

Washtenaw Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) FAQs

[What is the Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\) update for Washtenaw Avenue?](#)

This study is refining locally preferred alternatives for more rapid public transit on Washtenaw Avenue. It proposes future improvements for an express-like limited stop service, with enhanced amenities, that complements local Route 4 bus service. The draft conceptual plan builds on previous transportation and land use studies of the Washtenaw corridor.

[Why is it important to study Washtenaw BRT?](#)

Route 4 on Washtenaw Avenue carries the most passengers in TheRide's network. As buses have doubled in frequency, more and more people have continued riding along this corridor leading to crowding at or over capacity and travel delays from increased congestion. BRT solutions offer options to save trip time, improve consistency, and better customer's experience.

[Where are the draft recommended stop locations for Washtenaw BRT?](#)

Limited stop BRT is proposed for public consideration with 10 'super stops', or bus stations with enhanced amenities, to complement local fixed route service along Washtenaw Avenue. These are suggested to be placed about every 2/3 mile on average.

The BRT stops are suggested to be located on Washtenaw intersections near:

- Ann/Observatory (UM Medical Center)
- Geddes/South University
- Sheridan/Manchester/Stadium
- Huron Parkway
- Pittsfield (Arborland)
- Carpenter/Hogback (County Service Center)
- Deake (Glencoe Crossings)
- Golfside
- Hewitt
- Cross (EMU McKenny Hall)

[Who is impacted by BRT on Washtenaw?](#)

On average, over 5,100 rides are made each day using Route 4 buses, and Bus Rapid Transit would benefit current customers plus anyone driving in Washtenaw Avenue traffic by helping to further alleviate the number of cars on this major road, especially during rush hour commutes. Washtenaw Avenue BRT also impacts property owners where proposed limited stop stations would be located.



How will the preferred alternative be selected?

A refined locally preferred alternative for the Washtenaw BRT study is going to be selected based on community feedback received on the draft recommendations, during the input period from Monday, November 19, 2018 through Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

TheRide will incorporate comments into an updated version of the study results, and use responses to help determine whether and if so, how best to move forward with the project into the next phase of potential partial federal funding support for long-term implementation.

When and how can the public learn more about and provide input on this study update?

Our community is invited to a public engagement event to ask questions and share perspectives related to Washtenaw BRT Refinement, on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at 4135 Washtenaw Avenue. In addition, a comment form is available on TheRide.org. There will be additional opportunities for more detailed input during environmental review in a future year.