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New Michigan Flyer-AirRide Schedule Starts November 15

The Michigan Flyer -AirRide service will expand from 8 to 12 trips a day between East Lansing and Ann Arbor, and an improved, more convenient schedule between Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) will begin on November 15—just in time to accommodate holiday season travelers.

“This increase in frequency will finally give passengers in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Washtenaw Counties what they’ve wanted for years—the convenience of near-hourly service between early morning and late evening, seven days a week,” said Gordon Mackay, president of Michigan Flyer and its parent company, Indian Trails. “And for many passengers who either don’t or can’t drive, this is a critical improvement in expanding public transportation options.”

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

The expanded schedule is also a plus for the Greater Lansing and Ann Arbor economies, said Indian Trails VP Chad Cushman. “Already, one-third of our passengers come from out of state to do business, attend conventions, and visit family and friends. That’s 30,000 people a year spending millions locally. Increased frequency will attract more of them.”

Advantages for Passengers

Connections with more nonstop flights. The new schedule will enable travelers headed to or from East Lansing or Ann Arbor to connect with approximately 700 nonstop flights a day between Detroit Metro Airport and top domestic and international destinations. This represents access to roughly 150 more DTW arrivals and departures than before.

Earlier morning and later evening service. The new schedule starts earlier and ends later each day. This will better meet the needs of 33,000 passengers who commute between Ann Arbor and East Lansing each year. Currently, for example, the earliest bus arrives in East Lansing each day at 9:20 a.m.—too late for most Ann Arbor commuters to start the workday. With the new schedule, the first bus of the day will arrive in East Lansing at 8:15 a.m. Similarly, the last run from East Lansing to Ann Arbor each day will leave at 5:05 p.m. instead of 4:05 p.m. currently.

The new schedule will also accommodate travelers to DTW as early as 2:45 a.m. from East Lansing and 3:55 a.m. from Ann Arbor, and as late as 10:30 p.m. from DTW to Ann Arbor and East Lansing.

Shorter waits between buses. Thanks to the greater frequency of runs, two-hour waits between buses will be eliminated. For about half of the daily trips, the intervals between buses will range from 60 to 75



minutes; for the rest, the time between buses will be about 90 minutes. This will be a boon for most passengers when making travel plans.

The Road to Expansion

The new schedule completes the establishment of Michigan Flyer’s route from East Lansing via I-96 and US-23 to Ann Arbor, then to Detroit Metro Airport on I-94 and back. The route between Ann Arbor and Detroit Metro Airport began in April 2012, when Michigan Flyer and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (“TheRide”) formed a public-private partnership to create “AirRide”.

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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.

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.

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New Schedule as of November 15, 2013

Eastbound – East Lansing to Ann Arbor to Detroit Metro Airport

	East Lansing Marriott	Blake Transit Center	Kensington Court Hotel	DTW McNamara Terminal	DTW North Terminal
	333 Albert St., East Lansing	337 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor	610 Hilton Blvd. Ann Arbor	International arrivals level	Ground transportation
8000	2:45 a.m.	3:55 a.m.	4:05 a.m.	4:45 a.m.*	4:35 a.m. *
8002	4:00 a.m.	5:10 a.m.	5:20 a.m.	5:50 a.m.	6:00 a.m.
8004	5:00 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:00am
8006	6:15 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:25 a.m.
8008	7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
8010	9:00 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
8012	10:00 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:10 p.m.
8014	11:15 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:25 p.m.
8016	12:15 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	2:25 p.m.
8018		2:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
8020	2:00 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.
8022	3:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:35 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
8024	5:15 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
* First coach stops at North before McNamara					

Westbound – Detroit Metro Airport to Ann Arbor to East Lansing

	DTW North Terminal	DTW McNamara Terminal	Kensington Court Hotel	Blake Transit Center	East Lansing Marriott
	Ground transportation	International arrivals level	610 Hilton Blvd. Ann Arbor	337 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor	333 Albert St., East Lansing
8001	6:10 a.m.	6:20 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
8003	7:10 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	9:20 a.m.
8005	9:10 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	9:55 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
8007	10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
8009	12:15 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
8011	1:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	
8013	2:00 p.m.	2:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
8015	3:30 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
8017	5:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
8019	6:00 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
8021	7:30 p.m.	7:45 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
8023	8:30 p.m.	8:45 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	10:45 p.m.
8025	10:15 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	11:15 p.m.	12:30 a.m.