



Pittsfield Charter Township

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Office of the Supervisor

Promoting Equity & Sustainability Through Infrastructure Improvements

While a number of different projects, ranging from the Carpenter Road rain garden to the electric vehicle charging stations at Township Hall, were completed in July, the biggest news came last week when - after 10 years of relentless advocacy - the capacity enhancement project for Michigan Avenue received the green light for 2022 construction! This is the largest infrastructure improvement project in Pittsfield's history and doubles the county/state/federal grants received by Pittsfield Township, since 2009, from \$20 million to a historically unprecedented \$40 million - an average of about \$4 million/year in grant funding!!

Pittsfield has evolved, mostly since 1990, as a result of development pressures due to our proximity to Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti/Saline. For the first time, in 2011, we adopted a Master Plan that outlined the pattern of this development in order to articulate a vision that is pro-active rather than reactive to these pressures. Since then, adoption of form-based districts, preservation efforts, and implementation of a robust multi-modal transportation network has delivered a land use pattern wherein Pittsfield Township has the most diverse housing stock in Washtenaw County while daily amenities such as health care and groceries along with recreational opportunities are increasingly available in close proximity to where we live and can be accessed via walking, biking, and transit.

This concentrated, mixed use, multi-modal development pattern was originally intended to reduce sprawl and preserve/expand green spaces while meeting the needs of our aging population and millennials. This year, the Great Pandemic has given us another reason to appreciate this model of localized self-reliance. However, in order for the local destination centers to be positive additions to our community's landscape, there is a need to address the issue of traffic congestion. To that end, we complemented the adoption of form-based districts, in 2011, with an aggressive plan to retrofit all the primary arterial roads in Pittsfield Township. With the approval of the Michigan Avenue project, I can now report that since first taking office in 2009, we have retrofitted and improved every single primary arterial road - whether under the jurisdiction of Washtenaw County Road Commission or MDO'T - by resurfacing, making safety and capacity improvements, and adding sidewalks/greenways/bike lanes/pedestrian crossings. Every single primary road has been or will be improved by 2022: Maple, Oak Valley, Waters, Ellsworth, Textile, Lohr, Ann Arbor-Saline, State, Moon, Platt, Carpenter, Washtenaw, Packard, Golfside, Clark, Crane, Munger, Merritt, Fosdick, Warner, Morgan, Campbell, Marton, Thomas, Bemis, and Michigan Avenue!

While milestone achievements, such as the receipt of over \$20 million for bridge replacement and providing for a 5-lanecross-section with non-motorized amenities along Michigan Avenue, deserve a comprehensive review, our community continues to face many challenges. Other segments of Michigan Ave need improvements to fully address the issue of traffic congestion along the corridor and capacity improvements are much needed on other arterial roads such as Bemis, State, Oak Valley, Ellsworth, and Golfside. Also, the challenges we currently face due to the Great Pandemic and ongoing racial injustices need to be addressed by working to strengthen our partnerships with not just our county/state/federal stakeholders but, most importantly, with you - community residents - so we may all work together to promote equity and sustainability in Pittsfield Township.

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.



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July 24, 2020

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Michigan Avenue Infrastructure Project in Pittsfield Receives Over \$20 Million

Pittsfield Township, MI (July 24, 2020): Pittsfield Township is very excited to announce receipt of over \$20 million for capacity, multi-modal, and surface improvements on Michigan Avenue, from Platt to Carpenter Road. Improving traffic flow and operations along this section of Michigan Avenue has been discussed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and others since the 1990s.

Supervisor Mandy Grewal, who has been advocating for this project and infrastructure improvements since 2010, noted that she is "extremely thankful for the many local, regional, and state partners whose cooperation has finally made the much-needed improvements on Michigan Avenue in Pittsfield Township a reality!"

MDOT finalized and announced funding for this project earlier this week. Project details and information will be available on the Pittsfield Township website in September and the first public engagement meeting will be scheduled for either November or December 2020.

Scheduled for construction in 2022, MDOT will construct a 5-lane cross section along Michigan Avenue from Platt Road to Carpenter Road in addition to a 8' multi-use paved shoulder. The bridge at the US-23 interchange will be replaced and constructed with right-turn lanes, a 10' multimodal pathway, and new interchange ramps.

Project design and other details will be made available on the Pittsfield Township website in September at: <http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov/projects>

Please contact the Supervisor's Office with questions/comments: supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov; 734-822-3136

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July 20, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Commitment Letter in Support of the UMTRI Complete Trip ITS4US Proposal

Dear Secretary Chao:

Pittsfield Township is proud to commit our support for the team led by University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) in the application to develop and deploy a Complete Trip concept as an ITS4US Program solution to the BAA 693JJ3-20-BAA-0004 opportunity. This partnership through the 'Fully Connected Mobility and Micro Transportation for All' proposal presents a significant pathway to seamlessly bring together vital origin-to-destination travel options for critically underserved people with disabilities, older adults, low income households, limited English proficient travelers, as well as racial and ethnic minorities. These much-needed community-focused and smart-technology advancements here would set a new national standard for both urban and rural replication of sustainable investments across our country.

Located in the southern center of Washtenaw County, Pittsfield is providing for a community that is interconnecting its residential, retail, commercial, entertainment, cultural, open, and recreational spaces via multiple modes of transportation including sidewalks, 10' greenways, bike lanes and transit. In the last decade, Pittsfield has undertaken many deliberative, proactive community engagement processes, including with major at-risk demographic groups whose quality of life would be substantially improved from such easier-to-use multi-modal trip completion tools. Supporting concept development and project deployment would make it possible for our most vulnerable residents to have better direct access to resources, increased safety, and more fluid movement between locations for everyone regardless of ability, age, earnings, level of language fluency, color, or national origin.

We look forward to the potential for developing, designing, testing, operating, and maintaining this mutually beneficial concept with UMTRI's promising proposal, through ongoing collaborative efforts in furthering mobility for all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.
Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township



Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority
Dawn Gabay Operations Center
2700 S. Industrial Highway
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

July 16, 2020

Dear Supervisor Grewal,

When the pandemic arrived, TheRide was forced to reduce many services and stop collecting fares. Now we are planning to incrementally phase our services back in, beginning this fall. Many, but not all, services will return at the end of August. We wanted to take a moment to outline those changes for you, our public outreach plans, and provide information on how you can direct any resident concerns towards us. Feel free to share this information. If you have any questions, I hope you will reach out to me directly.

The pandemic continues to threaten the finances of TheRide and creates tremendous uncertainty going forward. While the federal government has provided some relief, we are expecting additional costs, challenges with crowding, and cuts to state funding for FY2021. We are determined not to seek assistance from our municipal partners because we know many of you are also facing difficult times. This leaves us with no option but to husband our resources and prepare for a long haul.

Like many of you, we have been busy preparing to reintroduce services that put a priority on the safety of our riders and employees. After reducing service to about 20% of normal in March, we are planning to re-start about 60% of our services at the end of August. We are introducing a temporary network of interim routes that we can more easily manage during the pandemic, and which focuses on essential trips and access to medical facilities. We have chosen to re-start our most-used services first while holding some resources in reserve. Some low-ridership areas will not see service return to their immediate area this fall. We are will also be re-starting fare collection in early August. We will begin publicizing these changes the week of July 13th.

We have tried to maximize the number of residents who will benefit from restored services and provide as many alternative as possible. Nevertheless, we understand that some residents may not agree with all of our decisions. If any residents contact you, please feel free to redirect them to us via our Customer Service Office, Ms. LaTonya Hargrave at LHargrave@theride.org or (734) 794-1712. We will work to help them understand their options. Our commitment to you remains and, if this fall goes smoothly, we hope to reintroduce more services as soon as practical.

As a key stakeholder, we value your feedback and understanding. Along with this email I have included a details summary of our temporary routes, and a briefing on our finances. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly. I would be happy to speak with you.

Thank you,

Matt Carpenter CEO, TheRide
MCarpenter@TheRide.org

Cc: TheRide Board of Directors

TheRide is taking a cautious and measured approach to phase services back in that prioritizes the safety of our riders and drivers and allows for social distancing. Beginning August 30th, we will introduce a reorganized network of routes to essential destinations and to increase frequency on busy corridors. Routes operate 6:00am–9:15pm Monday–Friday and 7:00am–8:15pm Saturday–Sunday unless noted below.

Route #	Frequency (minutes)	Days in Service	Route Descriptions	Alternative For:
3	30	7 days	Revised route in downtown Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti adding weekend service	24 66
4	15 30	M–F Weekends	Revised 4A routing near U of M Hospitals	24 66 64
5	30	7 days	Revised 5A routing including service on Carpenter Rd. to Meijer Adding service every 30 mins to Ypsilanti on weekends	24 66
6	15 30	M–F Peak M–F Off Peak, Weekends	6A routing, relocate the Briarwood bus stop to Briarwood Circle and Plaza Dr. Adding service every 30 mins to Ypsilanti on weekends	24 47
22	30	7 days	Revised route between Blake Transit Center (BTC) and Food Gatherers Adding service every 30 mins on weekends	21 63
23	15 30	M–F Weekends	Use 23A routing to Plymouth Road P&R lot, will serve Traver and Tuebingen	22 60 Near U-M Campuses
25	30	7 days	Revised route between BTC and Meijer on Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. to serve Main St. between Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. and Oakbrook Adding service every 30 mins on weekends	24 27
28	30	7 days	28B routing and serve Liberty east of West Stadium Adding service every 30 mins on weekends.	27 29
30	30	7 days	Route Name Change Revised route ending at Wagner road, and will serve Huron, Dexter, Wagner and Jackson roads Adding service every 30 mins on weekends	31 Outbound
32	30	7 days	Route name change Revised routing to serve U-M Central Campus on weekdays and the BTC on weekends Skyline HS will be served on select weekday trips Adding service every 30 mins on weekends	60
41	20	M–F 7:30am–10pm	This route will operate without changes	
42	30	7 Days	Route name change and revised routing serving Michigan Ave., Ford Rd., MacArthur Blvd., Clark Rd. and Holmes Rd. Adding service every 30 mins on weekends	43 Inbound 68 North of I-94
44	30	7 Days	Adding service every 30 minutes on weekends	68 North of I-94
45	60	M–F 6am–6:30pm S–S 7am–6:30pm	Revised route between the Ypsilanti Transit Center (YTC) and, Harry / Grove Streets	47 68 South of I-94
46	60	M–F 6:30am–7pm S–S 7:30am–7pm	Route name change Revised route between YTC and the Ypsilanti District Library on Whittaker Rd. Arbor Preparatory HS will be served on select weekday trips Areas South of the library will be served by FlexRide	47 68 South of I-94
62	30	M–F Peak Only	Morning and afternoon routing only No service to Briarwood	
65	30	7 Days	Route name change Revised route from BTC to Green Rd. P&R, will serve Fuller Rd. Adding service every 30 mins on weekends	66

Temporarily Suspended Routes

21 33 66
24 43 68
26 47 91
27 60 92
29 63 81
31 64



Starting August 1, shared-ride trips will be suspended until further notice. GoldRide card holders may still use fixed-routes with I.D.



FlexRide is a service of TheRide that provides on-demand transportation and will be available in place of the following routes:

26 29
Scio Ridge Rd neighborhoods

27
Pittsfield Twp. Area South of I-94

30
Scio Twp. area West of Wagner Rd.

33
North of M-14

45
East of Harry

46
Ypsilanti Twp area South of the Whitaker Library



Late Night & Holiday Transportation

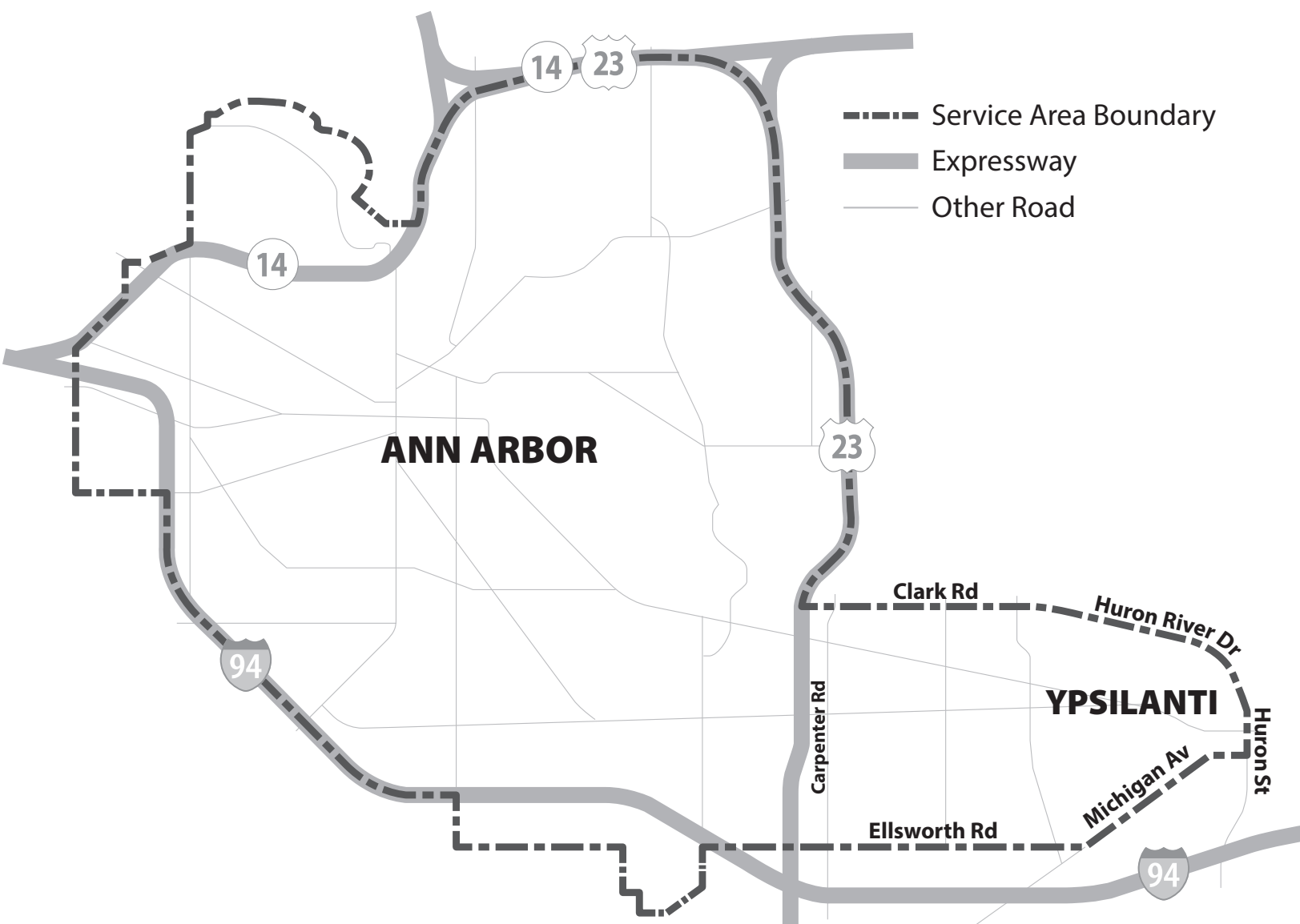
FlexRide will expand to cover late night and holiday service, replacing NightRide and HolidayRide. Trips can begin and end within the service area, outlined below.

Hours of Operation	M–F 9:15pm–5:30am S–S 8:15pm–6:30am
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Fares	\$5.00/trip
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Reduced Fare (GoldRide, A-Ride, and go!pass cardholders)	\$2.50/trip
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Book a trip by calling **734-528-5432** or use **MODEApp**
For details about reservations, go to **TheRide.org**.

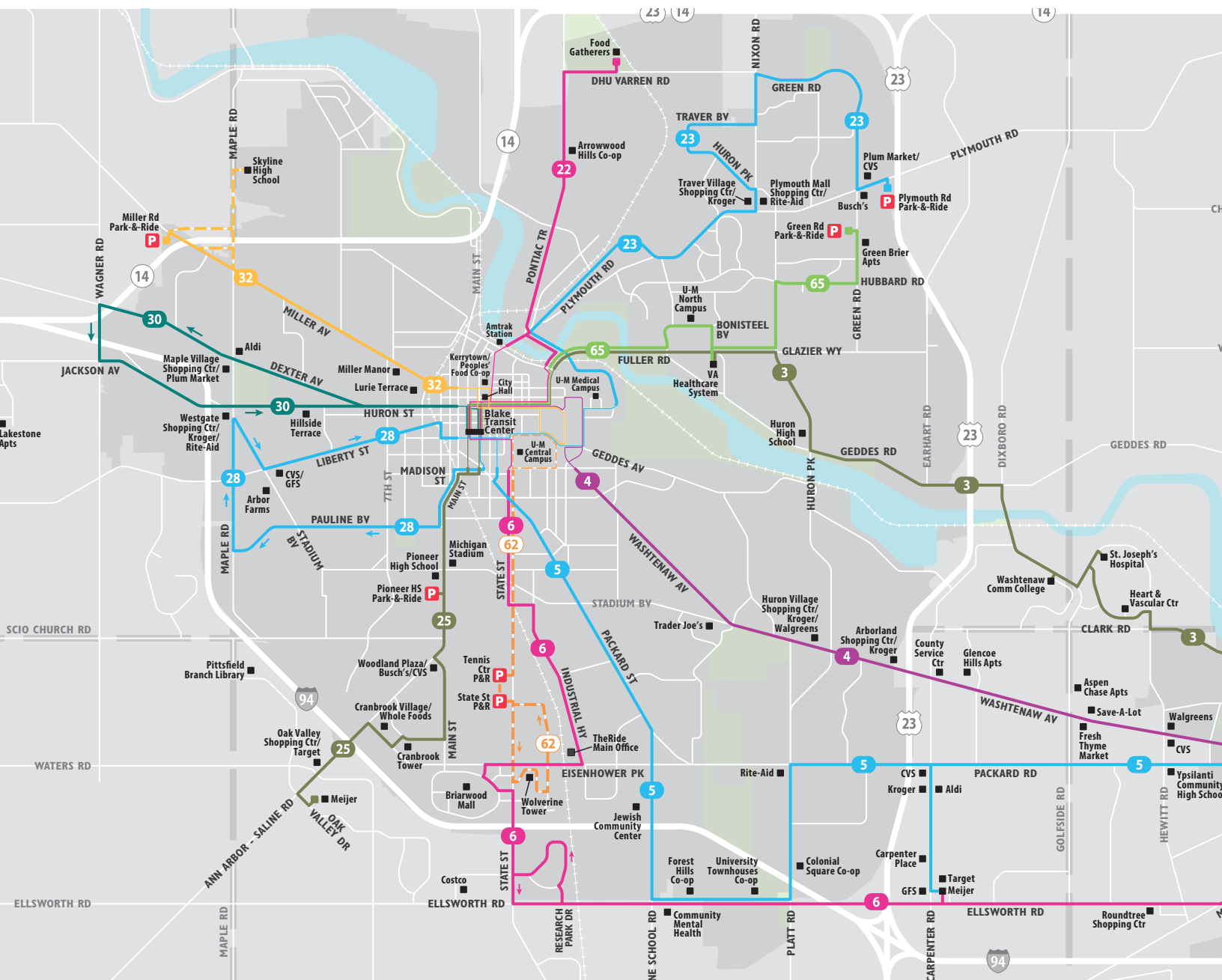


Ann Arbor System Map

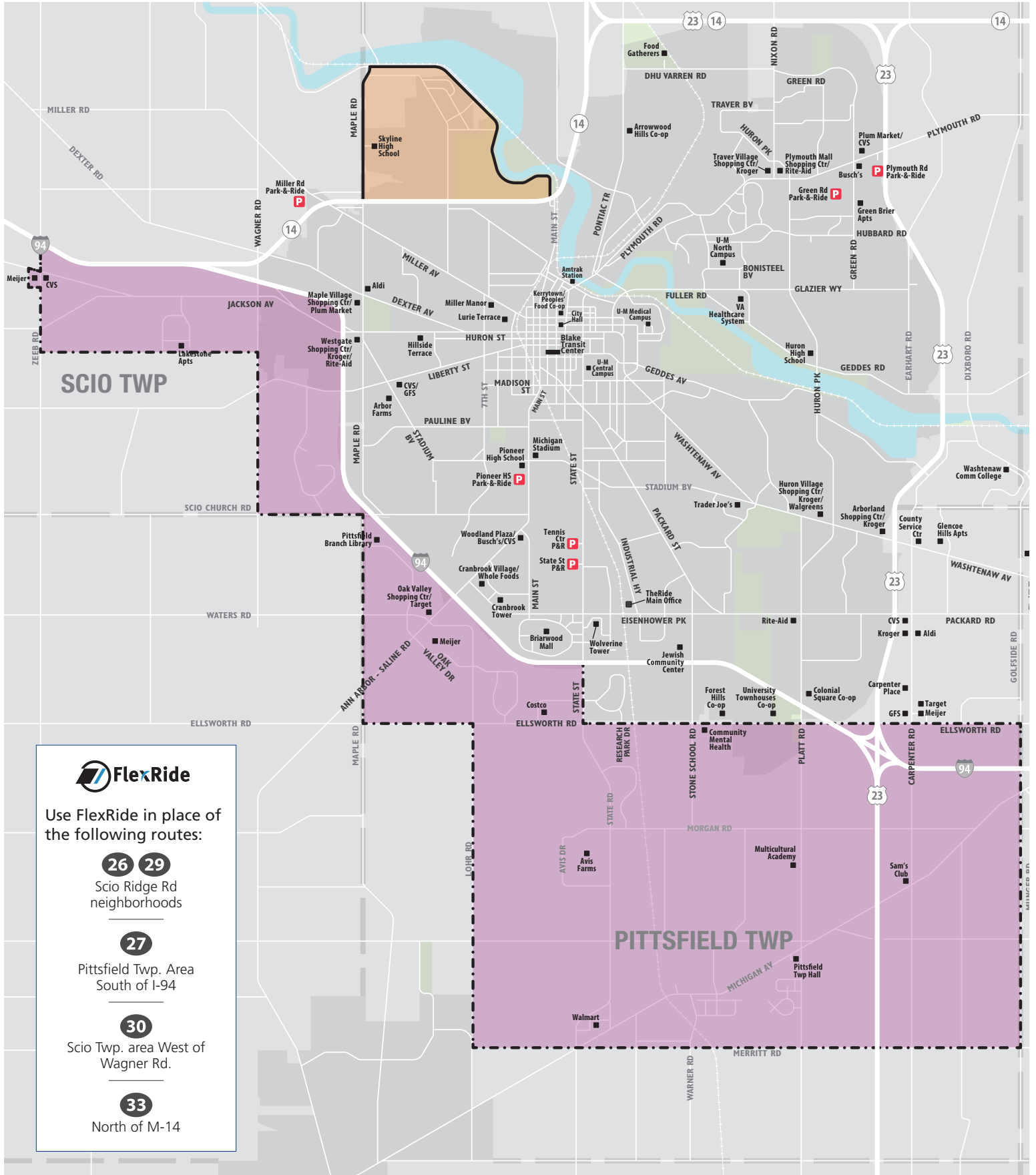
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| 32 Route 32 | 62 Route 62 | 65 Route 65 |

--- Weekday Peak Hours Only



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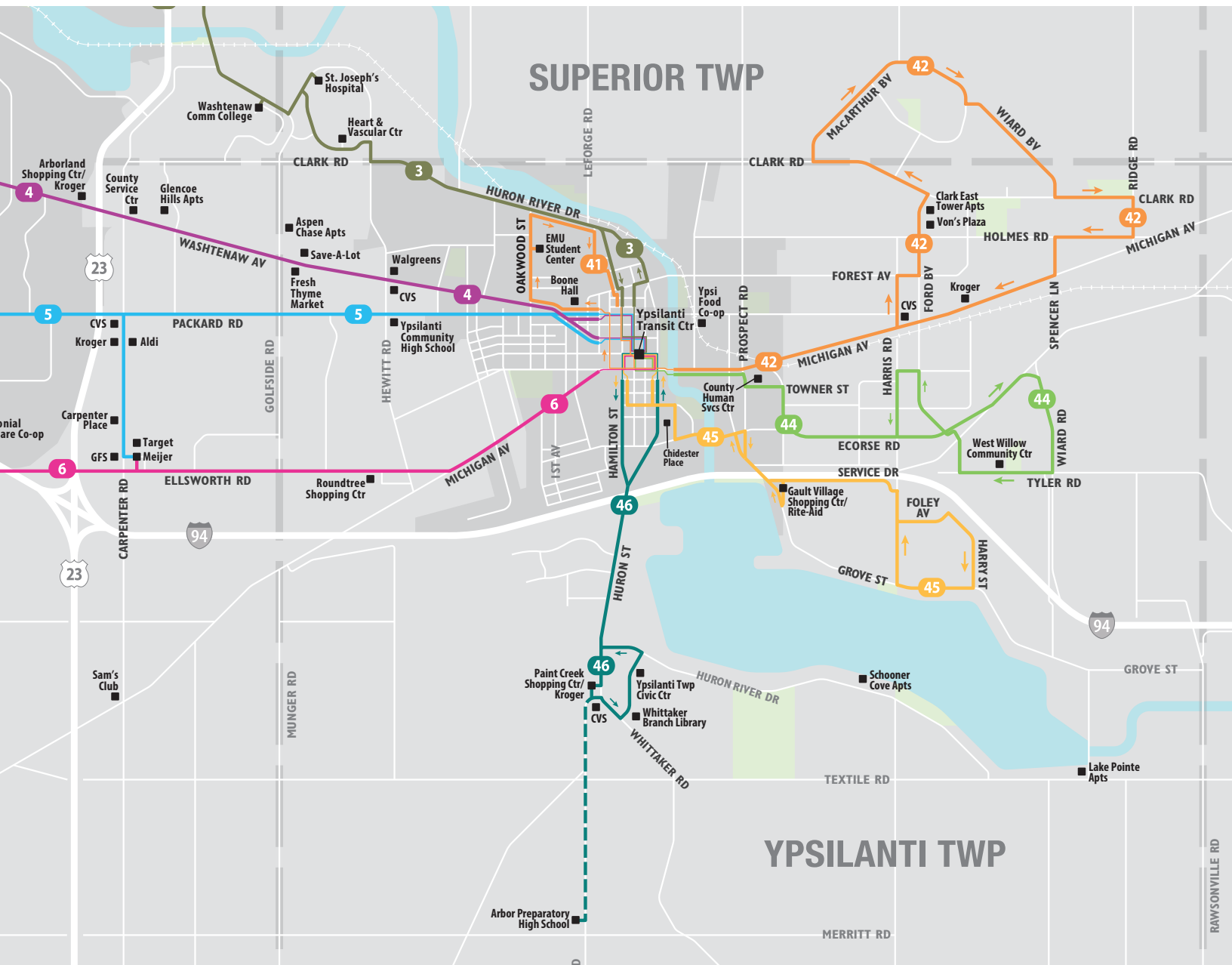


Ypsilanti System Map

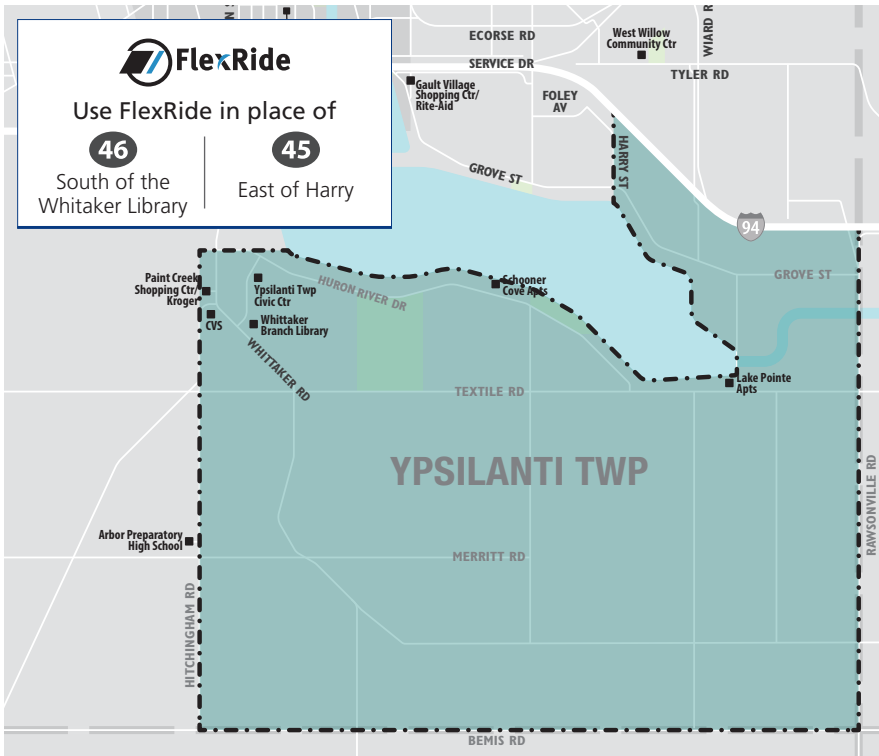
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--- Weekday Peak Hours Only



FlexRide Coverage (East)

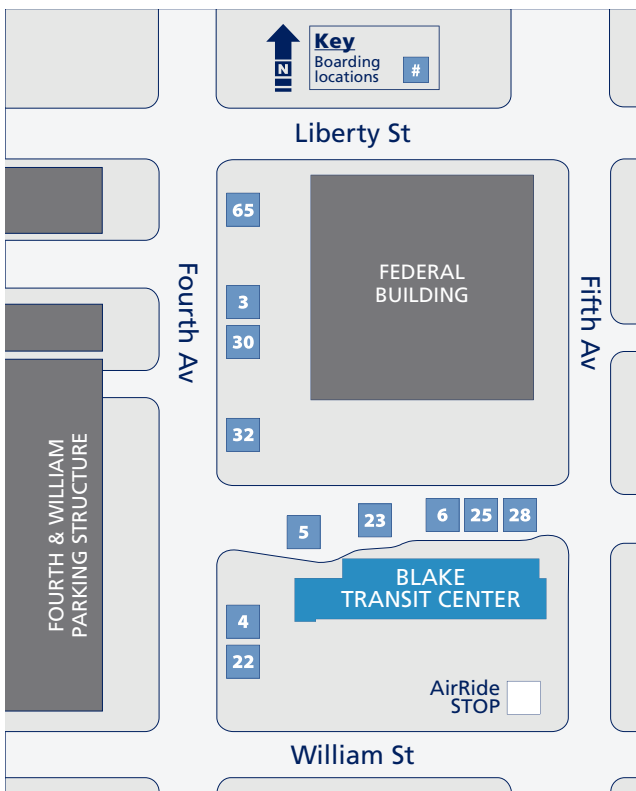


Ypsilanti Transit Center Detail

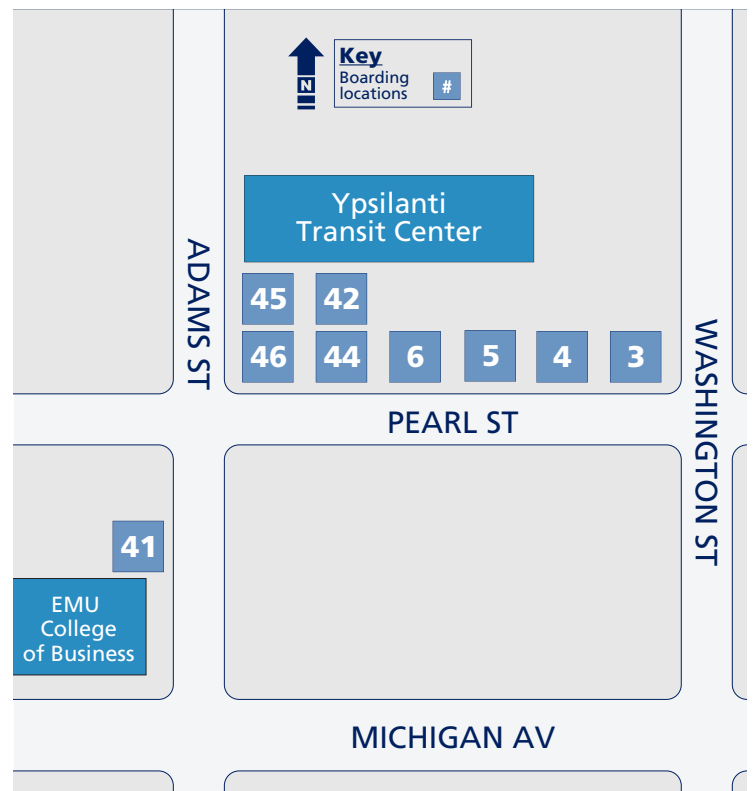


Boarding Locations

Blake Transit Center



Ypsilanti Transit Center



Online Public Town Hall Meetings

Find out the details of TheRide's temporary service plan by calling 734-996-0400 or learn how to join us at an upcoming town hall meeting at TheRide.org.

Meeting Dates & Times*

Tuesday, August 4 at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11 at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18 at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 20 at 12:00 p.m.

*Dates/times subject to change

How to Comment

At the end of each town hall meeting, there will be time to comment.

In addition to commenting at the end of an online town hall, you can:

- Use the online form at TheRide.org/maps-schedules/service-changes
- Call 734-794-1882
- Send an email to planning@TheRide.org
- Mail a letter to:
Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority
ATTN: Temporary Service August 2020
2700 South Industrial Highway
Ann Arbor, MI 48104



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July 9, 2020

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Pittsfield Forges Forward with its Commitment to Invest in Renewable Energy

Pittsfield Township, MI (July 9, 2020): With renewable energy as an important component of its Sustainability Blueprint, adopted unanimously by the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees earlier this year, Pittsfield has made some significant strides in this arena over the past few months.

Pittsfield rolled out the MIGreen Challenge in April designed to place the Township as the first community in Washtenaw County to acquire a majority of its energy from renewable sources. It encourages residential and business customers of DTE to sign up to receive their energy from a renewable (wind or solar) source rather than from fossil fuels: : <http://pittsfield-mi.gov/sustainability>

In the three months since unveiling the MIGreen Challenge, nearly 600 Pittsfield Township customers have made the switch, constituting a 230% in the number of folks obtaining their energy from renewable sources rather than fossil fuels!!

“This overwhelming response by our community is further evidence of the high priority Pittsfield Township residents and businesses place on controlling climate change through increased investment in renewable energy,” noted Mandy Grewal, Pittsfield Township Supervisor.

To further support this priority, Pittsfield Township has availed itself of a \$10,000 DTE rebate to install four electronic vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Township Administration Building (6201 W. Michigan Ave.). The charging stations are now available for use by the general public and will assist Pittsfield transition its municipal fleet toward electric vehicles. Customer can use the ChargePoint app to access the charging stations.

“As it has since 2009, Pittsfield Township is forging forward with its overall goal of reducing carbon emissions to improve air quality and environmental stewardship by partnering with Pittsfield Township residents and businesses, this time around through initiatives anchored on promoting the transition to renewable energy use,” concluded Supervisor Grewal.

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Marking Independence Day for our Nation - and Community - of Immigrants

As requested by many of you, I am continuing my community updates, albeit on a monthly basis.

Approximately 1 out of every 4 Pittsfield Township residents are foreign-born, reflecting the fact that America is a nation of immigrants. Nearly 15 years ago, I became the first immigrant to hold public office in Washtenaw County. I share this because my experiences highlight the fact that while there are some that will and do discriminate to perpetuate hate, the ability of our community - as a larger whole - to look past race, age, physical abilities, immigration status, and economic barriers is what makes Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, and our country so unique and remarkable.

However, as we celebrate these uniquely American traits and values on July 4th, we must remember that they weren't achieved without struggle and require continuous vigilance. A decade ago, when I took office as Supervisor (the first person of color to do so), Pittsfield Township had a reputation of racial profiling. Trustee Edwards-Brown spoke very eloquently about the issue at our June 10th Board meeting. It has taken our administration many years of implementing a policy of zero tolerance for hate to hard-code respect and inclusivity into all our work products and processes. That is one of the reasons we are now ranked as the 8th most diverse suburb to live in the State of Michigan. The current reputation of our public safety personnel as being inclusive of and respectful to all, in addition to their outstanding responsiveness to public safety incidents, is the reason Pittsfield was also recently ranked as one of the safest places to live in the State of Michigan.

This work and approach has ensured that we are fully compliant with local and national standards in limiting the use of physical force - including #8cantwait: <http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov>.

While we've conducted a plethora of public engagement processes (an average of 2/month, since 2009), they've been largely focused on land use and sustainability issues. We've also conducted a bi-annual customer satisfaction survey, since 2010, in partnership with the University of Michigan that has consistently rated Pittsfield residents' as being satisfied with their public safety services. In addition, we conducted our first racial equity forum in February and intend to continue that discussion in order to promote racial justice, both in Pittsfield Township and Washtenaw County.

As an immediate next step, we will be undertaking an in-depth public engagement process to obtain your input on how your local leadership can work to improve both social justice and public safety services. To begin with, please look out for a request from us to take a survey. If there are specific issues you'd like us to cover as part of the survey, please let us know: supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov.

Your input – and partnership – is what, in the final analysis, allows us to hold Pittsfield up as an example of not just our vibrant diversity but also a shining example of what's most attractive to everyone around the world about the American Dream. Even as our community has reasons to celebrate this Independence Day, clouded as they are by the Pandemic and ongoing fight for social justice, we remain committed to doing more and better so we never get complacent and continually push for Respect, Inclusivity, Sustainability, and Equity (#RISE) in Pittsfield Township.

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.



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Mandy Grewal, Supervisor

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June 22, 2020

Recent national research (UseofForceProject.org) has identified eight critical policy areas (known as #8CANTWAIT), described below, that can reduce police violence by 72%.

#8CANTWAIT
TAKE ACTION RIGHT NOW.

Data proves that together these eight policies can decrease police violence by 72%.

BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS 	REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION 	REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING 	REQUIRES EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING
DUTY TO INTERVENE 	BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES 	REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM 	REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

This communication, in keeping with our continued focus on transparency, inclusion, and public engagement, is intended to provide detailed information on the fact that the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety has implemented each of the above-noted eight (8) recommended policies. Our commitment to and compliance with local, state, and national best practices in order to maintain the safety and well-being of our community and our personnel is unwavering.

Following is detailed information on Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety's compliance with the eight (8) policies outlined in the #8cantwait national campaign:

1. Require officers to de-escalate situations, whenever possible before using force:

Officers will use de-escalation techniques to prevent the need for use of force and, if the use of force is necessary, minimize the level of force used to control resistive subjects. This includes continually assessing the situation and modifying the use of force as circumstances change and in ways that are consistent with maintaining the safety of the subject(s), officer(s) and other uninvolved citizens, including stopping the use of force entirely when it is no longer necessary. Examples of de-escalation techniques include, but are not limited to:

- Utilizing good communication skills, providing a warning and exercising persuasion and advice prior to the use of force;
- Determining whether the officer may be able to stabilize the situation through the use of time, distance, or positioning to isolate and contain a subject;
- Requesting additional personnel to respond or make use of specialized units or equipment, including crisis-intervention-team trained personnel, as available and appropriate.

2. Restrict chokeholds to lethal force situations only:

The use of chokeholds or other carotid restraint holds – a physical restraint maneuver that restricts a person's blood flow and/or ability to breathe for the purposes of incapacitation – are strictly prohibited for all non-lethal force situations.

3. Require officers to intervene and stop excessive force by another officer:

Officers shall intervene during situations/incidents, arrests, and/or investigations being handled by other officers of the department or by any other governmental agency when:

- Ordered to intervene by a superior officer;
- The intervening officer reasonably believes that a manifest injustice would result from failure to take action; or
- The intervening officer has information or is witness to another officer's actions being taken that are clearly outside the scope of lawfulness and/or department policy and procedures, and/or when the failure to intervene may result in unnecessary use of force or injury, unlawful arrest, potential litigation, or other similar unlawful, negative or improper outcome.

Under this provision, any officer, regardless of tenure or rank, who witnesses another officer use unauthorized force, shall safely and immediately intervene by verbal and/or physical means to safeguard the wellbeing of all persons involved.

- Officers shall report the incident to their supervisor immediately following the taking of intervening action, as well as when there is a failure to intervene, as outlined above.

4. Prohibit officers from shooting at moving vehicles:

Officers shall not discharge a firearm at the operator or occupant of a moving vehicle unless the operator or occupant poses an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person.

Officers shall not discharge a firearm from a moving vehicle unless an immediate threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person is present and immediate action must be taken.

5. Develop a Force Continuum that limits the types of force and/or weapons that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance:

Officers shall always use the minimum level of force necessary to safely achieve lawful control of a resistive subject. The level of force used by officers must be objectively reasonable and commensurate with the level of resistance of the subject to allow control of the subject with minimal risk of injury to the subject(s), officer(s) and other persons. The level of force used by officers to control a resistive subject will be applied incrementally and commensurately in response to the subject's actions and level of resistance.

6. Require officers to exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before resorting to deadly force:

Deadly force is only justified when all other appropriate means of control and apprehension do not exist or have been exhausted.

7. Require officers to give a verbal warning, when possible, before using deadly force:

Within the guidelines of de-escalation, officers are required to gain subject compliance verbally through de-escalation techniques prior to resorting to using force, including identifying themselves as law enforcement officers and the intention to shoot (discharge firearm), if lethal force is necessary.

8. Require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force

Officers shall document and report any/all use of force promptly, completely, and accurately to their supervisors in the appropriate police report and/or "Use of Force" form. Additionally, administrative reviews will be completed by command staff for all incidents involving use of force and corrective action taken when appropriate.



June 19, 2020

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.
Supervisor
Pittsfield Charter Township

Dear Supervisor Grewal,

Foremost, we hope you and your team are well during these extraordinary times. We are all thinking of you and are deeply grateful for your support of Ann Arbor SPARK. Your public sector investment supports our work in creating a resilient business community, which is more important than ever.

Like you, we continue to respond to the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. The team has risen to these new challenges, and while reinforcing our mission, is working hard on developing and deploying vital resources.

In spite of these trying times, our focus and role in economic development does not stop. And it is because of our generous and hard-working partners that we are able to continue our critical work serving the region. Below is an outline of some of our broader work, and attached is a report out more specific to Pittsfield.

SPARK


We worked to stand up two small business support funds: the **Washtenaw Small Business Emergency Relief Fund** and the **Michigan Small Business Support Program**. Collectively, those funds sustained more than 700 small businesses in our region with total support of over \$2.2 million.

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University Musical Society
James Wickman
Township of Hartland
Robert Young
Toyota Technical Center



More than \$327,000 in funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) was distributed in Washtenaw County and an additional \$168,000 was distributed in Livingston County. An additional \$404,425 was distributed to our partners in Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe counties.

The local business community also rallied to help our community. A2 Helps, started by Cahoots founder Joe Malcoun, allows donors to give to frontline workers gift cards to small businesses in Washtenaw County. To help it get started quickly, Ann Arbor SPARK agreed to serve as the fiduciary of this fund. More than \$160,000 has been donated through A2 Helps to date.

Thanks to your support, Ann Arbor SPARK continues to play this important role in distributing funding to businesses during this crisis. All of the money made available through these different programs went directly to distressed companies in our community. Ann Arbor SPARK did not receive any compensation for its work in administering these funds -- an aspect of our work directly attributable to the support we receive from partners, including you.

Marketing

We created and deployed numerous resources in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including educational webinars, a virtual Entrepreneur Boot Camp, and a resource hub of information featuring a broad range of content created in-house, and by our partners, including you. We continue to update our website daily with information and resources vital to the businesses we serve.


Entrepreneurial Services

Our entrepreneurial services team also helped 25 new companies establish operations to-date this year, against a goal of 45 for the year. Startup activity is considerably ahead of pace and are our best leading indicator of the health of the ecosystem. In April, grants totaling more than \$132,000 were distributed to startups, representing the largest level of support we have provided in the last year.

Our entrepreneurial services team has worked with the MEDC to secure business accelerator funding for startup companies working on COVID-related technologies. To date, two companies — Bedestrian and Esperovax — have received \$50,000 each.

Business Development

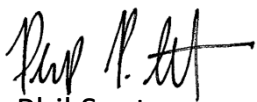




While many businesses have been adversely affected, many businesses are seeing new opportunities and we're responding to them. This includes onshoring and reshoring, supply chains, and expanded information technology needs. We have more than 65 active projects in our pipeline and have added 10 new deals since the start of the COVID-19 crisis. Most recently, we helped Human Element secure an incentive from the state that supports its \$11.7 million expansion and the creation of 26 new high-paying jobs.

Working together, our community is resilient, we will be stronger in the future. Thank you for your continued support of Ann Arbor SPARK and our work promoting the growth of companies and the creation of jobs.

We wish you good health and look forward to continuing to work with you.




Phil Santer

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Ann Arbor SPARK

2019 Report and COVID-19 Response Activity
Pittsfield Township

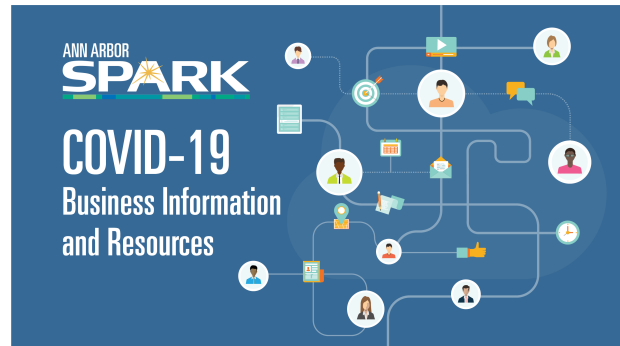


Ann Arbor SPARK will advance the economy of the Ann Arbor region by establishing it as a desired place for innovation, business location and growth, and for talented people to live and work. The Ann Arbor region will be recognized for its academic, business, and community resources, and its collaborative culture.

<https://annarborusa.org/>

COVID-19 Response

Since March 16, the Ann Arbor Region (along with the rest of the world) has experienced an unprecedented shift in our economy due to COVID-19 and the orders to restrict activity due to this pandemic. Ann Arbor SPARK has shifted its activity and focus in the short-term to address the economic effects of this pandemic.



The response in the past few weeks has involved:

- SPARK published a [COVID-19 resource page](#) as an initial response to provide businesses with access to available resources.
- In May, SPARK launched the [Business Recovery Center](#) as a more long-term solution. The Business Recovery Center serves as a single destination for organizations looking for expert advice and information on how to adapt to today's business climate and allows site visitors to view a full ranges of resources, register for upcoming online events, view pre-recorded webinars and read profiles about regional businesses withstanding the pandemic.
- [Washtenaw Small Business Emergency Relief Fund](#) – The WSBERF was created to address the financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis. The fund provides working capital grants of up to \$5,000 to qualifying small businesses, made possible by a \$1 million gift from The Song Foundation and additional contributions from: Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Bank of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Charter Township, Chemical Bank, New Economy Initiative, and a GoFundMe Campaign. Ann Arbor SPARK, in partnership with Office of Community & Economic Development of Washtenaw County, Entrepreneurship Center at Washtenaw Community College and the Song Foundation quickly set up a review process and over a 10-day period reviewed over 1,500 grant submissions and dispersed over \$1.3 million in 500+ grants.
- [Michigan Small Business Relief Program](#) – Ann Arbor SPARK led a regional effort to receive and disburse \$900,000 for the 6-county Greater Ann Arbor Region from the State of Michigan. The state provided \$327,000 for companies in Washtenaw County and \$168,000 for companies in Livingston County. SPARK convened a review committee of SPARK staff, representatives from WCC's Entrepreneurship Center, staff from the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development, and advisory review from the Small Business Development Center to ensure eligibility and availability of funds. In total, the state funds provided 66 grants to businesses in Washtenaw County.
- SPARK will continue to monitor federal, state, local, non-profit and private resources and communicate opportunities to the community, including those through the [Federal Economic Development Administration](#), foundations and other partnership opportunities.
- **Pipeline of Resilience** – the SPARK business development team is actively working on over 65 projects, more than 12 of which were identified after the start of the pandemic.

We appreciate our partnership with Pittsfield Township during this time.

2019 Washtenaw County Highlights

Ann Arbor SPARK

27
Project
Successes

Important Safety, A2 Real Property, Autaza Technology Inc., Billy, Bluewrist USA, Inc., BOT Links LLC, Cayman Chemical Company, Control Systems Integrators, Court Innovations Inc., Denso International - Ann Arbor, Dynamo Metrics, LLC, Fine Point Consulting, Home Eos, Honda Mobility Collaboration Garage, Huck Finch, Impellia, Inc., IndustryStar Solutions LLC, INTVO LLC, K-Space Associates, Inc., KLA Corporation, LiveRoad Analytics, Inc., LLamasoft, May Mobility, Inc., Michigan Innovation Headquarters, Nostrum High Performance Inc., R2 Space, Smart Eye

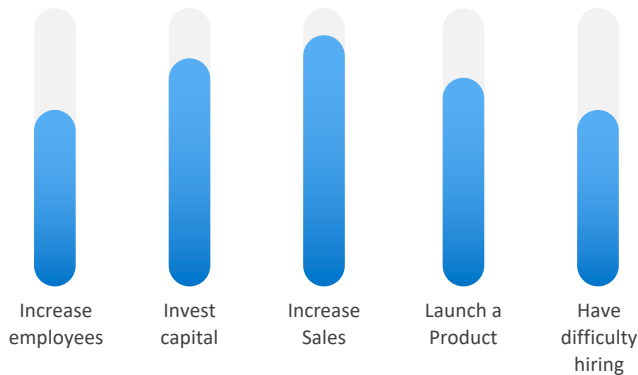


430
NEW
JOBS



615
RETAINED
JOBS

In the next year, companies in Washtenaw County are planning to*:



* As of last contact – this has likely changed since the start of COVID-19



146

GROWTH CALLS

of full-time staff at
these companies:

13,007

TOTAL INVESTMENT

2019



111 M

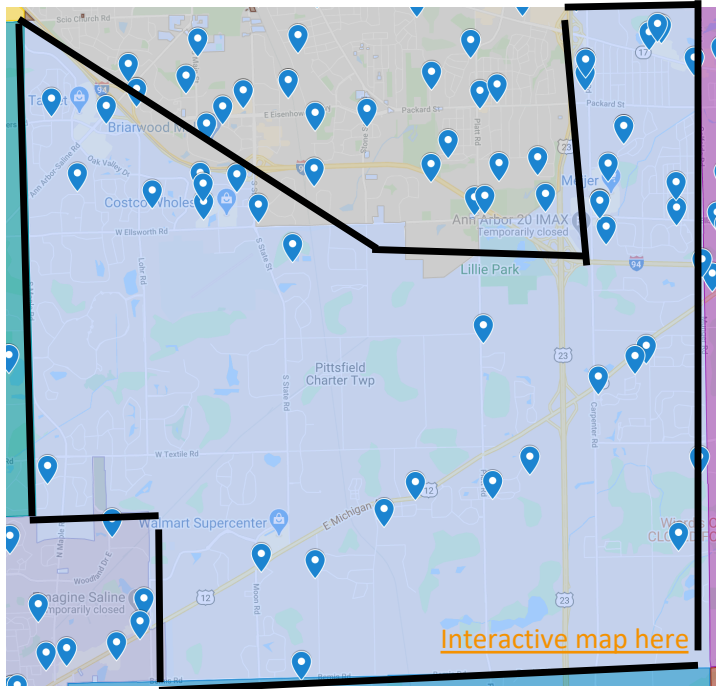
Main sources: KLA Corporation, LLamasoft, Cayman Chemical Company

Pittsfield Township 2019 Highlights:

*In 2019 SPARK celebrated five growth projects in Pittsfield Township. Two companies graduated from SPARK Central in downtown Ann Arbor to office space (Nostrum High Performance and IndustryStar), and three companies expanding their facilities (Honda Mobility Collaboration Garage, Cayman Chemical, and May Mobility). Together these projects represent **\$11.8 million** in investment, **147 new jobs**, and **261 retained jobs**.*

In 2020, SPARK is working with the Township to administer the Pittsfield Township COVID-19 grants to small businesses.

Washtenaw Small Business Emergency Relief Fund – Overview and Pittsfield Township Focus



The WSBERF was created to address the financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis. The fund provides working capital grants of up to \$5,000 to qualifying small businesses in Washtenaw County.

Pittsfield Township

County Grants
Awarded **50**

Funding
Dispersed **\$132,500**

4 stars Limo Service, LLC, A2 Functional Fitness Inc, Ann Arbor Therapeutic Massage Clinic, ArborMotion, Bee Present Honey, Cakes by Rubina, Carol Hewitt, Champion Driving Schools, Christopher Juliet PLLC, Commercial Door Specialties LLC, Conklin Agency, Inc., Dreamscapes Salon and Tanning PLLC, Eastern Arts Therapeutic Massage, Eden Bilingual Childcare LLC, Elements Preschool for Natural Learning, GBCT Group LLC, GHSA Quality Services, LLC, Gold Standard Office Cleaning, LLC, Helen Stockton, Mother Earth Midwife, Jafferson Computers LLC, Joyful Frog Yoga LLC, KB care PLLC, Kelly's Carpentry & Remodeling LLC, Klapp Chiropractic Life Center, P.C., Lily Weightlifting LLC, McMillian Enterprises, My Urban Toddler at Arbor Hills, LLC, Nature Maid LLC, Nelson Enterprises LLC dba Handyman Connection of Ann Arbor, Nick House of Pancakes, Nuturing Heart Therapeutic massage, off the top llc, Passport Health of Michigan, PitaExpress, Prestige Skin Care, Pulse 2.0 LLC, Quilting Season LLC, Restore Body and Soul LLC, Signarama Ann Arbor, Sissel K. Imsland Bridges, Soothing Spirit Therapeutic Massage LLC, Spalyte, Superior Lawn Care & Snow Removal LLC, Tara Santiago Salon, The red Hawk, The UPS store #5281, Thompson Poker LLC, TJs Services, Inc., Vaulted Foundations, Y&L cleaning services, Yourist Studio Gallery, Zingerman's Coffee Company

500+

Total Grants
Awarded in County

**Grants ranged
between**

\$1,000 - \$5,000

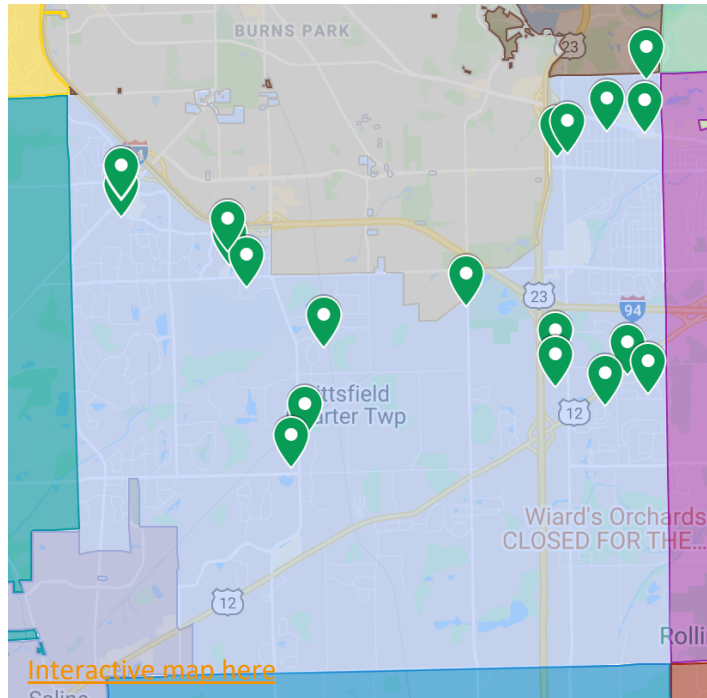
**TOTAL FUNDING
DISBURSED**

\$ 1.3 million

The WSBERF grants were made possible by the following contributors: Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, Bank of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Charter Township, Chemical Bank, New Economy Initiative, The Song Foundation, GoFundMe Campaign

Pittsfield Township Grants – Overview and Recipients

The Pittsfield Township Grant was created to address the financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis. The fund provides working capital grants of up to \$2,500 to qualifying small businesses in Pittsfield Township.



20

Companies
Awarded

Grants of
\$2,500

TOTAL FUNDING
DISBURSED

\$ 50,000

Recipients: 54th Group LLC, Advanced Asthma, Allergy and Immunology Care, Beauty Spot, Benton1, LLC, Body Specs, Buddy's Pizza, Busybody's Student Laundry, Design and Test Technology Inc., Gym America, Inc., Kit Fuller LMSW LLC, Massie Homes, LLC, Menchies Frozen Yogurt, Schrader Tire and Oil, Inc, Sissel K. Imsland Bridges, Sodium Dental, Solar Tonic LLC, Still Waters Counseling, LLC, TDF II Hauling, The OmniMedia Group, Universal Management Company

Michigan Small Business Relief Program – Overview and Pittsfield Township Focus

66

Companies
Awarded
Washtenaw County

Companies awarded
grants of **\$5,000**

*# of jobs retained as a
result of funding: **844****

* Self-reported by companies at time of application.

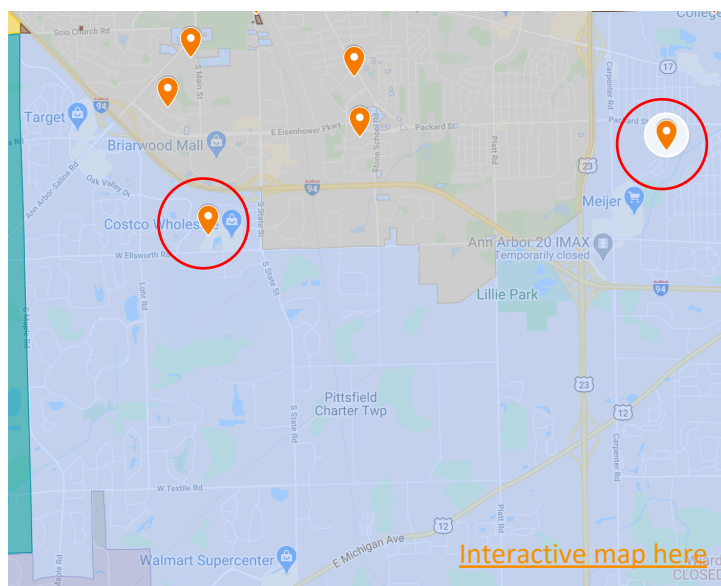
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Pittsfield Township

State Grants
Awarded **2**

Funding
Disbursed **\$10,000**

Makerworx LLC DBA Maker
Works, Hawk Semiconductors



The demand for funding through the **Michigan Small Business Relief Program** was overwhelming. The need far exceeded the funds.

More than **960** companies in the county applied for the limited amount of funding. Nearly **\$15 million** in need was requested, but only **\$327,000** was available to disperse in Washtenaw County.

Business Development During a Recession



Activity does not decline:

In fact, we've seen increased activity since the start of the COVID-19 crisis.



Focus on Market Diversification

Companies may look for new customers in markets or industries they haven't served in the past.



Leverage Talent Sharing Capacity

Job seekers and companies look to SPARK to serve as an intermediary in tough times.



Opportunities for New Programming

New ways to serve businesses may emerge during a recession that would be unusual during a growing economy.



Questions to Ask:

What job functions are resilient in the changed economy? What Industries are most effected?



Antennas Up

Opaque opportunities get more attention.

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Police kneel with protesters in Pittsfield Township protest against police brutality

By Dana Afana – June 9, 2020



Jenna Kieser

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP, MI -- Hundreds of protesters shut down one of the county's busiest roads Tuesday to take a stand, or a knee, in this case, against police brutality.

Protesters marched from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's office to the Arborland shopping center in response to a deputy [hitting Sha'Teina Grady El of Ypsilanti Township three times during an arrest last month](#). Grady El tuned in via phone, sharing a poem, and protesters stopped at Carpenter Road and Washtenaw Avenue to take a knee with Matt Harshberger, director of public safety for the Pittsfield Township Police Department and Ritchie Coleman, the department's public safety community coordinator.

Trische Duckworth, founder of [Survivors Speak](#), helped organize the event and told protesters to stand together and unify.

"Everyone coming out, especially the youth, is very amazing because it's the youth that are going to turn this around," Duckworth told The Ann Arbor News. "We have to move from protesting alone to actually doing the actual work. While we may continue to protest, we're also meeting with our legislators. We're also unifying with each other so we can grow stronger and fight this fight."

Speakers before the march also pushed the crowd to vote or to register to vote at a booth organizers set up. Military veteran Jim Anderson of Ypsilanti was one of them.

“That’s how we lose out on things. We don’t participate in the process,” Anderson said. “Don’t take any broken promises. No matter how angry we get, the only true fashion that I know, the only way to get over your anger is to vote.”

Grady El and her husband, Daniyal Grady El, were ordered to leave a scene of a potential shooting in Ypsilanti Township around midnight on Tuesday, May 26, according to police. When officers tried to remove the two from the scene, they resisted and a deputy repeatedly punched Grady El in the head before taking both into custody, video footage showed.

The Saline Post

Pittsfield Township Administrative Office Buildings to Begin Re-opening

By Pittsfield Township – June 9, 2020

In mid-March, Pittsfield Township compiled an administrative emergency response protocol to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the sudden onset of the Great Pandemic and subsequent Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Michigan, Pittsfield Township's non-emergency personnel have not missed a beat in the provision of services to our residents and businesses but have done so mostly remotely in adherence to the Governor's Executive Orders.

Communications and updates have been kept up through various channels, including ensuring 24-hour response time for all incoming calls/emails. The <http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov/covid19> webpage has been established as a central clearinghouse of information.

In May, the Governor of Michigan outlined six (6) stages of transition through the Great Pandemic, as noted below. Currently, at Stage 4, the Michigan Safe Start Plan, calls for defining protocols for safe workplace practices. To that end, we have compiled a Pandemic Transition Protocol (PTP) for Pittsfield Township, available at the Township website. The protocol focuses on providing guidelines to begin providing greater physical access to non-emergency administrative services in a manner that is safe and responsible. Given the fluid nature of both the Great Pandemic and the public's response to the same, it is imperative to note that the guidelines and recommendations of the PTP may and shall be revised in order to address evolving conditions, as necessary.

The central focus, since March 15th, has been and will remain providing for the safety and well-being of Pittsfield Township employees, residents, and businesses and all other stakeholders.

Beginning, June 15th, each Department Director, along with the Clerk and Treasurer, will work with their staff to outline schedules that provide for staggering and physical distancing. In order to provide for the requisite physical distancing and staggering of work schedules that best protects the safety and well-being of both employees and customers, Pittsfield Township customers, i.e., members of the public whether residents or others, must make an appointment if they need to conduct a face-to-face meeting with a Township employee. Services by the Clerk's Office, including voting, do NOT require an appointment.

Use and rental of Township buildings/facilities - with the exception of Park pavilions and athletic fields - by members of the public for non-Township related businesses is suspended through August 31, 2020. With regard to recreational programming:

Parks

- All Township Parks remain open, dawn – dusk
- Public restrooms and play structures at the Parks have been re-opened
- Pavilion and athletic play field rentals have resumed, subject to adherence with safety protocols

Recreation

- Summer Day Camp will not be held this year
- Online recreational programming is being provided for youth and adult classes such as Bingo, Book Club, Creative Writing Club, and Karate. For regular updates and more information on these: <https://www.pittsfield-mi.gov/>
- Indoor programming is cancelled through August 31, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact supervisor@pittsfield-mi.gov; 734.822.3135



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Office of the Supervisor

June 8, 2020

Let's RISE Up to Promote Sustainable Equity

I started these weekly community letters, twelve weeks ago, when the Governor issued a StayHomeStaySafe Executive Order. With the rescission of this Order, I am sending you this final weekly letter, which hopefully encapsulates the messages of my previous letters.

As a planner, I have approached my role as your Supervisor by partnering with you to outline a vision of how we can promote sustainability and equity in Pittsfield Township. In my mind, both goals are intertwined such that we cannot achieve greater equity without greater sustainability and vice-versa. Most importantly, we can do neither if we aren't willing to challenge the status quo. My focus has been to dismantle the physical segregations that were implemented, post WWII, through such federal programs as the home ownership financing system and the construction of the highway network. Over the past 70 years, these physical segregations have cut off access to (quality) education, housing, and jobs for the economically disadvantaged, mostly people of color. The vicious cycle of poverty, exclusion, and racism is highly correlated to this lack of access to (quality) housing and education.

As such, my focus, over the past decade, has been to break down these physical barriers and inter-connect our physical spaces through multiple modes of transportation while co-locating apartments/multi-unit housing with single-family houses, all of which are proximate to retail and commercial centers. Not only does this approach reduce reliance on motorized vehicles (reducing carbon emissions) and control sprawl (preserving green spaces), it also allows folks of all ages and from different socio-economic and racial backgrounds to interact with each other to understand/appreciate that we need each other and we are all part of the same, vibrant community.

Such diversity of land uses and demographics is now a hallmark of Pittsfield Township wherein we have hard-coded a culture of respect and inclusivity such that you are currently served by the most racially diverse set of elected officials in Washtenaw County.

While some of our decisions have been questioned because they challenge the status quo, our commitment to promoting sustainable equity is only strengthened as our community and nation embark- especially after the cameras are turned off and the protestors empty the streets and the rhetoric on social media goes silent- on a deliberative and committed journey toward diligently working on rectifying the many social and racial injustices.

Please know that your Pittsfield Township team stands with you, as a partner and resource, to deliver on **R**espectful, **I**nclusive, and **S**ustainable **E**quity. Let's remember to continue being patient and kind with ourselves and each other as we RISE up, together, to provide for greater sustainable equity in Pittsfield Township.

While I'll miss the exchanges with you, sparked by these letters, we will continue engaging through our multiple communication channels and I look forward to continue working with and for you.

Mandy Grewal, Ph.D.
