

# Building Blocks for Better Transit



## Bus Rapid Transit

BRT offers many of the same benefits and amenities of light rail, but at a lower cost. Dedicated lanes make it faster and more reliable than a typical bus. Premium stations, typically spaced one mile apart, feature amenities such as level boarding, off-board ticketing, next-bus information, and wifi.



## Regional Rail

Regional Rail will connect Ann Arbor and Detroit with daily rail service.



## Cross-County Connector

Cross-County Connectors will provide fast and frequent cross-county bus service to better connect the region.



## Local Bus

NEW local bus services, and extensions of existing routes, will connect people to faster regional services.



## Streetcar

The QLINE will connect downtown Detroit, Midtown, and New Center with modern streetcar service on Woodward Avenue.



## Commuter Express

Commuter Express is a weekday rush-hour express service between employment centers to carry commuters to and from work.



## Airport Express

Airport Express is a premium limited-stop express service to Detroit Metropolitan Airport which would operate throughout the day.



## Paratransit and Mobility Management (Not Shown)

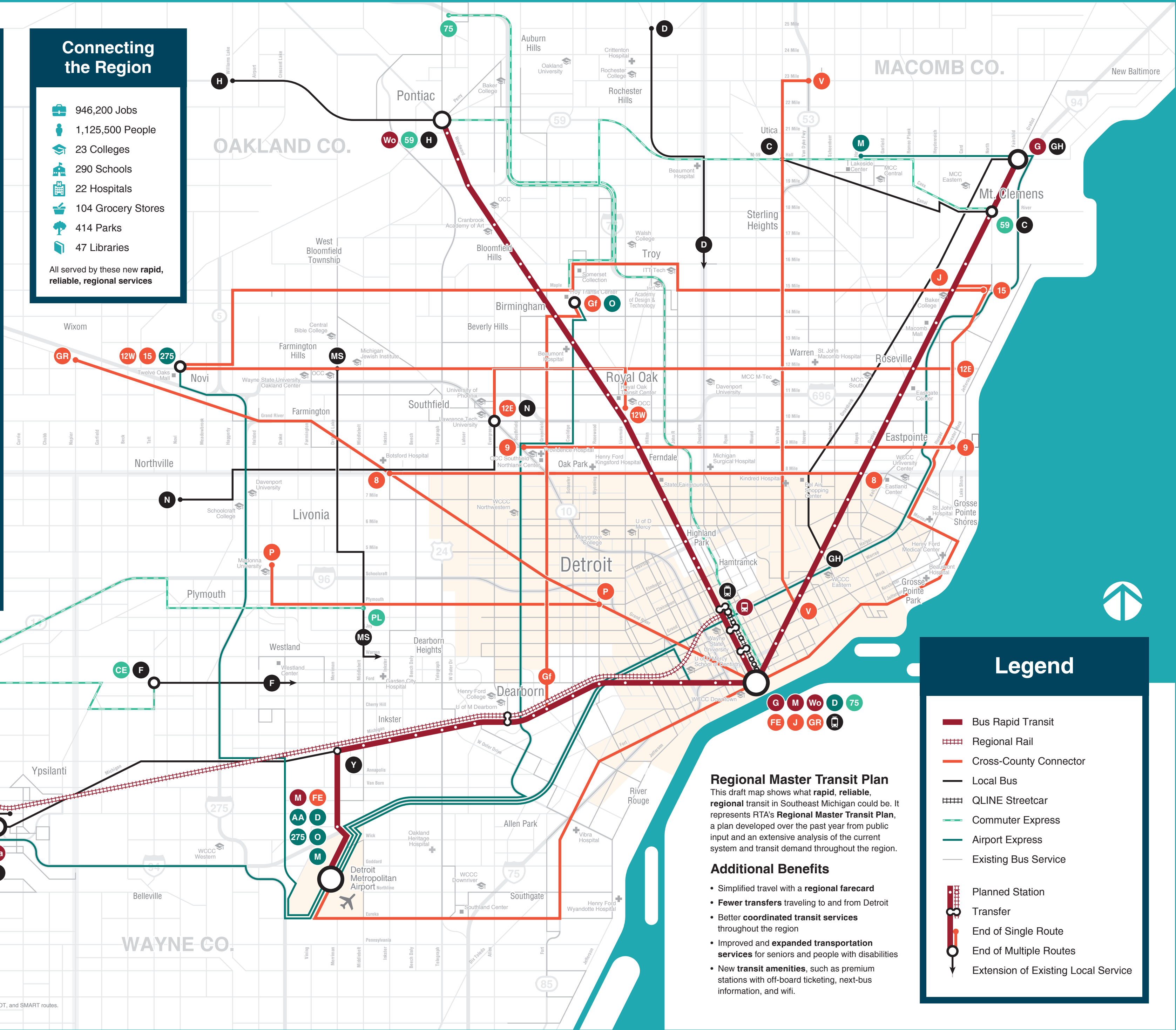
Paratransit services will be expanded to improve the mobility of those unable to utilize traditional transit and offer a consistent level of service throughout the region. New Mobility Management services will make it easier for everyone to understand their travel options and move throughout the region.

These new regional services will operate in addition to the existing transit service operated by AAATA, DDOT, the People Mover, and SMART.

# Connecting the Region

- 946,200 Jobs
- 1,125,500 People
- 23 Colleges
- 290 Schools
- 22 Hospitals
- 104 Grocery Stores
- 414 Parks
- 47 Libraries

All served by these new rapid, reliable, regional services



# Legend

- Bus Rapid Transit
- Regional Rail
- Cross-County Connector
- Local Bus
- QLINE Streetcar
- Commuter Express
- Airport Express
- Existing Bus Service
- Planned Station
- Transfer
- End of Single Route
- End of Multiple Routes
- Extension of Existing Local Service

## Regional Master Transit Plan

This draft map shows what rapid, reliable, regional transit in Southeast Michigan could be. It represents RTA's **Regional Master Transit Plan**, a plan developed over the past year from public input and an extensive analysis of the current system and transit demand throughout the region.

## Additional Benefits

- Simplified travel with a **regional farecard**
- **Fewer transfers** traveling to and from Detroit
- Better **coordinated transit services** throughout the region
- Improved and **expanded transportation services** for seniors and people with disabilities
- **New transit amenities**, such as premium stations with off-board ticketing, next-bus information, and wifi.



Map not to scale. BRT and Regional Rail station locations are still in the planning phase and may change. Existing bus service has been simplified for illustrative purposes and may not be comprehensive of all AAATA, DDOT, and SMART routes.

## Bus Rapid Transit

- Gratiot
- Michigan
- Washtenaw
- Woodward

## Cross-County Connector

- 8 Mile
- 9 Mile
- 12 Mile – East
- 12 Mile – West
- 15 Mile
- Plymouth
- Grand River
- Greenfield

## Local Bus

- Canal
- Dequindre Extension of SMART 494
- Ford Extension of SMART 250
- Groesbeck Highway

- Highland
- Middlebelt South Extension of SMART 280
- Northville
- Ypsilanti Connector

## Commuter Express

- Ann Arbor-Plymouth-Livonia
- Canton Express
- I-75
- M-59

## Airport Express

- Ann Arbor
- Detroit
- I-275

## Regional Rail

- Ann Arbor Rail Feeder
- Ypsilanti Rail Feeder

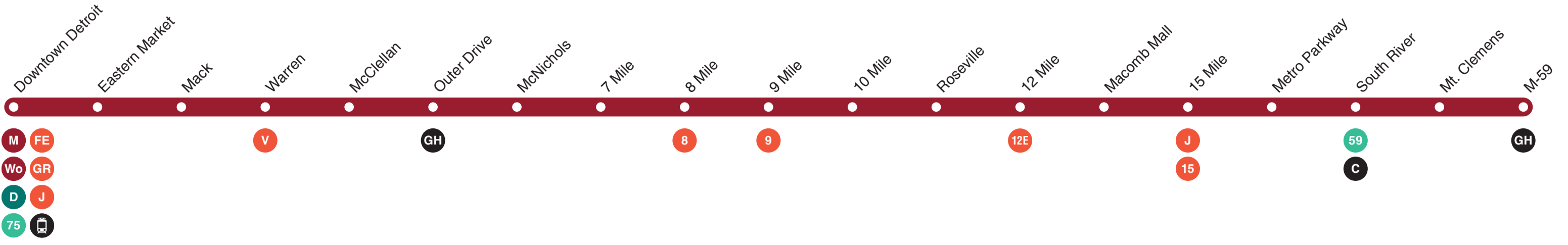
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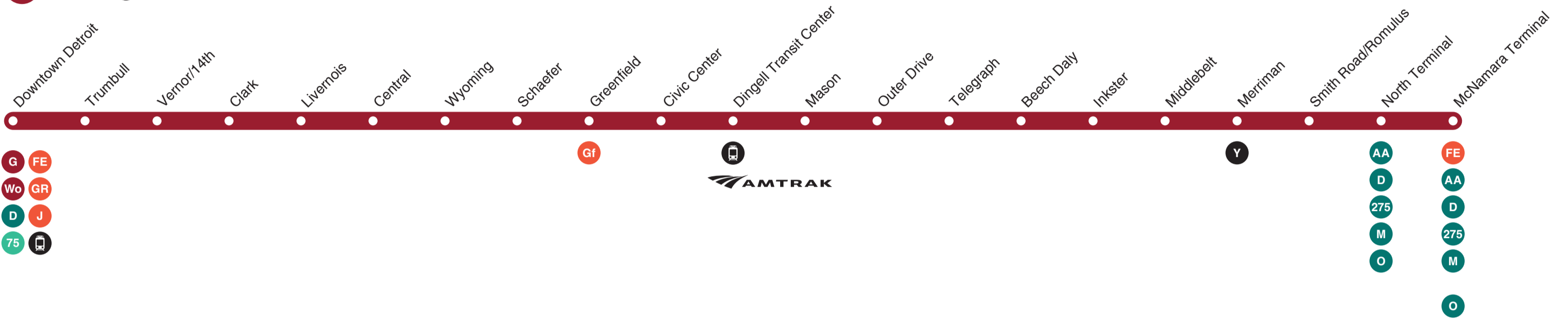
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# Where Can Rapid Transit Connect You To?

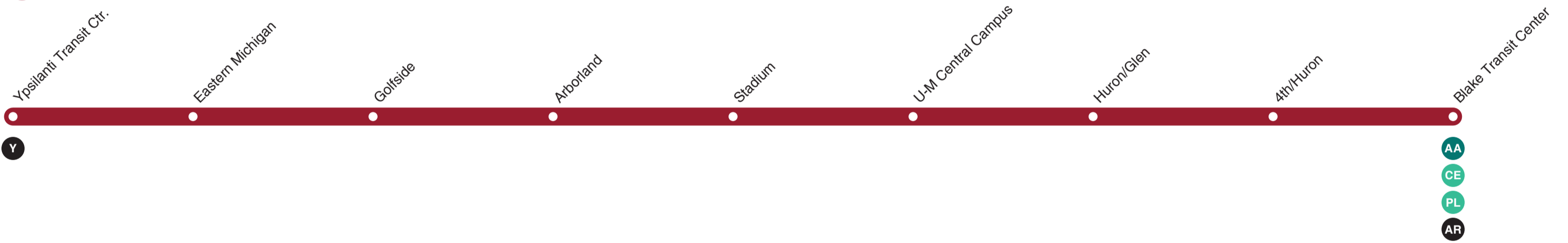
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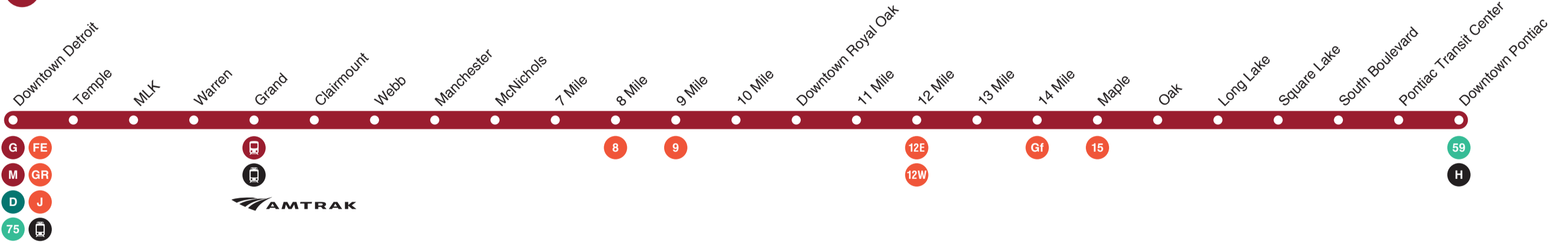
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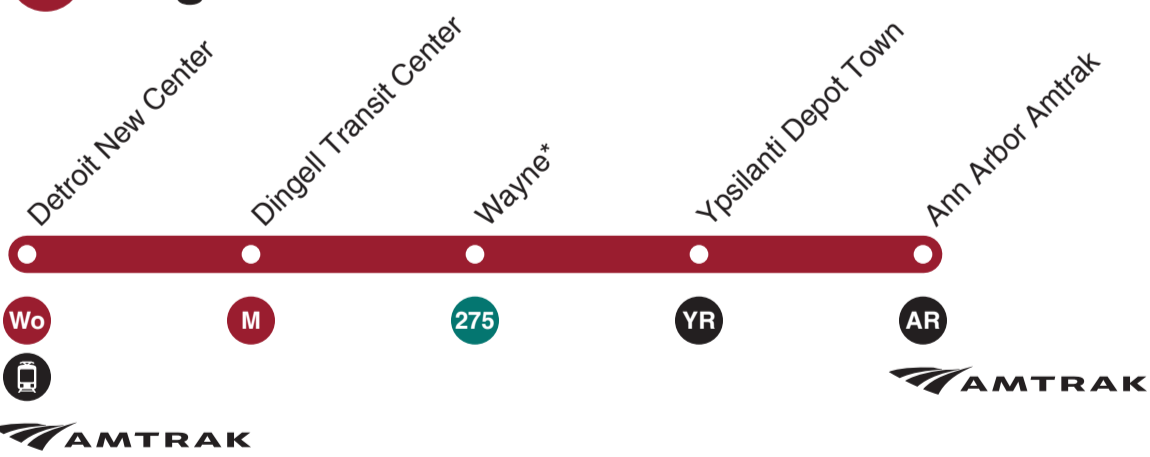
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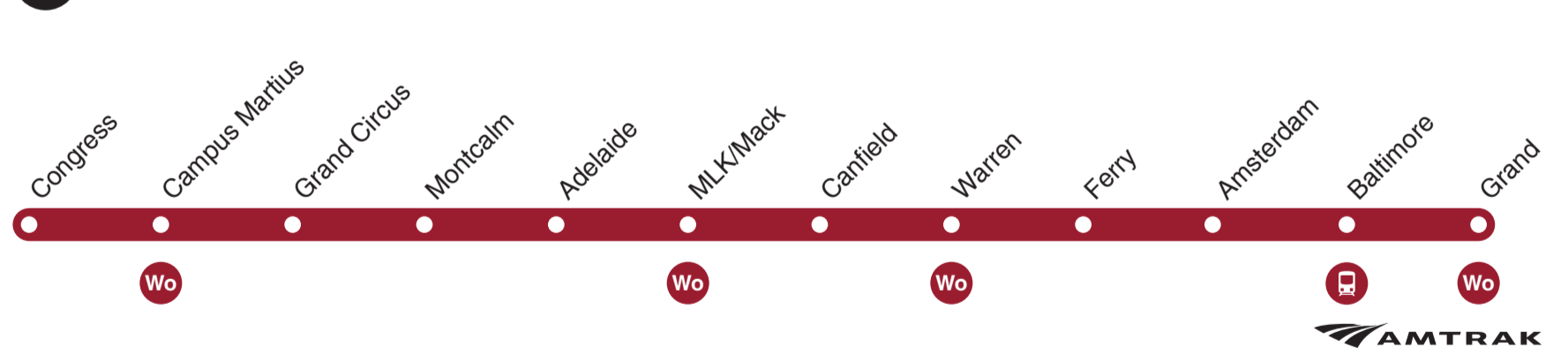
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## Regional Rail



## QLINE Streetcar



\* Mid-corridor station still under review

### WE NEED RAPID, RELIABLE, REGIONAL TRANSIT

Southeast Michigan lacks a true regional system. Our transit providers are underfunded, uncoordinated, and together do not make up a seamless regional system.

The **Regional Master Transit Plan** can change that. Investing in regional transit will:

- Connect people to jobs, retail, education, healthcare, and entertainment reliably and efficiently
- Empower those unable to drive to travel independently
- Boost our economy by attracting and retaining businesses, employers, and talented individuals

### WHAT WILL IT COST?

To make **rapid, reliable, regional** transit a reality, voters in Southeast Michigan will be asked to consider a 1.2 mill property tax increase on November 8, 2016. This equals an **additional \$120 per year** for a home appraised at \$200,000 to fund the proposed network.

### THE PLAN

Read the **Regional Master Transit Plan**, find a meeting near you, and get involved at: [rtamichigan.org](http://rtamichigan.org)

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Your input will help shape the future of regional transit in Southeast Michigan.

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