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### **New Michigan Flyer-AirRide Schedule Starts Today**

Starting today, the eco-friendly Michigan Flyer -AirRide shuttle expands service on its route between East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport (DTW)—just in time to accommodate holiday season travelers.

The new schedule will increase the frequency of service from eight to 12 trips a day on the segment between East Lansing and Ann Arbor.

On the segment between Ann Arbor and DTW, reliability and convenience of service will be improved by providing both earlier and later runs to and from DTW, increasing the number of daily round trips from 12 to 13, and discontinuing the stop at the U-M Central Campus Transit Center at a savings of about \$407,000 in operating costs.

The new Michigan Flyer-AirRide schedule is available online at [www.MichiganFlyer.com](http://www.MichiganFlyer.com); a PDF version can be downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/1dyvmn1>.

Overall, the new schedule will make it easier for passengers to:

- Connect with approximately 700 daily nonstop flights between DTW and top domestic and international destinations
- Access about 150 more DTW arrivals and departures than before
- Commute between East Lansing and Ann Arbor for business or pleasure
- Enjoy much shorter waits between buses

The expanded schedule is a big plus for the Greater Lansing and Ann Arbor economies, noted Indian Trails and Michigan Flyer President Gordon Mackay. “One-third of Michigan Flyer-AirRide passengers—about 30,000 a year—come from out of state and spend millions locally,” he said. “Also, for many passengers who either don’t or can’t drive, this is a critical improvement in public transportation.”

According to Michael Ford, CEO of the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, “The improved schedule makes public transportation a more attractive option for travel.”

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*Michigan Flyer—whose motto is “Why Drive?”—is jointly owned by Indian Trails and Okemos Travel. Michigan Flyer has carried more than 500,000 passengers since its launch in 2006, and has achieved an extraordinary 98 percent rate of on-time arrivals and departures. On the web at [www.MichiganFlyer.com](http://www.MichiganFlyer.com).*



*The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (TheRide) was chartered in 1969 by the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a not-for-profit unit of government. AATA operates the local public transit system for the greater Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area, enabling the area's residents to reach their destinations at reasonable cost, and offers the region efficient, environmentally sound transportation alternatives. For more information, please visit [www.TheRide.org](http://www.TheRide.org).*

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