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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 2005 Ann Arbor Art Fairs, July 20–23 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.

AATA's 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 Monday, July 18 through Saturday, July 23, the following bus route will be detoured:

- Route 12U Liberty (to U of M Hospital) — This route will go on detour beginning on Monday, July 18 due to the Art Fair Townie Street Party on Washington Street.

Starting on Tuesday, July 19 through July 23, the following routes will be detoured:

- Route 2 Plymouth
- Route 5 Packard
- Route 6 Ellsworth
- Route 7 South Main-East
- Route 8 Pauline
- Route 9U Jackson University
- Route 12A Miller-Liberty
- Route 12B Liberty-Miller

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- 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.

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 should 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.

For additional information on the Art Fair Shuttle Service, or on using local bus routes to the fairs, call 734.973.6500 or visit the AATA website at [www.theride.org](http://www.theride.org).

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*through local, state and federal funds, and farebox revenues. AATA operates 27 public transit routes, paratransit services, and carpool-vanpool matching and other transportation services to facilitate mobility throughout the urbanized areas of Washtenaw County.*

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