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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **AATA ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR ART FAIR SHUTTLE SERVICE AND REGULAR ROUTE DETOURS**

ANN ARBOR, MI –The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) has announced the schedule for its shuttle service to the 2006 Ann Arbor Art Fairs, which will be held July 19–22, and coinciding regular route detours.

AATA Art Fair Shuttles will run every 10 to 15 minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fares will be \$1.50 each way; children seven years of age and younger ride free. Free parking is available at the two convenient shuttle locations, one at Briarwood Mall, near Sears, and one at Pioneer High School.

AATA will operate two separate shuttle routes from both the Briarwood and Pioneer High parking locations:

- The Main Street Shuttle route will drop off riders in downtown Ann Arbor at the shuttle bus stop located at Main and William Streets, adjacent to the Summer Art Fair.

The South University Shuttle route will drop off passengers at the South University and State Street shuttle bus stop located between the South

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## **AATA Art Fair Shuttle**

ADD ONE

University Area Art Fair and the State Street Area Art Fair, and close to the original Street Art Fair, the University of Michigan central campus and the Michigan Union.

Art Fair shuttle buses return to both Briarwood and Pioneer High from each AATA shuttle stop.

Due to reconstruction of the Pioneer High School parking lot, Art Fair parking will be located in the grass areas along West Stadium Boulevard, with shuttles boarding along Seventh Street.

Entrances to the parking areas will be located along South Main Street and West Stadium Boulevard. Overflow traffic will be directed to the Briarwood Mall shuttle site.

AATA's Art Fair Link buses will operate around the perimeter of the four fairs from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday. The Link is operating free during the Art Fairs.

Some AATA regular routes will be detoured around the streets blocked off by the Art Fairs. Starting Tuesday, July 18 through Saturday, July 22, the following bus route will be detoured:

- Route 2 Plymouth
- Route 5 Packard
- Route 6 Ellsworth
- Route 7 South Main-East
- Route 8 Pauline
- Route 9U Jackson University

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ADD TWO

- Route 12A Miller-Liberty
- Route 12B Liberty-Miller
- Route 12U Liberty (from U of M Hospital)
- Route 14 Geddes-East Stadium
- Route 15 Scio Church-West Stadium
- Route 16 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
- Route 36 Wolverine Tower Shuttle

Handouts detailing these route detours will be distributed on the affected routes prior to the detours taking effect.

Brochures containing maps of the shuttle and Link routes, as well as Art Fair locations and other information will be distributed at the shuttle boarding locations and Art Fair information booths.

All Art Fair Shuttle and detour details are posted on the AATA web site, [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org).

The AATA shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible, and strollers are allowed on the buses, but must be folded for passenger safety. AATA will only allow service animals on board the shuttle buses. For those passengers who have purchased artwork, the shuttles can handle reasonably sized packages, but riders should make other arrangements for oversized purchases.

Fairgoers may choose to use local AATA bus routes to visit the Ann Arbor Art Fairs. AATA bus stops are located within one quarter mile of 90 percent of homes in Ann Arbor. For information on using local bus routes to the fairs, call 734.996.0400 or visit [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org).

*The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority was chartered in 1969 by the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan as a special-purpose unit of government. AATA is supported through local, state and federal funds and farebox revenues. AATA operates 27 public transit routes, paratransit services and carpool-vanpool matching and other transportation.*

*AATA's mission is to provide useful, reliable, safe and cost-optimized transportation for the benefit of the City of Ann Arbor and other contributing communities in Washtenaw County.*

*Today, AATA has 204 employees who coordinate and provide public transit services using 75 buses covering 358 route miles. Every weekday, 118 AATA Motor Coach Operators drive more than 9,200 miles, providing an average of 19,500 passenger trips.*

*Route and schedule information is available at 734.996.0400, at AATA's web site, [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org), or 734.973.6997 for the hearing impaired. Commuters can access AATA's RideShare carpool-vanpool matching services at 877.971.POOL (7665), or at [www.TheRide.org/rideshare](http://www.TheRide.org/rideshare).*

*AATA's business office and maintenance facility is located at 2700 S. Industrial Hwy. in Ann Arbor. The authority operates transit centers in downtown Ann Arbor at 331 S. Fourth Ave. and downtown Ypsilanti at 220 Pearl St. The general business phone number is 734.973.6500.*