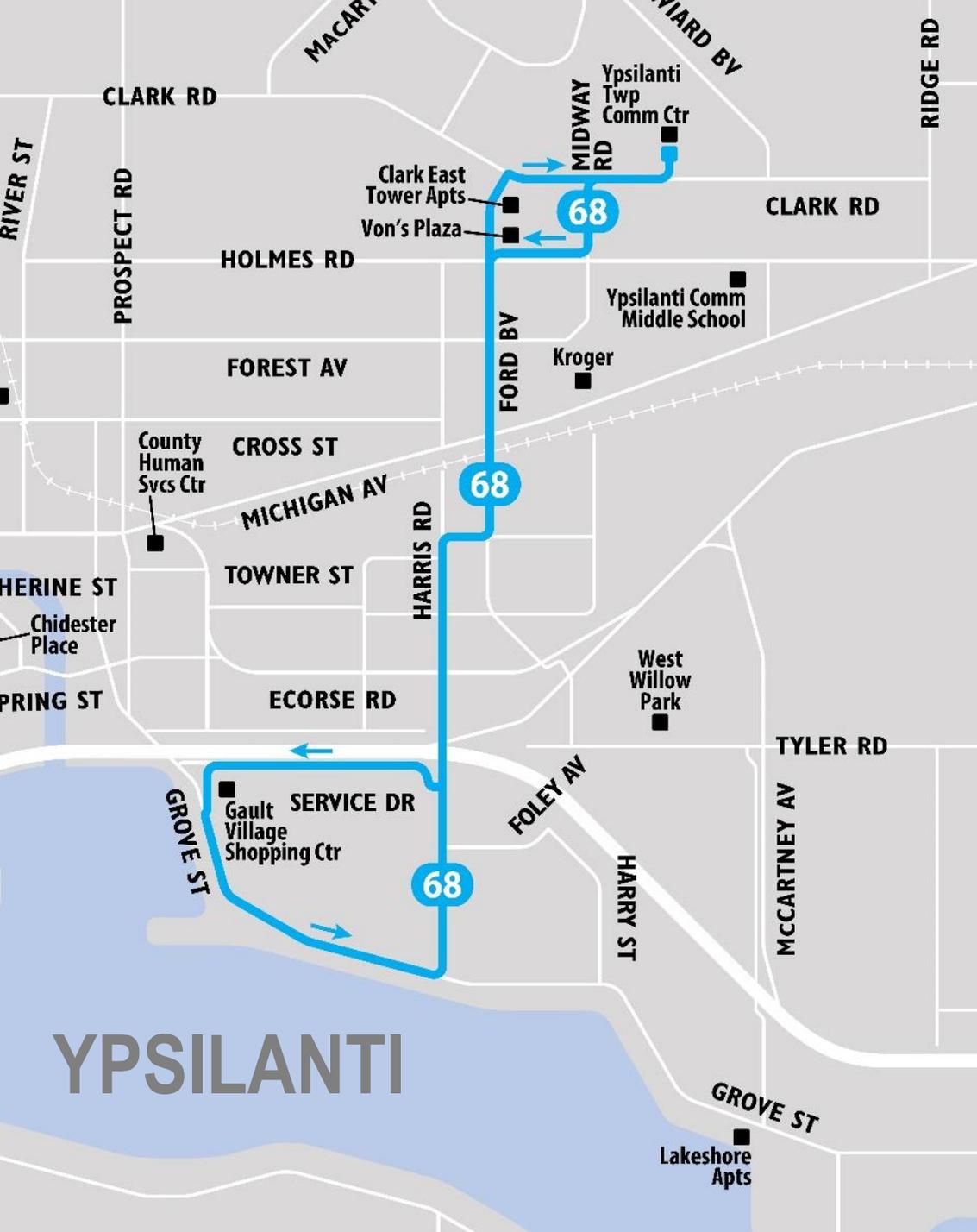
- Connects the southwest neighborhoods of Ypsilanti to downtown and shopping centers in the Michigan Ave/Hewitt Rd area
- Better service to Parkridge Community Center, WalMart

YPSILANTI

68

Harris – Ford





Route 68

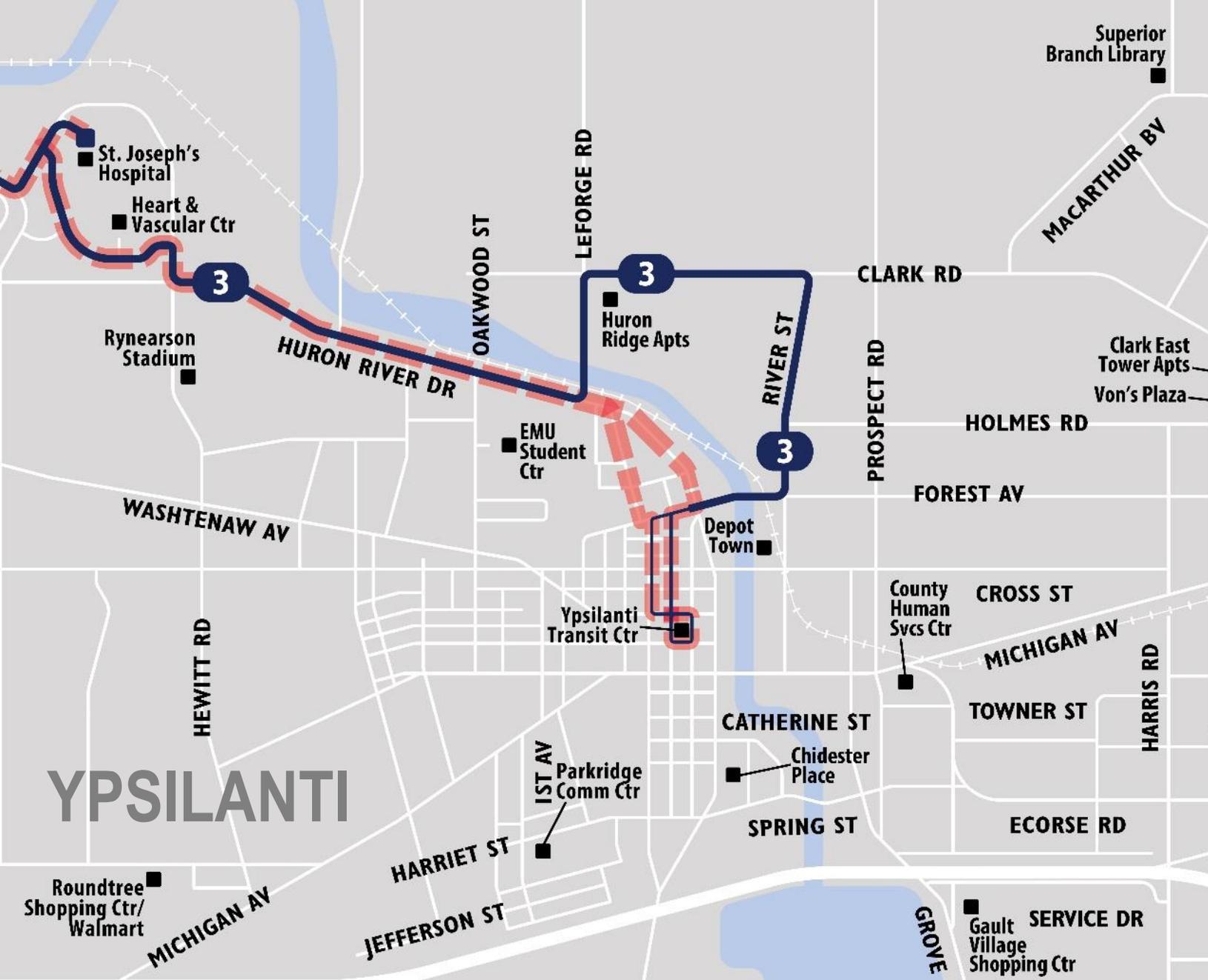
- The Ypsilanti local routes run primarily east-west; route 68 runs north-south to provide connections
- Provides service to shopping
- Connects Clark East Towers to the Ypsilanti Twp Community Center

*The number is
staying the same...*

3

Huron River

*...but part of the
route is changing*



Route 3

- Providing direct connections for the apartment complexes on LeForge Rd to downtown Ypsilanti, Depot Town, WCC, and Ann Arbor

NEW ANN ARBOR ROUTES



Ann Arbor Routes

Routes Through April 30	New Routes Starting May 1
1	22: Pontiac – Dhu Varren
1U	63: U-M Pontiac
2A/2B	23: Plymouth
2C	65: U-M Downtown - Green
7	24: S. Main-East
8	28: Pauline
9	NEW! Route 30: Jackson NEW! Route 31: Dexter
12	NEW! Route 29: Liberty NEW! Route 32: Miller-Skyline-W. Stadium
13	33: Newport
14	64: Geddes –E. Stadium

Routes Through April 30	New Routes Starting May 1
15	NEW! Route 26: Scio Church NEW! Route 27: W. Stadium – Oak Valley
16	35: Ann Arbor – Saline Rd.
17	21: Amtrak – Depot St.
18	32: Miller-Skyline-W. Stadium
22	66: Carpenter – Huron Pkwy
36	62: U-M State
609	60: U-M Dexter
710	91: ExpressRide - Chelsea
711	92: ExpressRide - Canton
787	98: AirRide (Detroit Metro Airport)

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